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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Presented and read a first time, 30 April 1981

(*Treasurer*)

A BILL

FOR

An Act to amend the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*

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

PART I—PRELIMINARY

Short title, &c.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Census and Statistics Amendment Act* 1981.

(2) The *Census and Statistics Act 1905*¹ is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

Commencement

2. (1) This Part and section 4 shall come into operation on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

(2) The remaining provisions of this Act shall come into operation on 30 June 1981.

PART II—AMENDMENTS OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT

Interpretation

3. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting before the definition of “Dwelling” the following definition:

“ ‘Bureau’ means the Australian Bureau of Statistics established by the *Australian Bureau of Statistics Act 1975*;” and

(b) by inserting after the definition of “Occupier” the following definition:

“ ‘officer’ means—

(a) a member of the staff of the Bureau referred to in sub-section 16 (1) of the *Australian Bureau of Statistics Act 1975*; and

(b) a person engaged in accordance with the regulations to assist in the carrying out of the functions of the Statistician;”.

Occupiers to fill up Householder’s Schedules

4. Section 11 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting “deliver the Schedule so filled up and signed to the Collector authorized to receive it” and substituting “cause the Schedule so filled up and signed to be delivered to the Collector authorized to receive it or to be furnished, in accordance with those instructions, to the Statistician”.

Collectors to assist in filling up Schedules

5. Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting all the words after “Schedule” (first occurring).

Powers of entry and inspection

6. Section 19 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting sub-section (2).

Untrue returns by officers

7. Section 23 of the Principal Act is repealed.

Secrecy

8. Section 24 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting “The Statistician, an officer, or the occupier of a dwelling,” and substituting “A person who is, or has been, the Statistician or an officer”.

Forgery of forms

9. Section 25 of the Principal Act is repealed.

Amendments relating to penalties

10. The Principal Act is amended as set out in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

Section 10

AMENDMENTS RELATING TO PENALTIES

Provision amended	Omit—	Substitute—
Section 11	Twenty dollars	\$500
Section 14	Twenty dollars	\$500
Sub-section 15 (2)	Twenty dollars	\$500
Sub-section 17 (1)	Twenty dollars	\$500
Sub-section 18 (1)	Twenty dollars	\$500
Section 22	Forty dollars	\$200
Section 24	One hundred dollars	\$1,000 or imprisonment for 6 months, or both
Section 26	One hundred dollars	\$1,000 or imprisonment for 6 months, or both

NOTE

1. No. 15, 1905, as amended. For previous amendments, see No. 33, 1920; No. 18, 1930; No. 17, 1938; No. 74, 1946; No. 34, 1949; No. 93, 1966; No. 216, 1973; and No. 15, 1977.

