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No. 7 of 1941.

An Act to empower the Treasurer to refund fees or exempt persons from the obligation to pay fees in certain cases during the continuance of the present war.

[Assented to 11th September, 1941.]

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 "Remission of Fees Act, 1941". Short title.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires or some other meaning is clearly intended— Interpretation.

"fee" means fee payable to any Minister or public officer as representing the Crown, pursuant to any Act or any regulation or rule made under any Act or the practice of any department of the Government :

"continuance of the present war" means the period commencing on the third day of September, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine and ending on the day on which the Governor-General issues a proclamation declaring that the war between His Majesty the King and Germany has ceased.

3. Where by reason of the enlistment of any person in any of the fighting forces of any part of His Majesty's Dominions during the continuance of the present war, the Treasurer considers it just that the whole or any part of any fee paid by Power to remit fees by reason of enlistments.

any person should be refunded to any person, or that any person should be exempted from the obligation to pay any fee or any part thereof, the Treasurer may, at his discretion, direct that the fee or part of a fee shall be so refunded, or, as the case may be, that the said person shall be exempted from the obligation to pay the fee or part thereof.

Power to remit fees in connection with emergency stocks.

4. (1) Where any person, pursuant to any law of the Commonwealth or the State, or to arrangements made with any Minister or other public authority of the Commonwealth or the State, holds or has arranged to hold emergency stocks of any commodity for any period during the continuance of the present war, and the Treasurer considers it just that the whole or any part of any fee paid by reason of the holding of those stocks should be refunded to any person, or that any person should be exempted from the obligation to pay any fee or any part of a fee becoming payable by reason of the holding of the stocks, the Treasurer may, at his discretion, direct that the fee or part of a fee shall be so refunded or, as the case may be, that the said person shall be exempted from the obligation to pay the fee or part thereof.

(2) This section shall be deemed to have come into operation on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-one.

Appropriation of money for refunds.

5. Any money refunded under this Act shall be paid out of the General Revenue of the State, and this section without any further appropriation shall be a sufficient authority for making any such payment.

Penalty for false statements.

6. (1) Any person who in connection with any application for a refund or an exemption under this Act or for the purpose of obtaining any such refund or exemption makes any false statement shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds.

(2) A person shall not be convicted for making a false statement under this section if he proves that he believed on reasonable grounds that the statement was true.

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

C. M. BARCLAY-HARVEY, Governor.