

1906.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Read 1° 22 June, 1906.

(Brought from the Senate.)

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT

Relating to Meteorological Observations.

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 "Observatory" means an observatory for the purpose of meteorological observations. Definitions.
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 (a) establish observatories; and
 (b) appoint an officer called the Commonwealth Meteorologist, and such other officers as may be necessary for the purposes of this Act. Establishment of observatories and appointment of Meteorologist.
- 15 4. The Commonwealth Meteorologist may, subject to the regulations and to the directions of the Minister, be charged with any of the following duties:—
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 (b) the forecasting of weather;
 (c) the issue of storm-warnings;
 (d) the display of weather and flood signals;
 20 (e) the display of frost and cold-wave signals;
 (f) the distribution of meteorological information; and
 (g) such other duties as are prescribed to give effect to the provisions of this Act. Duties of Meteorologist.

Arrangements
with State
Governments.

5. The Governor-General may enter into an arrangement with the Governor of any State in respect of all or any of the following matters :—

- (a) The transfer to the Commonwealth, on such terms as are agreed upon, of any observatory and the instruments, books, registers, records, and documents used or kept in connexion therewith : 5
- (b) The taking and recording of meteorological observations by State officers ;
- (c) The interchange of meteorological information between the Commonwealth and State authorities ; and 10
- (d) Any matters incidental to any of the matters above specified or desirable or convenient to, be arranged or provided for for the purpose of efficiently and economically carrying out this Act. 15

Regulations.

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