**Income Tax (Bearer Debentures)**

**No. 55 of 1971**

An Act to impose Income Tax upon Interest paid or credited by Companies in respect of certain Debentures.

[*Assented to 25 May 1971*]

BE it enacted by the Queen’s Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

**Short title.**

**1.** This Act may be cited as the *Income Tax* (*Bearer Debentures*) *Act* 1971.

**Commencement.**

**2.** This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

**Definition.**

**3.** In this Act, “the Assessment Act” means the *Income Tax Assessment Act* 1936–1971.

**Incorporation.**

**4.** The Assessment Act is incorporated and shall be read as one with this Act.

**Imposition of tax.**

**5.** The tax known as income tax, to the extent that it is payable in accordance with section 126 of the Assessment Act, is imposed, and shall be levied and paid, upon interest to which that section applies.

**Rate of tax.**

**6.** The rate of tax imposed by this Act upon an amount of interest is—

(*a*) where section 128f of the Assessment Act would apply to the interest if the Commissioner had issued a certificate under subsection (4.) of that section in respect of the relevant loan—ten per centum; or

(*b*) in any other case—the rate of tax that would be applicable under the law imposing income tax in respect of taxable income if that amount were a taxable income of Sixteen thousand seven hundred and eighty-six dollars derived by one individual in the year of income in which the amount of interest (less any deduction under sub-section (2.) of section 126 of the Assessment Act) is paid or credited and an assessment of tax on that taxable income were made on the day on which the payment or crediting occurs.