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[CONFIDENTIAL.]

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## A BILL

To amend the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

**1.** This Act may be cited as the "Wharfage and Tonnage Rates (Amendment) Act, 1915," and shall be read with the "Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act, 1901," hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act. Short title.

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2. Section three of the Principal Act is repealed, and the following section is inserted in its place :—

Sec. 3.  
Definition of public wharf.

3. In this Act, unless the context or subject matter otherwise indicates or requires—

“ Public wharf ” means and includes any wharf, dock, pier, jetty, landing-stage, slip, or platform, the property of and vested in the Crown.

“ Wharfinger ” means wharfinger appointed by the Governor under this Act.

3. The expression “ or private sufferance wharf ” is omitted in sections five, eight, nine, fourteen, and fifteen and the expression “ or private sufferance ” is omitted in sections six and seven of the Principal Act.

“ Private sufferance wharf.”

4. Section fourteen is further amended in subsection one by omitting “ collector or ”

The wharfinger.

Section fifteen is further amended by omitting “ the collector if the wharf is a public wharf, or the wharfinger, if the wharf is a private sufferance wharf ” and by substituting therefor the words “ the wharfinger.”

5. Subsection two of section eight of the same Act, and the Third Schedule thereto, are repealed.

Sec. 8 (2), and Third Schedule.

6. Section ten of the same Act is repealed, and the following section is inserted in its place :—

Sec. 10.

Payment of tonnage rates.

The owner, or agent of the owner, or the master of a vessel, shall pay all tonnage rates on the vessel before she leaves the wharf. If any vessel leave the wharf before such rates are paid such owner, agent, and master shall, in addition to the liability for such rates, be liable jointly and severally to a penalty not exceeding *one hundred* pounds.

7. In subsection one of section sixteen of the same Act omit the word “ steam ”.

Sec. 16 (1).

8. The following section is inserted next after section seventeen of the Principal Act :—

New section 17A.

17A. All rates under this Act, except those collected by lessees under Division 3 of Part II, shall be levied and collected on behalf of His Majesty by wharfingers appointed by the Governor, and shall be paid into the treasury and carried to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

The collection of rates.

9. Where, before or after the commencement of this Act, the Governor has in pursuance of section seventeen of the Principal Act abolished the collection at any port of the wharfage or tonnage rates leviable under the said Act, the Governor may, by proclamation in the Gazette, reimpose and authorise the collection of such rates, and thereupon such rates shall be leviable under and subject to the provisions of the said Act at the said port.

Reimposition of rates abolished under s. 17.