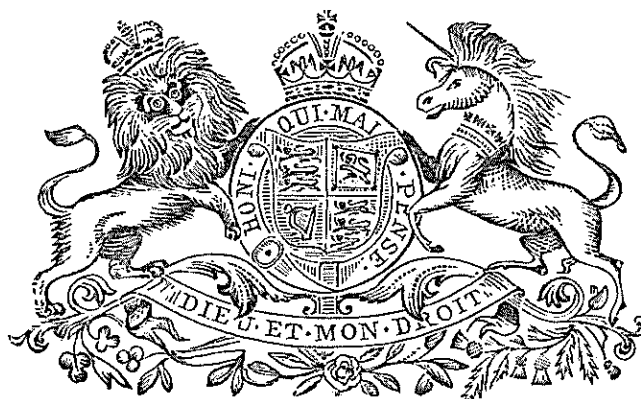


WESTERN AUSTRALIA.



ANNO QUINTO

GEORGII QUINTI REGIS,

V.

No. 5 of 1914.

AN ACT to regulate the Sale of the Necessaries of Life during War.

[Assented to 8th August, 1914.]

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 Act*. Short title.
2. In this Act the following terms have the meanings stated:— Interpretation.
 - “Necessaries of life”—such products, goods, chattels, and things as the Governor may by proclamation declare to be necessaries of life for the purposes of this Act.
 - “Personal requirements.”—The requirements of any person for not exceeding three months for the domestic use of himself, his family, dependents, and servants, and of his domestic animals.

3. This Act shall have operation only during such period as the Governor may from time to time by proclamation declare, when a state of war exists between the United Kingdom and some other Power. Operation of Act.

Power to fix prices
of necessities.

4. The Governor, on the advice of a Royal Commission (which the Governor is hereby authorised to appoint) may, by Order in Council fix the maximum prices that may be lawfully charged for the necessities of life.

Obligation to sell.

5. No person having in his possession or power any necessities of life in excess of his personal requirements shall refuse to sell and deliver the same to any other person on demand, and on payment or tender of a price so fixed.

Penalty; £1,000; or imprisonment for not exceeding twelve months.

Power to seize.

6. On the conviction of any person under the last preceding section, it shall be lawful for the Colonial Treasurer and all persons acting with his authority to seize, take possession of, carry away, and dispose of any necessities of life in the possession or power of the offender, and for such purpose to enter upon any premises in which such necessities of life may be or be supposed to be, and to use such force as may be necessary, subject only to the payment of maximum prices so fixed as aforesaid.

Corners and
restrictions
prohibited.

7. No person shall buy up or store the necessities of life with intent to raise the prices thereof or to prevent free circulation thereof; or, without the consent in writing of the Colonial Treasurer, export the necessities of life to any place beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

Penalty: £1,000; or imprisonment for twelve months.

Power to enter
premises.

8. Any Police Officer acting with the authority of the Commissioner, or an Inspector, or Sub-Inspector of the Police Force, and any other person acting with the authority of the Colonial Treasurer may enter and search any premises upon which such Police Officer or person believes that any necessities of life are kept contrary to the provisions of this Act.

Aiders and abettors.

9. Whoever aids, abets, counsels, or procures, or by act or omission is in any way directly or indirectly concerned in the commission of any offence against this Act shall be deemed to have committed such offence and shall be punishable accordingly.

Proof.

10. In every prosecution under this Act an averment of the prosecutor contained in the information or complaint shall be deemed to be proved in the absence of proof to the contrary.

Fiat of Attorney
General.

11. No prosecution under this Act shall be commenced without the authority in writing of the Attorney General first obtained.