WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

No. 48 of 1975.

AN ACT to amend the Weights and Measures Act, 1915-1974.

[Assented to 18th September, 1975.]

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

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Weights and Measures Act Amendment Act, 1975.

Short title and citation.

- (2) In this Act the Weights and Measures Act, 1915-1974 is referred to as the principal Act.
- (3) The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Weights and Measures Act 1915-1975.

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2. This Act shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

Section 27R amended.

- 3. Section 27R of the principal Act is amended—
 - (a) as to subsection (1), by deleting the words "offences against the regulations", in lines two and three of paragraph (1), and substituting the words "offences against regulations made under this subsection"; and
 - (b) by adding after subsection (1) a subsection as follows—
 - (1a) Regulations may be made under this section prohibiting, regulating and otherwise relating to deceptive packaging of pre-packaged articles and without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of this subsection regulations may be made—
 - (a) prescribing articles and classes of articles and packages and classes of packages to which regulations made under this subsection apply;
 - (b) prescribing standard specifications relating to the maximum permissible free space in cavities or recesses of prescribed articles and classes of articles and packages and classes of packages and the method for ascertaining the maximum permissible free space in prescribed articles and prescribed classes of articles and prescribed packages and prescribed classes of packages;

- (c) exempting (either wholly or to such extent as may be prescribed) or authorising a prescribed person to exempt (either unconditionally or subject to such conditions and restrictions as that person may determine) from all or any of the provisions of regulations made under this subsection—
 - (i) articles of any description prescribed or referred to in the regulations and packages containing any such articles; and
 - (ii) prescribed transactions and classes of sales;
- (d) imposing penalties, not exceeding two hundred dollars for a first offence and not exceeding four hundred dollars for a second or subsequent offence against regulations made under this subsection.