

COMMONWEALTH RAILWAYS.

No. 64 of 1954.

An Act to amend the *Commonwealth Railways Act 1917-1950*.

[Assented to 6th November, 1954.]

BE it enacted by the Queen'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 *Commonwealth Railways Act* 1954. Short title and citation.

(2.) The *Commonwealth Railways Act 1917-1950*,* as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Commonwealth Railways Act 1917-1954*.

Commencement.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

3. After section thirty-three of the *Commonwealth Railways Act 1917-1950*, the following section is inserted in Division 3 of Part II. :—

Supply of
meals,
refreshments,
&c.

“33A.—(1.) The Commissioner may sell and supply meals, refreshments, smokers’ requisites and approved goods on trains or premises vested in the Commissioner to persons travelling upon the railways.

“ (2.) The Commissioner may, by writing under his hand, grant to a person to whom he has leased a refreshment room an authority authorizing him to sell and supply meals, refreshments, smokers’ requisites and approved goods at that refreshment room to persons travelling upon the railways.

“ (3.) An authority under the last preceding sub-section may be granted for such term, and subject to such conditions, as the Commissioner thinks fit.

“ (4.) The Commissioner may exercise his powers under sub-section (1.) of this section, and the holder of an authority granted under sub-section (2.) of this section may exercise the powers conferred on him by the authority, notwithstanding the provisions of a law of a State or Territory of the Commonwealth regulating or prohibiting the sale or supply, or the keeping, of meals, refreshments, smokers’ requisites or approved goods.

“ (5.) Notwithstanding the provisions of a law of a State or Territory of the Commonwealth—

(a) the Commissioner, or the holder of an authority granted under sub-section (2.) of this section, may permit the consumption, on trains or premises vested in the Commissioner (including a refreshment room leased to a person by the Commissioner), of meals or refreshments sold or supplied in pursuance of this section or in accordance with that authority; and

(b) a person travelling upon a railway may purchase and consume any such meals or refreshments on a train or premises vested in the Commissioner (including a refreshment room leased to a person by the Commissioner).

“ (6.) In this section—

‘ approved goods ’ means goods approved by the Commissioner, being goods required or likely to be required by persons travelling upon the railways while so travelling ;

‘ refreshments ’ includes alcoholic liquor ;

‘ smokers’ requisites ’ includes tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, cigarette papers, matches, pipes and pipe cleaners.”

* Act No. 31, 1917, as amended by No. 11, 1925 ; No. 87, 1936 ; and Nos. 51 and 77, 1950.