

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.



ANNO QUINTO

GEORGII QUINTI REGIS,

XLIX.

No. 22 of 1915.

AN ACT to amend the Control of Trade in War Time Act.

[Assented to 18th February, 1915.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Control of Trade in War Time Amendment Act, 1914*, and shall be read as one with the Control of Trade in War Time Act, hereinafter referred to as the principal Act. Short title.

2. In the exercise of the powers conferred by section four of the principal Act, the Governor may— Extension of sec. 4. See N.S.W. No. 18 of 1914, s. 8.

- (a) fix and declare different maximum prices according to differences in quality or description of the necessaries of life, or in the quantity sold;
- (b) fix and declare different maximum prices for different parts of the State;
- (c) vary any price previously fixed; but so as to apply only to future transactions;
- (d) in fixing any price, do so relatively to such standards of measurement, weight, capacity, or otherwise, as the Governor, on the recommendation of the Commissioner, may think proper.

Amendment of
Sec. 5. See N.S.W.,
No. 18 of 1914, s. 9.

3. Section five of the principal Act is amended by adding thereto a subsection as follows:—

(2) If any person sells or offers for sale any necessary of life at a price higher than the maximum price fixed under this Act he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds, and in case of sale shall be liable to refund to the purchaser the difference between the fixed price and the price at which the necessary of life was sold.

Seizure of necessary
commodities with-
held from sale.
See N.S.W., No. 18
of 1914, s. 10.

4. Where the Commission appointed under the principal Act considers that any necessaries of life are being stored or withheld from sale, it may so report to the Governor; and the Governor may thereupon, by warrant under his hand, authorise the seizure and distribution of such necessary commodities, paying therefor the maximum price, if any, fixed under this Act, or in case no maximum price has been fixed, such price as shall be fixed by the Commission having regard to the market value of such necessaries of life at the time and place when and where seized, less such sum as he thinks reasonable to cover the expenses of seizure and distribution; and any person acting under such authority may enter any premises in which such commodities are stored or withheld from sale, and use such force as may be necessary.

Amendment of
Section 3.

5. Section three of the principal Act is amended by adding the words "and shall not continue in force after the 30th day of September, One thousand nine hundred and fifteen."