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No. 1203.

An Act giving power to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Vermin Act, 1914.

[*Assented to, November 18th, 1915.*]

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 "Vermin Act Suspensory Act, 1915." Short title.

2. This Act is incorporated with the Vermin Act, 1914 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"), and that Act and this Act shall be read together as one Act. Incorporation.

3. In this Act—

"Lessee" means lessee to whom an advance has been made under section 202 of the principal Act or under the corresponding provision of any Act thereby repealed: Interpretation.

"Loan" includes an amount expended, or an amount advanced, under Part IV. or section 202 of the principal Act or under the provisions corresponding thereto respectively of any Act thereby repealed, as well as a loan to a District Council or Vermin Board.

4. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the principal Act, the Commissioner may, subject as hereinafter provided, suspend the operation of the provisions of the principal Act requiring the repayment by District Councils, Vermin Boards, Vermin Trusts, and lessees Commissioner may suspend liability to repay instalments of loans under principal Act.

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lessees respectively of instalments of loans granted to them, prior to the first day of February, nineteen hundred and fifteen, under that Act or any Act thereby repealed, and the payment of interest on such loans, during such period as he thinks fit; and the Commissioner may, subject as aforesaid, from time to time extend the suspension for a further period.

Limits of suspension.

(2) Any period of suspension under this section—

(a) may commence from a date prior to the passing of this Act, but not earlier than the first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifteen:

(b) shall, with all (if any) extensions thereof, expire not later than the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and not exceed two years.

In what cases suspension may be granted.

(3) The power hereby conferred on the Commissioner may be exercised in the case of any District Council, Vermin Board, Vermin Trust, or lessee which or who makes application in writing to the Commissioner in that behalf:

Provided that such District Council, Vermin Board, Vermin Trust, or lessee satisfies the Commissioner, by such evidence as the Commissioner may require, that it or he is unable, by reason of the effects of the recent drought or the present war, to pay its or his instalments of principal and interest due in respect of the loan at the times and in manner provided by the principal Act.

Effect of suspension.

(4) When the provisions of the principal Act mentioned in subsection (1) hereof have been suspended as therein provided in the case of any District Council, Vermin Board, Vermin Trust, or lessee, such Council, Board, Trust, or lessee shall not be liable, during the period of suspension, to make any payment on account of principal or interest due in respect of the loan to which the suspension applies.

Different periods of suspension may be fixed.

(5) The Commissioner may, if he thinks fit, for the purposes of subsection (1) hereof, fix periods of suspension of different lengths in the case of different District Councils, Vermin Boards, Vermin Trusts, or lessees.

When suspended payments to be made.

(6) A period equal in length to the period of suspension fixed by the Commissioner under this section in the case of any loan shall be added to the period within which such loan is required by the principal Act to be repaid; and every instalment of the principal moneys payable on account of such loan, and interest on such moneys, which, but for the provisions of this Act, would have been payable on some date during such period of suspension, shall be payable upon the corresponding date in such added period; and the suspension shall not alter the dates upon which the other instalments and interest fall due.

When liability of District Council, etc., suspended, suspension to extend to occupiers.

5. (1) When the Commissioner has granted a suspension under this Act to any District Council, Vermin Board, or Vermin Trust, with

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with respect to any loan, the obligations on the part of occupiers and other persons as to payments falling due with respect to such loan, during the period of suspension, shall be suspended for the same period.

(2) Any payment which, but for this section, an occupier or other person would have been liable to make on some date during a period of suspension shall be made by such occupier or person on the corresponding date in the added period referred to in subsection (6) of section 4.

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

H. L. GALWAY, Governor.