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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Presented and read a first time, 21 October 1981

(*Minister for Communications*)

A BILL

FOR

An Act to amend the *Broadcasting Stations Licence Fees Act* 1964, and for related purposes

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen, and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:

Short title, &c.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Broadcasting Stations Licence Fees Act* 1981.

(2) The *Broadcasting Stations Licence Fees Act* 1964¹ is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

Commencement

2. This Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 September 1981.

Amount of fees

3. (1) Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting from sub-section (1) “\$200” and substituting “\$500”;

- (b) by omitting sub-section (2) and substituting the following sub-sections:

“(2) There is payable on each anniversary of the date of commencement of a licence that occurs during the period of the licence (including any period of renewal or further renewal of the licence) a fee of an amount equal to the relevant percentage of the gross earnings of the station to which the licence relates during the year ended on 30 June last preceding that anniversary.

“(2A) In sub-section (2), ‘relevant percentage’, in relation to the gross earnings of a commercial broadcasting station during a year, means—

- (a) where those gross earnings are less than \$5,000,000—the percentage ascertained in accordance with the formula—

$$0.5 + \left\{ 0.6 \times \frac{A}{1,000,000} \right\};$$

- (b) where those gross earnings are not less than \$5,000,000 but are less than \$6,000,000—the percentage ascertained in accordance with the formula—

$$3.5 + \left\{ 0.5 \times \frac{A - 5,000,000}{1,000,000} \right\};$$

- (c) where those gross earnings are not less than \$6,000,000 but are less than \$7,000,000—the percentage ascertained in accordance with the formula—

$$4 + \left\{ 0.4 \times \frac{A - 6,000,000}{1,000,000} \right\}; \text{ or}$$

- (d) where those gross earnings are not less than \$7,000,000—whichever is the lesser of 5% or the percentage ascertained in accordance with the formula—

$$4.4 + \left\{ 0.3 \times \frac{A - 7,000,000}{1,000,000} \right\},$$

where A is the number of dollars in those gross earnings.”; and

- (c) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:

“(4) Where the amount of the gross earnings of a commercial broadcasting station during a year consists of a number of dollars and a number of cents, then, for the purposes of this section, the cents shall be disregarded.”.

- (2) The amendments made by sub-section (1) shall be deemed to have applied, or apply, as the case may be, in relation to—

- (a) every grant of a licence that was or is to commence on or after the date of commencement of this Act; and
- (b) every anniversary of the date of commencement of a licence, being an anniversary that occurred or occurs on or after the date of commencement of this Act.

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NOTE

1. No. 119, 1964 as amended. For previous amendments, see No. 93, 1966; No. 148, 1973; No. 188, 1976; No. 94, 1977; No. 50, 1978; and No. 114, 1981.

