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No. 103 of 1984

An Act to amend the Prices Act, 1948.

[Assented to 20 December 1984]

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

Short title.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Prices Act Amendment Act (No. 2), 1984".

(2) The Prices Act, 1948, is in this Act referred to as "the principal Act".

Amendment of  
s. 7—  
Declaration of  
secrecy.

2. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by striking out from paragraph (c) of subsection (4) the passage "the control of prices" and substituting the passage "a matter of the same or a similar kind as a matter to which this Act relates".

Amendment of  
s. 18a—  
Functions and  
powers of the  
Commissioner.

3. Section 18a of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out from subsection (2) the passage "where the amount claimed or involved in any case does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars,";

and

(b) by striking out subsection (3a) and substituting the following subsections:

(3a) The Commissioner shall not institute or defend or assume the conduct of any proceedings on behalf of a consumer pursuant to subsection (2) where the proceedings involve a monetary claim that exceeds the prescribed amount.

(3b) In subsection (3a)—

"the prescribed amount" means—

(a) where the consumer is or is to be a party to proceedings in his capacity as a purchaser or prospective purchaser of land upon which he resides or intends to

reside—the amount of eighty thousand dollars or such other amount as may be prescribed;

(b) where the consumer is or is to be a party to proceedings in his capacity as a mortgagor of land upon which he resides or intends to reside—the amount of forty thousand dollars or such other amount as may be prescribed;

or

(c) in any other case—the amount of twenty thousand dollars or such other amount as may be prescribed.

(3c) A regulation prescribing an amount for the purposes of subsection (3b) shall not take effect—

(a) until fourteen sitting days of each House of Parliament (whether or not occurring in the same session of Parliament) have elapsed after the regulation is laid before each House;

and

(b) if within those fourteen sitting days notice of a motion to disallow the regulation is given in either House of Parliament—unless and until the motion, or, if there is more than one such motion, each of the motions, is defeated, withdrawn or lapses.

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

D. B. DUNSTAN, Governor