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Clerk of the House of Representatives.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 30th June, 1938.

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT

To amend the *Therapeutic Substances Act 1937*.

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

5 **1.**—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Therapeutic Substances Act 1938*. Short title and citation.

(2.) The *Therapeutic Substances Act 1937** is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Therapeutic Substances Act 1937-1938*.

10 **2.** This Act shall commence on the date of the commencement of the Principal Act. Commencement

3. Section seven of the Principal Act is amended by omitting sub-section (1.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-section :— Declaration of therapeutic substances

15 “(1.) The Minister may, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare any substance which—

(a) is wholly or in part derived from microscopic or ultra-microscopic organisms or from living cellular tissue ;

(b) is prepared from tissues removed from recently slaughtered animals ; or

(c) is

* Act No. 22, 1937.

(c) is the result of the activities of microscopic or ultra-microscopic organisms, and which is used or intended for use in the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of disease in man or animals, to be a therapeutic substance for the purposes of this Act.” 5

Importation of therapeutic substances.

4. Section nine of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (3.) the word “except” and inserting in its stead the word “exempt”.

Forfeiture of therapeutic substances.

5. After section ten of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :— 10

“10A. All therapeutic substances imported, or sought to be exported, in contravention of this Act shall be forfeited to the King.”.

Examination of therapeutic substances.

6. Section eleven of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead :— 15

“11.—(1.) Any officer thereto authorized in writing by the Minister may—

- (a) take samples of all therapeutic substances which are imported or are sought to be exported and any samples so taken shall be dealt with as prescribed; and 20
- (b) require any therapeutic substances specified by him which are imported or are sought to be exported to be delivered for examination or analysis, or both, to a laboratory appointed by the Minister for the purpose, and any therapeutic substances so delivered may be examined or analysed, or both, accordingly. 25

(2.) No therapeutic substances shall be entered for home consumption or exported unless and until a person or an officer thereto authorized by the Minister certifies that all the provisions of this Act with respect to their importation or exportation, as the case may be, have been complied with.” 30