

1914-15-16.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Read 1° 12th May, 1916.

(Brought from the Senate.)

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT

To amend the War Census Acts 1915.

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

- 1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *War Census Act 1916*. Short title and citation.
- 5 (2.) The *War Census Act 1915*, as amended by the *War Census Act (No. 2) 1915*, is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.
- (3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *War Census Act 1915-1916*.

2. After section seventeen A of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

- “17B. In any proceedings for an offence against this Act— Onus of proof.
 - (a) the averment of the prosecutor contained in the information that the defendant is included among the persons or classes of persons specified in any proclamation under this Act shall be deemed to be proved in the absence of proof to the contrary; and
 - 15 (b) a certificate in writing signed by the Statistician, certifying that no form, filled up and signed by the defendant in accordance with this Act, has been received by the Statistician, shall be *prima facie* evidence that the defendant has failed to transmit the form to the Statistician.”

