

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

INTERPRETATION AMENDMENT ACT 1997

No. 54 of 1997

AN ACT to amend the *Interpretation Act 1984*.

[Assented to 12 December 1997.]

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Interpretation Amendment Act 1997*.

Commencement

2. This Act comes into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Section 45A inserted

3. After section 45 of the *Interpretation Act 1984**, the following section is inserted —

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Fees for licences

45A. (1) A power conferred by a written law to prescribe or impose a fee for a licence includes power to prescribe or impose a fee that will allow recovery of expenditure that is relevant to the scheme or system under which the licence is issued.

(2) Expenditure is not relevant for the purposes of subsection (1) unless it has been or is to be incurred —

- (a) in the establishment or administration of the scheme or system under which the licence is issued; or
- (b) in respect of matters to which the licence relates.

(3) The reference in subsection (1) to a fee for a licence includes reference to a fee for, or in relation to, the issue of a licence and a fee payable on an application for the issue of a licence.

(4) In this section —

“**fee**” includes charge;

“**issue**” includes grant, give or renew;

“**licence**” includes registration, right, permit, authority, approval or exemption.

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For subsequent amendments see 1996 Index to Legislation of Western Australia, Table 1, p. 112 and Act No. 23 of 1997.]