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An Act to enact certain provisions relating to depreciation on wasting assets of the State, to authorize the Treasurer to raise moneys to the amount of eight hundred and forty-three thousand eight hundred and sixteen pounds three shillings and two pence to fund certain deficiencies, and to enact other provisions relating to public finance.

[Assented to, November 29th, 1934.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows :

1. This Act may be cited as the "Funding Loan and Public Finance Act, 1934". Short title.

2. Sections 2 and 3 of the Public Finance Act, 1929, are hereby repealed.

Repeal of sections 2 and 3 of Act 1930 of 1929.

3. (1) Out of the moneys appropriated for sinking fund purposes pursuant to the Financial Agreement made between the Commonwealth and the States and ratified by the Financial Agreement Act, 1927, the Treasurer shall in each financial year allocate to each Government Department such sum as the Auditor-General certifies in writing to the Treasurer to be necessary to be provided in that financial year for the depreciation of wasting assets of that department.

Provision for depreciation on wasting assets.

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(2) Any amount allocated to a Government Department pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall be included as part of the working expenses of that department, and shall be debited against general revenue.

(3) The amounts debited against general revenue in respect of sinking fund payments shall be paid to the National Debt Commission of Australia for the redemption and cancellation of securities comprised in the Public Debt of South Australia, and when the total amount of securities so cancelled is ascertained at the end of the financial year the Treasurer shall credit the loan accounts of each Government Department with an amount equivalent to the sums debited against that department pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.

(4) (a) In the departmental accounts of each Government Department any amounts credited to the departmental loan account pursuant to subsection (3) of this section shall be applied to reduce the loan indebtedness to the Treasurer of the department and a depreciation reserve of a corresponding amount shall be created.

(b) When wasted assets have to be written off, the assets shown in the departmental accounts and the departmental depreciation reserve shall both be reduced by an amount equivalent to the book value of the wasted assets so written off.

(5) The balance of the amounts comprised in the face value of the securities cancelled by the National Debt Commission of Australia and not allocated to Government Departments pursuant to subsection (3) of this section may be applied by the Treasurer to the reduction in his accounts of the debits in respect of flotation costs, discounts, and other charges in connection with conversion loans or of such other debits as he thinks fit.

Reduction in interest payable by the Treasurer on depreciation funds, &c.

4. The rate of interest payable by the Treasurer on any funds lodged with him by the Public Debt Commission of South Australia pursuant to subsection (2) of section 13 of the Sinking Fund Act, 1924, is reduced to three pounds per centum per annum as from the first day of July, 1934.

Suspension of obligation to make certain payments for sinking funds in connection with main roads.

5. The following enactment shall have no operation during or in respect of the financial year ending on the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and thirty-five :—

Paragraph (g) of subsection (1) of section 32 of the Highways Act, 1926.

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6. The Treasurer may raise money to the amount of eight hundred and forty-three thousand eight hundred and sixteen pounds three shillings and two pence by the issue and sale of inscribed stock, treasury bills, or other securities.

Power to borrow.

7. The inscribed stock or other securities issued under this Act shall bear interest at such rate as the Treasurer thinks fit on the respective amounts thereof; and the principal and interest of any such stock or other security shall be payable to the holder thereof at such place and at such times as are specified or provided in such stock or other security: Provided that the time for repayment of the principal of any such stock or security shall not be later than fifty years from the date of issue thereof.

Rate of interest and when redeemable.

8. All sums of money raised under section 6 of this Act shall be applied to funding the deficiency in the General Revenue of the State for the financial year 1933-34.

Application of moneys.

9. The amount of all discounts, charges, and other expenses incurred in connection with the issue and sale of inscribed stock or other securities under this Act, shall be debited by the Treasurer in his accounts to the "Expenses and Discounts in Floating Loans Account" and such debits shall be extinguished by grants from general revenue at the rate of not less than ten per centum per annum of the gross amount of such debits.

Provision for expenses incurred in raising moneys under this Act.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

W. DUGAN, Governor.