## BILLS OF SALE (REVISION).

6° Elizabeth II., No. XL.

No. 40 of 1957.

AN ACT to amend the Bills of Sale Act, 1899-1956, and certain other Acts; and to facilitate the Reprinting with amendments of the Bills of Sale Act, 1899.

[Assented to 22nd November, 1957.]

B<sup>E</sup> 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 Bills of Sale short title and com-Act Amendment and Revision Act, 1957, and shall mencement. be read as one with the principal Act as amended by the amending Acts.

(2) This Act shall come into force on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

Interpretation.

- 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—
  - "amending Acts" means Acts 64 Vict., No. 28 (1900), 1 and 2 Edw. VII., No. 14 (1902), and Acts Nos. 17 of 1905, 13 of 1906, 24 of 1909, 40 of 1912, 24 of 1914, 41 of 1925, 8 of 1927, 42 of 1932, 52 of 1940, 9 of 1956 and the Bills of Sale Act Amendment Act, 1957;
  - "principal Act" means the Bills of Sale Act, 1899 (Act 63 Vict., No. 45).

#### S. 5 of principal Act amended.

- 3. Section five of the principal Act is amended—
  - (a) by deleting from the definition of "Bill of Sale" first occurring the proviso which reads "Provided that nothing herein contained shall prejudice or affect the right of a landlord to distrain for rent or the right to distrain for rent on a demise by a mortgagee in possession to the mortgagor as his tenant at a fair and reasonable rent";
  - (b) by substituting for the words "transfers or assignments of any ship or vessel, or any share thereof" in lines three and four of the definition of "Bill of Sale" secondly occurring the words "transfers, assignments or mortgages duly registered under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, of the United Kingdom as amended from time to time (or under any Act passed in substitution for that Act) of any ship or any share thereof";
  - (c) by deleting from the definition of "Registrar" (as amended by section two of Act No. 24 of 1914) the words "the Registrar of the Supreme Court, and includes a Deputy or Acting Registrar and";

- (d) by adding the following definitions at the end of the section:—
  - "Debenture" means a document containing a floating charge over any of the chattels of a company or other corporate body.
  - "Hire Purchase Agreement" means an agreement for the hire of chattels containing, in favour of the hirer (being the person to whom the chattels are let), a right or option to purchase the chattels or any of them.
- 4. Section six of the principal Act is amended—

principal Act

- (a) by substituting for the words "of the corporation in Western Australia" in the last line of paragraph (1.) the words "or registered office of the corporation in the State, or, if it has no place of business or registered office in the State, then its principal place of business or registered office in the country or State in which it is incorporated.";
- (b) by substituting for the word "situated" in line two of paragraph (3.) the words "usually situated or kept".
- Section eight of the principal Act (as amended principal Act tion two of Act No. 41 of 1925) is amended by amended by section two of Act No. 41 of 1925) is amended by substituting for the words "such witness" in line three of subsection (1.) the words "the witness to the grantor's signature".

6. Section ten of the principal Act is amended  $^{\rm S.\,10\,\,of}_{\rm principal\,\,Act}$  by substituting for the word "Seven" in the first line  $^{\rm amended}$ of paragraph (1.) the word "Ten".

Section two of Act No. 13 of 1906 is amended S.2 of Act No. 13 of 1906 by adding after the word "obligation" in the last amended. line the words "but does not include a debenture".

S. 14 or Act No. 13 of 1906 amended.

- Section fourteen of Act No. 13 of 1906 is 8. amended-
  - (a) by inserting after the word "deemed" in line two the words "fraudulent, void or";
  - (b) by deleting the words "or in an affidavit filed or to be filed in pursuance of section eight of the principal Act" in lines three and four;
  - (c) by substituting for the words "or of any attesting witness to such bill of sale" in lines six and seven the words "or any other contravention of the requirements section six or of sections thirty or thirtyseven of the principal Act";
  - (d) by inserting after the word "misdescription" in line ten the words "or contravention".

# S. 11 of principal Act amended.

- Section eleven of the principal Act is amended—
  - (a) by substituting for the words "an index" in line one of subsection (2.) the word "indexes";
  - (b) by deleting from line two of subsection (2.) the words "and grantees":
  - (c) by adding to subsection (2.) after the word "grantor" the words ", separate indexes being kept in respect of debentures, hire purchase agreements and other bills of sale respectively.";
  - (d) by substituting for the word "Such" at the commencement of subsection (3.) the words "Each such":
  - (e) by deleting from subsection (3.) the words "and grantees" in line two.

- 10. Section fourteen of the principal Act is S.14 of principal Act amended. amended—
  - (a) by adding after the word "registration" in the last line of subsection (1.) the words "and such renewal shall not be effected more than sixty days prior to the expiration of any three-year period calculated from the day of registration";
  - (b) by repealing subsection (2.).
- Section fifteen of the principal Act is amended S. 15 of principal Act by substituting for the words "or five years, as the case may be" in lines two and three the word "years".

- Section twenty-one of the principal Act as S. 21 of principal Act amended by the Bills of Sale Act Amendment Act, amended. 1957, is further amended—
  - (a) by inserting after the word "satisfaction" in line two the word "either":
  - (b) by inserting after the word "attorney" in line three the passage ", or of any other bill of sale, signed by each of the parties thereto or by his attorney".
- 13. Section twenty-two of the principal Act is principal Act amended by adding after the word "memorandum" amended. in the last line the words "and, in relation to chattels wholly discharged from the debt or charge created by a bill of sale by way of security, the property or legal interest therein of the grantor shall be deemed to be and to have been from and after the filing of the said memorandum as if the bill of sale had not been given by the grantor".

14. Section twenty-nine of the principal Act is S. 29 of principal Act repealed. repealed.

S. 32 of principal Act amended.

15. Section thirty-two of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the words "by the last preceding section mentioned" in the last line, the words "mentioned in section thirty-one of this Act".

S. 35 of principal Act amended.

16. Section thirty-five of the principal Act is amended by inserting after the words "bill of sale" in the second last line the words "or in the execution or attestation thereof".

S. 51 of principal Act amended.

- 17. Section fifty-one of the principal Act is amended—
  - (a) by inserting after the word "issued" in line one the words "or given";
  - (b) by deleting the words "registered or incorporated or carrying on business in Western Australia" in lines two and three;
  - (c) by deleting paragraph (1.) and substituting the following paragraph:—
    - (1.) The company or body issuing or giving the debenture shall present to and file with the Registrar for registration the original debenture or a copy thereof accompanied in either case by an affidavit verifying the execution of the debenture and, where a copy is filed, also verifying it as a true copy. The affidavit shall be made by a director or the manager or secretary of the company or body. the case of a series of debentures it shall be sufficient to file a copy of one debenture of each series verified by affidavit as afore-The Registrar shall endorse upon the original debenture or copy presented and filed and also upon any duplicate original or other copy of the debenture which is presented to him, a certificate of registration stating the hour of the presentation for registration and the date

of registration, and containing a reference to the Register Book in which the registration is recorded. The certificate shall be authenticated by the seal and signature of the Registrar. The duplicate original or other copy presented shall then be delivered to the person entitled thereto or to his solicitor or agent. The production of a debenture, or of a duplicate or copy of a debenture, purporting to have endorsed thereon the certificate duly authenticated, shall be prima facie evidence of the due registration of the debenture. Whenever there is any difference or variation between the contents of a debenture or copy filed with the Registrar under this paragraph and of the original or duplicate or copy of the debenture, the filed document shall prevail. ;

- (d) by inserting after the word "issuing" in line three of paragraph (2.) the words "or giving".
- 18. Section fifty-two of the principal Act is \$5.52 of principal Act amended—
  - (a) by substituting for the words "nine to thirty-six, both inclusive (except section thirty), and also sections forty-six to fifty, both inclusive," in lines one and two the words "nine to seventeen, both inclusive, eighteen to twenty-five, both inclusive, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, thirty-one, thirty-two to thirty-five, both inclusive, thirty-six, forty-seven, forty-eight and fifty";
  - (b) by deleting subsection (3.) and substituting the following subsection:—
    - (3.) The filing of the debenture or copy thereof as aforesaid shall be deemed to be the presentation of the debenture for registration.

S. 53 of principal Act amended.

19. Section fifty-three of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the words "the form in the Fifth Schedule shall state such fact" in line two the words "the affidavit verifying the execution of the debenture shall state such fact and give short particulars of the series".

Fifth Schedule to principal Act deleted. 20. The Fifth Schedule to the principal Act is deleted.

Amending Acts amended. Schedule.

- 21. (1) The amending Acts mentioned in columns one and two of the Schedule to this Act are amended to the extent specified in column four of that Schedule.
- (2) In any reprint of the principal Act as amended from time to time, the definitions contained in section five of that Act as so amended may be rearranged in alphabetical order.
- (3) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall not be construed as affecting the application of the Amendments Incorporation Act, 1938.

#### SCHEDULE.

Amending Act.

Column 1. Column 2.

No. of Act. Short Title.

Column 2. Column 3.

Short Title. Item in this
Schedule.

1.

No. 17 of Bills of Sale 1905. Amendment Act, 1905. Column 4.
Amendments.

Section two is amended—

(a) by substituting for the word "Whenever" in line one the passage, "The principal Act is amended by adding after section seven the following section:—

7A. Where":

- (b) by substituting for the words "this Act" in line two the passage "the Bills of Sale Amendment Act, 1905";
- (c) by substituting for the words "the principal Act" in lines three and four the words "this Act";
- (d) by substituting for the words "principal Act" in the last line, the passage "Bills of Sale Act, 1899".

Amending Act.

Column 1. Column 2. Column 3. No. of Act. Short Title. Item in this Schedule.

Column 4. Amendments.

No. 13 of Bills of Sale 2. 1906. Amendment Act, 1906.

Sections are added after section one as follows:-

Principal Act amended.

- 1A. The principal Act is amended
  - (a) by adding before the heading "Preliminary" preceding section one the passage "Part I.";
  - (b) by adding after section two a section as follows:-

Arrangement.

2A. This Act is arranged as follows:---

Part I.—Preliminary.

Part II.—Registration.

Part III.—Renewal of Registration.

Part IV.—Bills of Sale by Way of Security.

Part V.—Searches and Office Copies.

Part VI.-Entry of Satisfaction.

Part VII. - Effect of Registration.

Part VIII.—General.

Part IX.—Bills of Sale of Stock.

Part X.—Bill of Sale over Crops.

Part XI.—Bill of Sale over Wool.

Part XII.-Miscellaneous.

Part XIII.—Debentures.

#### Schedules. ;

- (c) by adding before the heading "Registration" preceding section six, the passage "Part П.";
- (d) by adding before the heading "Renewal of Registration" preceding section fourteen the passage "Part III.";

#### Amending Act.

Column 1. Column 2. Column 3.

No. of Act. Short Title. Item in this Schedule.

No. 13 of Bills of Sale 2
1906. Amendment (Contd.)
(Contd.) Act, 1906.
(Contd.)

Column 4.

Amendments.

- (e) by adding before the heading "Searches and Office-copies" preceding section eighteen, the passage "Part V.";
- (f) by adding before the heading "Entry of Satisfaction" preceding section twentyone, the passage "Part VI.";
- (g) by adding before the heading "Effect of Registration" preceding section twentyfive, the passage "Part VII.";
- (h) by adding before the heading "General" preceding section thirty the passage "Part VIII.";
- (i) by adding before the heading "Bills of Sale of Stock" preceding section thirtyseven, the passage "Part IX.";
- (j) by adding before the heading "Bill of Sale over Crops" preceding section thirtynine, the passage "Part X.";
- (k) by adding before the heading "Bill of Sale Over Wool" preceding section forty-two the passage "Part XI.";
- by adding after section forty-five before the heading "Miscellaneous" the passage "Part XII."; and
- (m) by adding before the heading "Debentures" preceding section fifty-one, the passage "Part XIII.".
- 1B. The principal Act is amended by adding after section seventeen a heading as follows:—

Part IV.—Bills of Sale by Way of Security.

Amending Act.

Column 1. Column 2. No. of Act. Short Title. Item in this Schedule.

Column 4. Amendments.

No. 13 of Bills of Sale 1906. Amendment (Contd.) Act, 1906. (Contd.)

3. Section two as amended by section seven of this Act is further amended

> (a) by adding after the section number "2" the following passage:-

> > The principal Act is amended by inserting as section seventeen A under the heading "Part IV.-Bills of Sale by Way of Security", the following: --:

- (b) by substituting for the passage "In sections three to thirteen, inclusive. of this Act" in line one the words "In this Part".
- 4. Section three as amended by Act No. 24 of 1914 and the Bills of Sale Act Amendment Act, 1957, is further amended-
  - (a) by adding after the section number "3" the following passage:-

The principal Act is amended by inserting in Part IV. as section seventeen B the following: -:

- (b) by substituting for the words "the principal Act" in line two of subsection (1) the words "this Act":
- (c) by substituting for the words "First Schedule hereto" in lines two and three of subsection (2) and again in the last line of the proviso to the section the words "Sixth Schedule to this Act".
- 5. Section four is amended-
  - (a) by adding after the section number "4" the following passage:-

The principal Act is amended by inserting in Part IV. as section seventeen C the following:--;

(b) by substituting for the words "Second Schedule" in line two and again in line nine the words "Seventh Schedule".

Amending Act.

Column 1, Column 2, Column 3. No. of Act. Short Title. Item in this Schedule.

6.

Column 4. Amendments.

No. 13 of Bills of Sale 1906. Amendment (Contd.) Act, 1906. (Contd.)

Section five as amended by the Bills of Sale Act Amendment Act, 1957, is further amended-

(a) by adding after the section number "5" the following passage:-

> The principal Act is amended by inserting in Part IV. as section seventeen D the following: -:

- (b) by substituting for the word "herein" in line three of subsection (1), the words "in this Part".
- 7. Section six is amended-
  - (a) by adding after the section number "6" the following passage:-

The principal Act is amended by inserting in Part IV. as section seventeen E the following: --;

- (b) by substituting for the words "the principal Act" in line one the words "this Act".
- Section seven is amended by adding after 8. the section number "7" the following passage:-

The principal Act is amended by inserting in Part IV. as section seventeen F the following: --.

- 9. Section eight is amended—
  - (a) by adding after the section number "8" the following passage:-

The principal Act is amended by inserting in Part IV, as section seventeen G the following: -;

- (b) by substituting for the words "Third Schedule hereto" in lines one and two of subsection (2) the words "Eighth Schedule to this Act";
- (c) by substituting for the words "section three" in line two of each of paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (3) the passage "section seventeen B of this Act".

#### Amending Act.

Column 1. Column 2. Column 3. No. of Act. Short Title. Item in this Schedule.

Column 4. Amendments.

No. 13 of Bills of Sale 10. 1906. Amendment (Contd.) Act, 1906. (Contd.)

Section nine is amended by adding after the section number "9" the following passage:-

> The principal Act is amended by inserting in Part IV. as section seventeen H the following:--.

11. Section ten is amended by adding after the section number "10" the following passage:-

> The principal Act is amended by inserting in Part IV, as section seventeen J the following: -.

#### 12. Section eleven is amended-

(a) by adding after the section number "11" the following passage:-

> The principal Act is amended by inserting in Part IV. as section seventeen K the following: --;

(b) by substituting for the words "Fourth Schedule hereto" in line three of subsection (1) the words "Ninth Schedule to this Act."

#### Section twelve is amended-13.

(a) by adding after the section number "12" the following passage:-

> The principal Act is amended by inserting in Part IV. as section seventeen L the following:--;

- (b) by adding after the word "under" in line one of subsection (1) the words "this Part of".
- 14. Section thirteen is amended by adding after the section number "13" the following passage:-

The principal Act is amended by inserting in Part IV. as section seventeen M the following:-

#### Amending Act.

Column 1. Column 2. Column 3.

No. of Act. Short Title, Item in this Schedule.

Column 4.

Amendments.

No. 13 of Bills of Sale 15. 1906. Amendment (Contd.) Act, 1906. (Contd.) Section fourteen as amended by section eight of this Act is further amended—

(a) by adding after the section number"14" the following passage:—

The principal Act is amended by adding after section twenty-five as section twenty-five A the following:—;

(b) by substituting for the words "the principal Act" whenever they occur in the section, the words "this Act".

#### 16. Section fifteen is amended—

(a) by adding after the section number "15" the following passage:—

> The principal Act is amended by adding after section sixteen as section sixteen A the following:—;

(b) by substituting for the words "the principal Act" in line two the words "this Act".

### Section seventeen is amended—

(a) by adding after the section number"17" the following passage:—

The principal Act is amended by inserting in Part IV. as section seventeen N the following:—:

- (b) by substituting for the word "Act" in line one and again in line five the word "Part";
- (c) by substituting for the words "the principal Act" in line two and again in the last line the words "this Act".
- Section eighteen as amended by Acts No.
   of 1914 and No. 42 of 1932 is further amended—
  - (a) by adding after the section number "18" the following passage:—

The principal Act is amended by inserting in Part IV. as section seventeen P the following:—;

(b) by substituting for the passage "Sections three to thirteen, inclusive," in line one the words "This Part".

Amending Act.

Column 1. Column 2. Column 3. No. of Act. Short Title. Item in this Schedule.

Column 4. Amendments.

No. 13 of Bills of Sale 19. 1906. Amendment (Contd.) Act, 1906. (Contd.)

The First Schedule, the Second Schedule as amended by Acts Nos. 24 of 1914 and 41 of 1925, the Third Schedule and Fourth Schedule are redesignated Sixth Schedule, Seventh Schedule, Eighth Schedule and Ninth Schedule respectively, and as so redesignated are added to the principal Act after the Fifth Schedule.

No. 40 of Bills of Sale 20. 1912. Act Amendment Act, 1912.

#### Section two is amended-

(a) by adding after the section number "2" the following passage:-

> The Bills of Sale Act, 1899, is amended by inserting in Part IV. as section seventeen Q the following:---:

- (b) by substituting for the words "this Act" in line two the passage "the Bills of Sale Act Amendment Act, 1912,";
- (c) by adding before the word "shall" in line four the passage "or of this Part,";
- (d) by adding after the passage "that Act," in line four the passage "or this Part, as the case may be,":
- (e) by substituting for the word "Act" in line one of the proviso, the word "section";
- (f) by substituting for the words "this Act" in line three of the proviso the passage "the Bills of Sale Act Amendment Act, 1912".

No. 24 of Bills of Sale 21. 1914. Act Amendment Act. 1914.

Section three is amended by substituting for the passage

maximum rate."

in line four, the following passage-

maximum rate", and by adding at the end of paragraph (4.) a proviso as follows:--.

#### Amending Act.

Column 1. Column 2. Column 3.

No. of Act. Short Title. Item in this
Schedule.

Column 4.

Amendments.

No. 24 of Bills of Sale 22.

1914. Act Amend(Contd.) ment Act,
1914.
(Contd.)

#### Section four is amended-

(a) by adding after the section number"4" the following passage:—

The principal Act is amended by inserting after section thirtyone as section thirty-one A the following:—;

- (b) by substituting for the words "this Act" in line two the passage "the Bills of Sale Act Amendment Act, 1914";
- (c) by substituting for the words "the principal" in line four and again in line five the word "this";
- (d) by deleting the words "this or" in line four.

#### 23. Section ten is amended—

(a) by adding after the section number "10" the following passage:—

> The principal Act is amended by inserting in Part IV. as section seventeen R the following:—;

- (b) by substituting for the word "First" in line two the word "Tenth".
- 24. Section eleven is amended—
  - (a) by adding after the section number "11" the following passage:—

The principal Act is amended by inserting in Part IV. as section seventeen S the following:—;

- (b) by substituting for the word "Second" in line one the word "Eleventh";
- (c) by substituting for the word "Third" in line seven the word "Twelfth".
- 25. Section twelve as amended by the Bills of Sale Act Amendment Act, 1957, is further amended—
  - (a) by adding after the subsection designation "(1)" the following passage:—

The principal Act is amended by inserting after section thirtyfive as section thirty-five A the following:—:

(b) by substituting for the word "Fourth" the word "Thirteenth".

#### Amending Act.

Column 1. Column 2. Column 3. No. of Act. Short Title. Item in this Schedule.

Column 4. Amendments.

No. 24 of Bills of Sale 26. 1914. (Contd.)

Act Amendment Act, 1914. (Contd.)

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Section fifteen is amended—

- (a) by substituting for the words "this Act" in lines three and four of paragraph (b) the passage "the Bills of Sale Amendment Act, 1906,";
- (b) by substituting for the word "this" in line eleven of paragraph (b) the word "that".

The First Schedule, Second Schedule and Third Schedule, and the Fouth Schedule as amended by the Bills of Sale Act Amendment Act, 1957, are redesignated Tenth Schedule, Eleventh Schedule, Twelfth Schedule and Thirteenth Schedule respectively, and as so redesignated are added to the principal Act after the Ninth Schedule added pursuant to item 19 of this Schedule.

No. 41 of Bills of Sale 28. 1925. Act Amendment Act, 1925.

Section two, which repeals section eight of the principal Act and substitutes a new section therefor, is amended by substituting for the word "Sixth" in line five of the section so substituted the word "Fourteenth".

29. Section four is amended by substituting for the words "the copy of" in line two the words "copy of the".

30. Section ten is amended-

> (a) by adding after the section number "10" the following passage:-

> > The principal Act is amended by inserting in Part XII. as section fifty A the following:—;

- (b) by substituting for the words "this Act" in line one the passage "the Bills of Sale Act Amendment Act, 1925,";
- (c) by substituting for the words "has already" in line three the word "had";
- (d) by substituting for the word "this" in the last line the word "that".

Section eleven is amended by substituting 31. for the word "SIXTH" in line two the word "FOURTEENTH".

No. 42 of Bills of Sale 32. 1932. Amendment Act, 1932.

Section three is repealed.