

RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT OF MAINTENANCE ORDERS.

14° GEO. V., No. VIII.

No. 29 of 1923.

AN ACT to amend the Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Act, 1921.

[Assented to 15th December, 1923.]

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 *Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Act Amendment Act, 1923.* Short title.
2. The Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Act, 1921 (hereinafter called the principal Act), is hereby amended by the excision of the words "outside the Commonwealth," wherever such words occur therein. Principal Act made applicable to Australian States.
3. Section two of the principal Act is hereby amended by the deletion of the word "other" in the definition of "Superior Court." Amendment of Section 2 of Principal Act.
4. Section seven of the principal Act is hereby amended by the addition of a paragraph, as follows:— Amendment of Section 7.

The Governor may also make regulations not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing all such matters as by this Act are required or permitted to be prescribed or as may be necessary or convenient to be prescribed for giving effect to this Act.

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Amendment
Section 14.

5. Section fourteen of the principal Act is hereby amended—

(i) By the insertion in subsection two, after the word “Kingdom,” of the words “and the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania.”

(ii) By the repeal of subsection three, and the substitution of a subsection, as follows:—

(3) Where the Governor is satisfied that reciprocal provisions have been made or are about to be made by the legislature of any part of the King's Dominions or other competent authority, for the enforcement within that part of maintenance orders made by courts within this State, the Governor may, by Order in Council, extend this Act to that part. It shall not be necessary that the Governor shall be satisfied that full reciprocity has been or is about to be accorded by any part of the King's Dominions before extending this Act thereto, but a substantial measure of reciprocity shall suffice.

(iii) By the addition of a subsection, as follows:—

(b) A copy of the *Gazette* purporting to contain a copy of a proclamation under this section shall be conclusive evidence of the validity of the proclamation and of the fulfilment of all conditions precedent to the valid making thereof.

This Act not to
repeal Inter-State
Destitute Persons
Relief Act, 1912.

6. A section is inserted in the principal Act, as follows:—

15. This Act shall not be deemed to repeal by implication the Inter-State Destitute Persons Relief Act, 1912.

Effect of amend-
ments.

7. The amendments made by section four and paragraphs (ii) and (iii) of section five of this Act shall have effect as from the commencement of the principal Act.
