

1917-18.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Read 1° 21st November, 1918.

(Brought in by the Acting Attorney-General, the Honorable L. E. Groom.)

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT

To extend the duration of the *War Precautions Act* 1914-1916 and for other purposes.

WHEREAS by the *War Precautions Act* 1914-1916 it is enacted that the Governor-General may make Regulations and Orders for securing the public safety and the defence of the Commonwealth: Preamble.

5 And whereas the said Act and the Regulations and Orders thereunder continue in operation during the continuance of the present state of war, and no longer:

10 And whereas it may not be possible before the war has ceased to make complete provision for a return to the normal conditions of peace:

And whereas the expiration of the said Act and of all Orders and Regulations made thereunder, in the absence of such provision, would cause great public danger and inconvenience:

15 Be it therefore 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 Precautions Act* 1918. Short title.

20 (2.) The *War Precautions Act* 1914-1916 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 Precautions Act* 1914-1918.

25 2. Section two of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in sub-section (1.) thereof after the words "state of war" the words "and for a period of six months thereafter". Duration of Act.

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3. All

Continuation
of existing
Regulations, &c.

3. All Regulations orders and proclamations lawfully made pursuant to the Principal Act shall, except in so far as they are amended or repealed, continue in operation for a period of six months after the termination of the present state of war and no longer:

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Provided that any regulation order or proclamation heretofore made, or any provision therein contained, operating by force of its terms for a longer period than six months after the termination of the present state of war, shall remain in force unless amended or repealed during the period provided therein.

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Application of
terms used in
Principal Act.

4. The terms "enemy", "alien enemies" and "persons having enemy associations or connexions" used in the Principal Act in relation to any person, shall apply, during the operation of that Act, to any person to whom they would have applied during the continuance of the present war.

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THIS Bill originated in the House of Representatives ; and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Senate for its concurrence.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 12th December, 1918.

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- Duration of Act.** 2.—(1.) Section two of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in sub-section (1.) thereof after the words “state of war” the words “and for a period of three months thereafter or until the thirty-first day of July One thousand nine hundred and nineteen, whichever period is the longer”. 5
- (2.) The period during which the Principal Act continues in operation by virtue of sub-section (1.) of this section is in this Act referred to as “the extended period during which the Principal Act remains in force”.
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