

1923.  
(SECOND SESSION).

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Read 1<sup>o</sup> 27th June, 1923.

(Brought in by the Minister for Trade and Customs, the Honorable  
Austin Chapman.)

A BILL  
FOR  
AN ACT

To amend the *Sea-Carriage of Goods Act 1904*.

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 *Sea-Carriage of Goods Act 1923*. Short title and citation.

(2.) The *Sea-Carriage of Goods Act 1904*, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Sea-Carriage of Goods Act 1904–1923*.

2. Section six of the *Sea-Carriage of Goods Act 1904* is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:— Construction and jurisdiction.

“(2.) Any stipulation or agreement, whether made in the Commonwealth or elsewhere, purporting to oust or lessen the jurisdiction of the Courts of the Commonwealth or of a State in respect of any bill of lading or document relating to the carriage of goods from any place outside Australia to any place in Australia shall be illegal, null and void and of no effect.”

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