ACTS AMENDMENT AND REPEAL (CREDIT).

No. 102 of 1984.

AN ACT to amend the Bills of Sale Act 1899, the Control of Vehicles (Off-road areas) Act 1978, the Door to Door (Sales) Act 1964, the Hire-Purchase Act 1959, the Road Traffic Act 1974, the Supreme Court Act 1935 and the Transport Act 1966 and to repeal the Money Lenders Act 1912 and for incidental and other purposes.

[Assented to 19 December 1984.]

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:—

PART L-PRELIMINARY.

1. This Act may be cited as the Acts Amendment Short title. and Repeal (Credit) Act 1984.

Commencement. 2. The provisions of this Act shall come into operation on such day or days as is or are, respectively, fixed by proclamation.

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PART II.—BILLS OF SALE ACT 1899.

Section 17S amended. Reprinted as approved 7 April 1971 and amended by Acts Nos. 32 of 1971, 94 of 1972 (as amended by 19 of 1973), 74 of 1981, 10 of 1982, 49 of 1983 and 11 of 1984.

- 3. Section 17S of the Bills of Sale Act 1899 is amended—
 - (a) by inserting at the commencement the subsection designation "(1)"; and
 - (b) by adding the subsection following—
 - " (2) Subsection (1) and the Eleventh and Twelfth Schedules shall be read and construed subject to the provisions of the Credit Act 1984 in relation to any bill of sale that is a regulated mortgage within the meaning of that Act. ".

PART III.—CONTROL OF VEHICLES (OFF-ROAD AREAS) ACT 1978.

Section 3 amended. Act No. 117 of 1978 amended by Act No. 106 of 1981.

- 4. Section 3 of the Control of Vehicles (Off-road areas) Act 1978 is amended in subsection (1) by inserting after paragraph (b) in the definition of "owner" the following paragraph—
 - (ba) a person who is the purchaser or hirer of the vehicle under a contract that for the purposes of the Credit Act 1984 is a credit sale contract or who is the debtor under an agreement that pursuant to that Act is deemed to be a credit sale contract; ".

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PART IV.—DOOR TO DOOR (SALES) ACT 1964.

Section 2 of the Door to Door (Sales) Act 1964 Section 2 amended. is amended in subsection (1)-

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- (a) in the definition of "credit purchase agree- by Act No. 55 of 1983. ment" by inserting after "applies" the following
 - and includes any agreement that is a credit sale contract under the Credit Act 1984 or is deemed to be a credit sale contract pursuant to that Act "; and
- (b) in the definition of "hiring agreement" by deleting "or rental agreement within the meaning of Part IVC of the Stamp Act 1921" and substituting the following
 - or any agreement for the hiring of goods which pursuant to the Credit Act 1984 is deemed to be a credit sale contract ".

PART V.—HIRE-PURCHASE ACT 1959.

In this Part the Hire-Purchase Act 1959 is Principal Act. referred to as the principal Act.

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Section 1 of the principal Act is amended by Section 1 amended. repealing subsection (3).

8. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended—Section 2 amended.

- (a) in subsection (1)—
 - (i) in the definition of "hire purchase agreement"-
 - (A) by deleting "or" after paragraph (e); and
 - (B) by deleting the semi-colon after paragraph (f) and substituting the following-

- (g) any agreement that is a credit sale contract under the Credit Act 1984 or any agreement that is deemed to be a credit sale contract by that Act; ";
- (ii) by deleting the definition of "licence";
- (iii) by deleting the definition of "Registrar"; and
- (iv) by deleting the definition of "Tribunal"; and
- (b) in subsection (3), by inserting after "bailee," the following
 - then, except where the agreements are credit sale contracts under the Credit Act 1984 or are deemed to be credit sale contracts pursuant to that Act, ".

Section 3 amended.

- 9. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (2) by inserting after "the Stamp Act 1921" in paragraph (e) (viia) the following—
 - " or the Financial Institutions Duty Act 1983".

Part VA repealed.

10. Part VA of the principal Act is repealed.

Section 36A amended.

- 11. Section 36A of the principal Act is amended by deleting "or unemployment" and substituting the following—
 - ", unemployment or other reasonable cause".

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 - Section 36B of the principal Act is repealed. Section 36B **12**.
- Section 36C of the principal Act is amended amended. by deleting "nineteen to twenty-five, both inclusive," and substituting the following-
 - 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 23A, 24 and 25 ".
 - 14. Section 40A of the principal Act is amended— Section 40A amended.
 - (a) in subsection (2)—
 - (i) by repealing paragraphs (a) to (g);
 - (ii) by deleting "and" after paragraph (g); and
 - (b) by repealing subsection (3).

PART VI.—MONEY LENDERS ACT 1912.

The Money Lenders Act 1912 is repealed.

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PART VII.—ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1974.

16. Section 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1974 is section 5 amended. amended in subsection (1) by inserting after para-Reprinted as approved graph (b) in the definition of "owner" the following 19 July 1983. paragraph—

(ba) a person who is the purchaser or hirer of the vehicle under a contract that for the purposes of the Credit Act 1984 is a credit sale contract or who is the debtor under an agreement that pursuant to that Act is deemed to be a credit sale contract; ".

PART VIII.—SUPREME COURT ACT 1935.

Section 31 amended. Reprinted as approved 12 May 1980 and amended by Acts Nos. 52 of 1981 and 3, 7, 10, and 47 of 1982, 47 of 1983 and 9 of 1984.

- 17. Section 31 of the Supreme Court Act 1935 is amended in subsection (1) by deleting "Money Lenders Act, 1912" and substituting the following—
 - " Credit Act 1984 ".

PART IX.—TRANSPORT ACT 1966.

Section 4 amended. Reprinted as approved 19 July 1983.

- 18. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1) in the definition of "owner"—
 - (a) by deleting "or" after paragraph (a); and
 - (b) by inserting the following paragraph—
 - " (aa) is the purchaser or hirer of the vehicle under a contract that for the purposes of the Credit Act 1984 is a credit sale contract or who is the debtor under an agreement that pursuant to that Act is deemed to be a credit sale contract: ".

PART X.—SAVINGS AND TRANSITIONAL.

Money Lenders Act 1912 to continue in relation to existing contracts. 19. Notwithstanding the repeal of the Money Lenders Act 1912 by this Act, that Act continues to have the same operation and effect in relation to transactions or contracts for or with respect to loans within the meaning of that Act entered into before the commencement of this section to which that Act applied immediately before that commencement as it would have had if that Act had not been repealed.

20. (1) Notwithstanding the amendment of the Furchase Hire-Purchase Act 1959 by Part V, that Act as in Act 1959 to continue in force before the coming into operation of Part V existing continues to have the same operation and effect in contracts. relation to a hire-purchase agreement that—

- (a) was a hire-purchase agreement within the meaning of that Act before the commencement of Part V; and
- (b) was made before that commencement,

as it would have had if that Act had not been amended by Part V.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a reference to the Tribunal in the Hire-Purchase Act 1959 is a reference to the Commercial Tribunal constituted under the Commercial Tribunal Act 1984 as if it were exercising jurisdiction conferred on it by the Credit Act 1984.

21. (1) The Governor may make regulations— Transitional.

- (a) requiring a reference, in a specified Act or provision of an Act, to the repealed Act or provision of the repealed Act to be read and construed as, or as including, a reference to a specified cognate Act or provision of a cognate Act;
- (b) containing such provisions (if any) as in the opinion of the Governor are necessary or convenient for the purpose of dealing with matters that are incidental to or consequential on the making of the provisions referred to in paragraph (a);
- (c) containing such provisions (if any) of a savings or transitional nature as in the opinion of the Governor are necessary or convenient for the purpose of dealing with matters that are incidental to or consequential on the enactment of a cognate Act or the repeal of the repealed Act.

- (2) A provision of a regulation made under subsection (1) may take effect on and from a day that is earlier than the day on which it is published in the *Government Gazette*, or from a later day.
- (3) To the extent to which a provision of a regulation made under subsection (1) takes effect on and from a day that is earlier than the day on which it is published in the *Government Gazette*, the provision does not operate—
 - (a) to affect, in a manner prejudicial to any person (other than the State or a public authority), the rights of that person existing before that day of publication; or
 - (b) to impose a liability on any person (other than the State or a public authority) in respect of anything done or omitted to be done before that day of publication.

(4) In this section—

- "cognate Act" means the Credit Act 1984, the Credit (Administration) Act 1984 or the Commercial Tribunal Act 1984;
- "repealed Act" means the Money Lenders Act 1912.