

South Australia

# Partnership Act 1891

An Act to declare and amend the law of partnership.

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## Legislative history

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## The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

### Part 1—Preliminary

#### 1A—Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Partnership Act 1891*.

#### 1B—Interpretation

- (1) In this Act—

*business* includes any trade, occupation or profession;

*Commission* means the Corporate Affairs Commission;

*Court* means the Supreme Court of South Australia;

*domestic partner* means a person who is a domestic partner within the meaning of the *Family Relationships Act 1975*, whether declared as such under that Act or not;

*external partnership* means a partnership (or legal entity however described in the nature of a partnership) formed in accordance with a law of another State, a Territory or another country or jurisdiction, whether or not under that law the liability of any partner for the liabilities of the partnership (or entity) is limited and whether or not under that law the partnership (or entity) is incorporated or is otherwise a separate legal entity;

*firm-name* of—

- (a) an incorporated limited partnership—means the name of the partnership recorded in the Register; and

- (b) of an external partnership—means the name under which, in accordance with the law of the place in which it is formed, the partnership carries on the business of the partnership;

***general partner***—

- (a) in a limited partnership—means a partner in the limited partnership who is not a limited partner; and
- (b) in an incorporated limited partnership—means a person or partnership (including an external partnership) admitted as a partner in the incorporated limited partnership in accordance with the partnership agreement and who is not a limited partner;

***incorporated limited partnership*** means an incorporated limited partnership formed in accordance with section 48(2);

***liability*** includes any debt, obligation or liability of any kind, wherever and however incurred;

***limited partner***—

- (a) in a limited partnership—means a partner in the limited partnership whose liability for the liabilities of the partnership is limited in accordance with Part 3; and
- (b) in an incorporated limited partnership—means a person or partnership (including an external partnership) admitted and designated as a limited partner in the incorporated limited partnership in accordance with the partnership agreement;

***limited partnership*** means a limited partnership formed in accordance with section 48(1);

***partner*** in a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership means a general partner or a limited partner;

***Register*** means the *Register of Limited Partnerships and Incorporated Limited Partnerships* kept under Part 3;

***registered particulars*** means particulars recorded in the Register;

***spouse***—a person is the spouse of another if they are legally married.

- (2) In this Act, a reference, in relation to an incorporated limited partnership, to the partnership or the firm is a reference to the incorporated limited partnership as a separate legal entity and not to the partners in that partnership.

## **1C—Application of laws to partnerships and incorporated limited partnerships**

- (1) Except so far as they are inconsistent with the express provisions of this Act, the rules of equity and common law relating to partnership will continue in force.
- (2) However, except as provided (whether expressly or by necessary implication) by this Act or any other enactment, the law relating to partnership does not apply to or in respect of an incorporated limited partnership, the partners in an incorporated limited partnership or to the relationship between an incorporated limited partnership and its partners.

## Part 2—Partnerships generally

### Division 1—Nature of partnerships

#### 1—Definition of partnership

- (1) Partnership is the relation which subsists between persons carrying on a business in common with a view of profit and includes an incorporated limited partnership.
- (2) But the relation between members of any company or association which is—
  - (a) incorporated under the *Corporations Law*; or
  - (b) formed or incorporated by or in pursuance of any other Act of Parliament, or letters patent, or Royal Charter:

is not a partnership within the meaning of this Act.

#### 2—Rules for determining existence of partnership

- (1) In determining whether a partnership does or does not exist, regard must be had to the following rules:
  - (a) joint tenancy, tenancy in common, joint property, common property, or part ownership does not of itself create a partnership as to anything so held or owned, whether the tenants or owners do or do not share any profits made by the use of the property so held;
  - (b) the sharing of gross returns does not of itself create a partnership, whether the persons sharing such returns have or do not have a joint or common right or interest in any property from which or from the use of which the returns are derived;
  - (c) the receipt by a person of a share of the profits of a business is *prima facie* evidence that the person is a partner in the business; but the receipt of such a share, or of a payment contingent on or varying with the profits of a business, does not of itself make the person a partner in the business; and, in particular—
    - (i) the receipt by a person of a debt or other liquidated amount, by instalments or otherwise, out of the accruing profits of a business, does not of itself make the person a partner in the business or liable as such;
    - (ii) a contract for the remuneration of a servant or agent of a person engaged in a business, by a share of the profits of the business, does not of itself make the servant or agent a partner in the business or liable as such;
    - (iii) a person being the spouse, domestic partner or child of a deceased partner, and receiving by way of annuity a portion of the profits made in the business in which the deceased person was a partner, is not by reason only of such receipt a partner in the business or liable as such;

- (iv) the advance of money by way of loan to a person engaged or about to engage in any business, on a contract with that person that the lender will receive a rate of interest varying with the profits, or will receive a share of the profits arising from carrying on the business, does not of itself make the lender a partner with the person or persons carrying on the business or liable as such if the contract is in writing and is signed by or on behalf of all the parties to the contract;
  - (v) a person receiving, by way of annuity or otherwise, a portion of the profits of a business in consideration of the sale by the person of the goodwill of the business, is not by reason only of such receipt a partner in the business or liable as such.
- (2) This section does not apply to or in respect of an incorporated limited partnership.

### **3—Postponement of rights of person lending or selling in consideration of share of profits in case of insolvency**

In the event of any person to whom money has been advanced by way of loan under a contract of a type mentioned in section 2, or of any buyer of a goodwill in consideration of a share of the profits of the business, being adjudicated insolvent or taking the benefit of any Act for the relief of insolvent debtors, or entering into an arrangement to pay the person's creditors less than one hundred cents in the dollar, or dying in insolvent circumstances, the lender of the loan is not entitled to recover anything in respect of the loan, and the seller of the goodwill is not entitled to recover anything in respect of the share of profits contracted for, until the claims of the other creditors of the borrower or buyer for valuable consideration in money or money's worth have been satisfied.

### **4—Meaning of firm**

Persons who have entered into partnership other than an incorporated limited partnership with one another are, for the purposes of this Act, called collectively a firm, and the name under which their business is carried on is called the firm-name.

**Note—**

On the meaning of *firm* and *firm-name* in relation to an incorporated limited partnership, see section 1B.

## **Division 2—Relationship of partners to persons dealing with them**

### **5—Power of partner to bind firm**

- (1) Every partner in a partnership other than a firm that is a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership is an agent of the firm and of the other partners for the purpose of the business of the partnership; and the acts of every partner who does any act for carrying on in the usual way business of the kind carried on by the firm of which the partner is a member bind the firm and the other partners, unless the partner so acting has in fact no authority to act for the firm in the particular matter, and the person with whom the partner is dealing either knows that the partner has no authority, or does not know or believe the partner to be a partner.

- (2) Every general partner in a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership is an agent of the firm and of the other general partners for the purpose of the business of the partnership, and the acts of every general partner who does any act for carrying on in the usual way business of the kind carried on by the firm of which the partner is a member, binds the firm and the other general partners, unless—
  - (a) the general partner so acting has in fact no authority to act for the firm in the particular matter; and
  - (b) the person with whom the general partner is dealing either knows that the general partner has no authority, or does not know or believe the general partner to be a general partner.

### **6—Partners bound by acts on behalf of firm**

- (1) An act or instrument relating to the business of a firm other than an incorporated limited partnership and done or executed in the firm-name, or in any other manner showing an intention to bind the firm, by any person authorised, whether a partner or not, is binding on the firm and all the partners.
- (2) An act or instrument relating to the business of a firm that is an incorporated limited partnership, and done or executed in the firm-name, or in any other manner, showing an intention to bind the firm by any person authorised to bind the firm, whether a general partner or not, is (subject to section 9(3)) binding on the firm and all the general partners.
- (3) This section does not affect any general rule of law relating to the execution of deeds or negotiable instruments.

### **7—Partner using credit of firm for private purposes**

- (1) Where one partner pledges the credit of a firm other than a firm that is an incorporated limited partnership for a purpose apparently not connected with the firm's ordinary course of business, the firm is not bound, unless the partner is in fact specially authorised by the other partners; but this section does not affect any personal liability incurred by an individual partner.
- (2) Where one general partner pledges the credit of a firm that is an incorporated limited partnership for a purpose apparently not connected with the firm's ordinary course of business, the firm is not bound unless the general partner is in fact specially authorised by the firm, but this section does not affect any personal liability incurred by an individual general partner.

### **8—Effect of notice that firm will not be bound by acts of partner**

- (1) If it has been agreed between the partners that any restriction will be placed on the power of any one or more of them to bind a firm other than a firm that is an incorporated limited partnership, no act done in contravention of the agreement is binding on the firm with respect to persons having notice of the agreement.
- (2) If it has been agreed by the partners in an incorporated limited partnership that any restrictions are to be placed on the power (if any) of any one or more of them to bind the firm, no act done in contravention of the agreement is binding on the firm with respect to persons having notice of the agreement.

## 9—Liability of partners

- (1) Every partner in a firm other than an incorporated limited partnership is liable jointly with the other partners for all debts and obligations of the firm incurred while the partner is a partner; and (if the partner is an individual) after the partner's death the partner's estate is also severally liable in a due course of administration for such debts and obligations, so far as they remain unsatisfied, but subject to the prior payment of the partner's separate debts.
- (2) Every general partner in an incorporated limited partnership is liable jointly with the incorporated limited partnership for all debts and obligations of the partnership incurred while the general partner is a general partner; and (if the general partner is an individual) after the general partner's death the general partner's estate is also severally liable in a due course of administration for such debts or obligations so far as they remain unsatisfied but subject to the prior payment of the partner's separate debts.
- (3) Despite subsection (2), a general partner in an incorporated limited partnership is only liable for any debts or obligations of the incorporated limited partnership—
  - (a) to the extent the incorporated limited partnership is unable to satisfy the debts and obligations; or
  - (b) to a greater extent provided by the partnership agreement.

## 10—Liability of firm for wrongs

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), where, by any wrongful act or omission of any partner in a firm other than an incorporated limited partnership acting in the ordinary course of the business of the firm, or with the authority of the partner's co-partners, loss or injury is caused to any person not being a partner in the firm, or any penalty is incurred, the firm is liable for the loss, injury or penalty to the same extent as the partner so acting or omitting to act.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a partner in a firm other than an incorporated limited partnership who commits a wrongful act or omission as a member of the governing body of a body corporate is not to be taken to be acting in the ordinary course of business of the firm or with the authority of the partner's co-partners only because of one or more of the following:
  - (a) the partner obtained the agreement or authority of the partner's co-partners, or some of them, to be appointed or to act as a member of the governing body;
  - (b) remuneration that the partner receives for acting as a member of the body corporate forms part of the income of the firm;
  - (c) any co-partner is also a member of the governing body of that or any other body corporate.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4), where by any wrongful act or omission of any general partner in an incorporated limited partnership acting in the ordinary course of the business of the incorporated limited partnership, or with its authority, loss or injury is caused to any person not being a partner in the incorporated limited partnership, or any penalty is incurred, the incorporated limited partnership is liable in respect of that loss or injury to the same extent as the general partner so acting or omitting to act.

- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3), a general partner in an incorporated limited partnership who commits a wrongful act or omission as a director of a body corporate, within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001* of the Commonwealth, is not to be taken to be acting in the ordinary course of business of the incorporated limited partnership or with its authority only because of any one or more of the following:
- (a) the general partner obtained the agreement or authority of the incorporated limited partnership to be appointed or to act as a director of the body corporate;
  - (b) remuneration that the general partner receives for acting as a director of the body corporate forms part of the income of the incorporated limited partnership;
  - (c) any other general partner in the incorporated limited partnership is also a director of that or any other body corporate.
- (5) In this section—
- member* of a governing body of a body corporate includes a director.

### **11—Misapplication of money or property received for or in custody of the firm**

- (1) In the following cases involving the partners of a firm other than an incorporated limited partnership, namely—
- (a) where one partner, acting within the scope of the partner's apparent authority, receives the money or property of a third person and misapplies it; and
  - (b) where a firm in the course of its business receives money or property of a third person, and the money or property so received is misapplied by one or more of the partners while it is in the custody of the firm,
- the firm is liable to make good the loss.
- (2) In the following cases involving general partners in an incorporated limited partnership, namely:
- (a) where one general partner acting within the scope of the general partner's apparent authority receives the money or property of a third person and misapplies it; or
  - (b) when an incorporated limited partnership in the course of its business receives money or property of a third person, and the money or property so received is misapplied by one or more of the general partners while it is in the custody of the incorporated limited partnership,
- the incorporated limited partnership is liable to make good the loss.

### **12—Liability for wrongs joint and several**

- (1) Every partner in a firm other than an incorporated limited partnership is liable jointly with the partner's co-partners, and also severally, for everything for which the firm, while the partner is a partner of it, becomes liable under section 10 or 11.
- (2) Every general partner in an incorporated limited partnership is liable jointly with the other general partners in the partnership and also severally for everything for which the firm becomes liable under section 10(3) or 11(2) while the general partner is a general partner in the firm.

- (3) Despite subsection (2), a general partner in an incorporated limited partnership is only liable for any liability of the incorporated limited partnership referred to in that subsection—
- (a) to the extent the incorporated limited partnership is unable to satisfy the liability; or
  - (b) to a greater extent provided by the partnership agreement.

### **13—Improper employment of trust property for partnership purposes**

- (1) If a partner in a firm other than an incorporated limited partnership, being a trustee, improperly employs trust property in the business or on the account of the partnership, no other partner is liable for the trust property to the persons beneficially interested in it.
- (1a) However—
- (a) this section does not affect any liability incurred by a partner by reason of the partner's having notice of a breach of trust; and
  - (b) nothing in this section prevents trust money from being followed and recovered from the firm if it is still in the firm's possession or under its control.
- (2) If a general partner in an incorporated limited partnership being a trustee improperly employs trust property in the business or on account of the partnership, neither the partnership nor any other general partner is liable for the trust property to the persons beneficially interested in it.
- (3) Subsection (2)—
- (a) does not affect any liability incurred by any general partner by reason of the partner's having notice of a breach of trust; and
  - (b) does not prevent trust money from being followed and recovered from the incorporated limited partnership if still in its possession or under its control.

### **14—Persons liable by holding out**

- (1) Every one who by words spoken or written or by conduct represents himself or herself, or who knowingly suffers himself or herself to be represented, as a partner in a particular firm that is a firm other than a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership, is liable as a partner to any one who has on the faith of any such representation given credit to the firm, whether the representation has or has not been made or communicated to the person so giving credit by or with the knowledge of the apparent partner making the representation, or suffering it to be made.
- (1a) Every one who by words spoken or written or by conduct represents himself or herself, or who knowingly suffers himself or herself to be represented, as a general partner in a particular firm that is a limited partnership or an incorporated limited partnership, is liable as a general partner to any one who has on the faith of any such representation given credit to the firm, whether the representation has or has not been made or communicated to the person so giving credit by or with the knowledge of the apparent general partner making the representation or suffering it to be made.

- (2) However, where after a partner's death the partnership business is continued in the old firm-name, the continued use of that name, or of the deceased partner's name as part of that name, does not of itself make the partner's executor's or administrator's estate or effects liable for any partnership debts contracted after the partner's death.

### **15—Admissions and representations of partners**

- (1) An admission or representation made by any partner in a firm other than a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership concerning the partnership affairs, and in the ordinary course of its business, is evidence against the firm.
- (2) An admission or representation made by any general partner in a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership concerning the partnership affairs, and in the ordinary course of its business, is evidence against the firm.

### **16—Notice to acting partners to be notice to firm**

- (1) Notice to any partner in a firm other than a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership who habitually acts in the partnership business of any matter relating to partnership affairs operates as notice to the firm, except in the case of a fraud on the firm committed by or with the consent of that partner.
- (2) Notice to any general partner in a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership who habitually acts in the partnership business of any matter relating to partnership affairs operates as notice to the firm except in the case of a fraud on the firm committed by or with the consent of that partner.

### **17—Liabilities of incoming and outgoing partners**

- (1) A person who is admitted as a partner into an existing firm other than a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership does not by that admission alone become liable for anything done before the person became a partner.
- (2) A person who is admitted as a general partner into an existing limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership does not by that admission alone become liable for anything done before the person became a general partner.
- (3) A partner who retires from a firm other than a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership does not by that retirement alone cease to be liable for partnership debts and obligations incurred before the partner's retirement.
- (4) A partner who retires from a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership does not by that retirement alone cease to be liable for liabilities of the firm incurred before the partner's retirement for which the partner was liable.

**Note—**

*Liability* is defined in section 1B.

- (5) A retiring partner in a firm other than a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership may be discharged from any existing liabilities by an agreement to that effect between the partner and the members of the firm as newly constituted and the creditors, and this agreement may be either expressed or inferred as a fact from the course of dealing between the creditors and the firm as newly constituted.

- (6) A retiring partner in a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership may be discharged from any existing liabilities by an agreement to that effect between the partner and the firm and the creditors, and this agreement may be either expressed or inferred as a fact from the course of dealing between the creditors and the firm.

### **18—Revocation of continuing guaranty by change in firm**

- (1) A continuing guaranty or cautionary obligation given either to a firm or to a third person in respect of the transactions of a firm is, in the absence of agreement to the contrary, revoked as to future transactions by any change in the constitution of the firm to which, or of the firm in respect of the transactions of which, the guaranty or obligation was given.
- (2) This section does not apply to or in respect of an incorporated limited partnership.

## **Division 3—Relationship between partners**

### **19—Variation by consent of terms of partnership**

The mutual rights and duties of partners, whether ascertained by agreement or defined by this Act, may be varied by the consent of all the partners, and such consent may be either express or inferred from a course of dealing.

### **20—Partnership property of firms other than incorporated limited partnerships**

- (1) All property and rights and interests in property originally brought into the partnership stock, or acquired, whether by purchase or otherwise, on account of the firm, or for the purposes and in the course of the partnership business, are called in this Act partnership property, and must be held and applied by the partners exclusively for the purposes of the partnership and in accordance with the partnership agreement.
- (2) However, the legal estate or interest in any land which belongs to the partnership will devolve according to the nature and tenure of the estate or interest and the general rules of law applicable, but in trust, so far as necessary, for the persons beneficially interested in the land under this section.
- (3) When co-owners of an estate or interest in any land, not being itself partnership property, are partners as to profits made by the use of that land or estate, and purchase other land or estate out of the profits to be used in like manner, the land or estate so purchased belongs to them, in the absence of an agreement to the contrary, not as partners, but as co-owners for the same respective estates and interests as are held by them in the land or estate first mentioned at the date of the purchase.
- (4) This section does not apply to or in respect of an incorporated limited partnership.

### **20A—Partnership property of incorporated limited partnership**

- (1) All property, and rights and interests in property, acquired, whether by purchase or otherwise, on account of an incorporated limited partnership, or for the purposes and in the course of the business of the partnership, are called in this Act *partnership property*, and must be applied by the partnership exclusively for the purposes of the partnership.
- (2) No partner in an incorporated limited partnership, by virtue only of being a partner in the partnership, has any legal or beneficial interest in its partnership property.

## **21—Property bought with partnership money**

Unless the contrary intention appears, property bought with money belonging to the firm is deemed to have been bought on account of the firm.

## **22—Conversion into personal estate of land held as partnership property**

- (1) Where land or any interest in land has become partnership property, it will, unless the contrary intention appears, be treated as between the partners (including the representatives of a deceased partner) as personal and not real estate.
- (2) This section does not apply to or in respect of an incorporated limited partnership.

## **23—Procedure against partnership property for a partner's separate judgment debt**

- (1) After the commencement of this Act a writ of execution will not issue against any partnership property, except on a judgment against the firm.
- (2) A court may, on the application by summons of any judgment creditor of a partner, make an order charging that partner's interest in the partnership property and profits with payment of the amount of the judgment debt and interest on the judgment debt, and may by the same or a subsequent order appoint a receiver of that partner's share of profits (whether already declared or accruing), and of any other money which may be coming to the partner in respect of the partnership, and direct all accounts and inquiries, and give all other orders and directions which might have been directed or given if the charge had been made in favour of the judgment creditor by the partner, or which the circumstances of the case may require.
- (3) The other partner or partners will be at liberty at any time to redeem the interest charged, or, in case of a sale being directed, to purchase the same.
- (4) Subsections (2) and (3) do not apply to or in respect of an incorporated limited partnership.

## **24—Rules as to interests and duties of partners other than partners in incorporated limited partnership subject to special agreement**

- (1) The interests of partners in the partnership property and their rights and duties in relation to the partnership will be determined, subject to any agreement, express or implied, between the partners, by the following rules:
  - (a) all the partners are entitled to share equally in the capital and profits of the business, and must contribute equally towards the losses, whether of capital or otherwise, sustained by the firm;
  - (b) the firm must indemnify every partner in respect of payments made and personal liabilities incurred by the partner—
    - (i) in the ordinary and proper conduct of the business of the firm; or
    - (ii) in or about anything necessarily done for the preservation of the business or property of the firm;
  - (c) a partner making, for the purpose of the partnership, any actual payment or advance beyond the amount of capital which the partner has agreed to subscribe, is entitled to interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum from the date of the payment or advance;

- (d) a partner is not entitled, before the ascertainment of profits, to interest on the capital subscribed by the partner;
  - (e) every partner may take part in the management of the partnership business;
  - (f) no partner will be entitled to remuneration for acting in the partnership business;
  - (g) no person may be introduced as a partner without the consent of all existing partners;
  - (h) any difference arising as to ordinary matters connected with the partnership business may be decided by a majority of the partners, but no change may be made in the nature of the partnership business without the consent of all existing partners;
  - (i) the partnership books are to be kept at the place of business of the partnership (or the principal place, if there is more than one), and every partner may, when the partner thinks fit, have access to and inspect and copy any of them.
- (2) This section does not apply to or in respect of an incorporated limited partnership.

### **25—Expulsion of partner**

No majority of the partners can expel any partner unless a power to do so has been conferred by express agreement between the partners.

### **26—Retirement from partnership at will**

- (1) Where no fixed term has been agreed upon for the duration of the partnership, any partner may determine the partnership at any time on giving notice of the partner's intention so to do to all the other partners.
- (2) Where the partnership has originally been constituted by deed, a notice in writing, signed by the partner giving it, will be sufficient for this purpose.
- (3) This section does not apply to or in respect of a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership.

### **27—Where partnership for term is continued over, continuance on old terms presumed**

- (1) Where a partnership entered into for a fixed term is continued after the term has expired, and without any express new agreement, the rights and duties of the partners remain the same as they were at the expiration of the term, so far as is consistent with the incidents of a partnership at will.
- (2) A continuance of the business by the partners, or such of them as habitually acted in the business during the term, without any settlement or liquidation of the partnership affairs, is presumed to be a continuance of the partnership.
- (3) This section does not apply to or in respect of an incorporated limited partnership.

### **28—Duties of partners to render accounts etc**

- (1) Partners in a firm other than an incorporated limited partnership are bound to render true accounts and full information of all things affecting the partnership to any partner or to any partner's legal representatives.

- (2) An incorporated limited partnership is, subject to the partnership agreement, bound to render true accounts and full information in respect of all things affecting the partnership to any partner or the partner's legal representatives.

### **29—Accountability of partners for private profits**

- (1) Every partner must account to the firm for any benefit derived by the partner without the consent of the other partners from any transaction concerning the partnership, or from any use by the partner of the partnership property, name, or business connection.
- (2) This section applies also to transactions undertaken after a partnership has been dissolved by the death of a partner, and before the affairs of the partnership have been completely wound up, either by any surviving partner or by the representatives of the deceased partner.
- (3) This section does not apply to or in respect of an incorporated limited partnership.

### **30—Duty of partner not to compete with firm**

- (1) If a partner without the consent of the other partners, carries on any business of the same nature as and competing with that of the firm, the partner must account for and pay over to the firm all profits made by the partner in that business.
- (2) This section does not apply to or in respect of an incorporated limited partnership.

### **31—Rights of assignee of share in partnership**

- (1) An assignment by any partner of the partner's share in the partnership, either absolute or by way of mortgage or redeemable charge, does not, as against the other partners, entitle the assignee, during the continuance of the partnership, to interfere in the management or administration of the partnership business or affairs, or to require any accounts of the partnership transactions, or to inspect the partnership books, but entitles the assignee only to receive the share of profits to which the assigning partner would otherwise be entitled, and the assignee must accept the account of profits agreed to by the partners.
- (2) In case of a dissolution of the partnership, whether as respects all the partners or as respects the assigning partner, the assignee is entitled to receive the share of the partnership assets to which the assigning partner is entitled as between the partner and the other partners, and, for the purpose of ascertaining that share, to an account as from the date of the dissolution.
- (3) This section does not apply to or in respect of an incorporated limited partnership.

## **Division 4—Dissolution of partnership**

### **31A—Division does not apply to incorporated limited partnerships**

This Division does not apply to or in respect of an incorporated limited partnership.

### **32—Dissolution by expiration or notice**

Subject to any agreement between the partners, a partnership is dissolved—

- (a) if entered into for a fixed term, by the expiration of that term;
- (b) if entered into for a single adventure or undertaking, by the termination of that adventure or undertaking;

- (c) if entered into for an undefined time, by any partner giving notice to the other or others of the partner's intention to dissolve the partnership.

In the last-mentioned case the partnership is dissolved as from the date mentioned in the notice as the date of dissolution, or, if no date is so mentioned, as from the date of the communication of the notice.

### **33—Dissolution by insolvency, death, or charge**

- (1) Subject to any agreement between the partners, every partnership is dissolved as regards all the partners by the death or insolvency of any partner.
- (2) A partnership may, at the option of the other partners, be dissolved if any partner suffers the partner's share of the partnership property to be charged under this Act for the partner's separate debt.

### **34—Dissolution by illegality of partnership**

A partnership is in every case dissolved by the happening of any event which makes it unlawful for the business of the firm to be carried on, or for the members of the firm to carry it on in partnership.

### **35—Dissolution by the court**

On application by a partner the Court may decree a dissolution of the partnership in any of the following cases:

- (a) when a partner becomes, through permanent mental incapacity, incapable of managing the partner's affairs, in which case the application may be made on behalf of that partner by the partner's guardian, committee, next friend or other person having title to intervene or by any other partner;
- (b) when a partner, other than the partner suing, becomes in any other way permanently incapable of performing the partner's part of the partnership contract;
- (c) when a partner, other than the partner suing, has been guilty of such conduct as, in the opinion of the Court, regard being had to the nature of the business, is calculated to prejudicially affect the carrying on of the business;
- (d) when a partner, other than the partner suing, wilfully or persistently commits a breach of the partnership agreement, or otherwise so conducts himself or herself in matters relating to the partnership business that it is not reasonably practicable for the other partner or partners to carry on the business in partnership with the partner;
- (e) when the business of the partnership can only be carried on at a loss;
- (f) whenever in any case circumstances have arisen which, in the opinion of the Court, render it just and equitable that the partnership be dissolved.

### **36—Rights of persons dealing with firm against apparent members of firm**

- (1) Where a person deals with a firm after a change in its constitution, the person is entitled to treat all apparent members of the old firm as still being members of the firm until the person has notice of the change.

- (2) An advertisement in the Gazette will be notice as to persons who did not have dealings with the firm before the date of the dissolution or change so advertised.
- (3) The estate of a partner who dies, or who becomes insolvent, or of a partner who, not having been known to the person dealing with the firm to be a partner, retires from the firm, is not liable for partnership debts contracted after the date of the death, insolvency, or retirement, respectively.

### **37—Right of partners to notify dissolution**

On the dissolution of a partnership or retirement of a partner any partner may publicly notify the same, and may require the other partner or partners to concur for that purpose in all necessary or proper acts, if any, which cannot be done without the partner's or their concurrence.

### **38—Continuing authority of partners for purposes of winding up**

- (1) Subject to this section, after the dissolution of a partnership the authority of each partner to bind the firm, and the other rights and obligations of the partners, continue, notwithstanding the dissolution, so far as may be necessary to wind up the affairs of the partnership, and to complete transactions begun but unfinished at the time of the dissolution, but not otherwise.
- (2) The firm is not bound by the acts of an insolvent partner (however this does not affect the liability of a person who, after the insolvency, represents himself or herself, or knowingly suffers himself or herself to be represented, as a partner of the insolvent).

### **39—Rights of partners as to application of partnership property**

On the dissolution of a partnership every partner is entitled, as against the other partners in the firm, and all persons claiming through them in respect of their interests as partners, to have the property of the partnership applied in payment of the debts and liabilities of the firm, and to have the surplus assets after such payment applied in payment of what may be due to the partners respectively after deducting what may be due from them as partners to the firm; and for that purpose any partner or his or her representatives may on the termination of the partnership apply to the Court to wind up the business and affairs of the firm.

### **40—Apportionment of premium where partnership prematurely dissolved**

Where one partner has paid a premium to another on entering into a partnership for a fixed term, and the partnership is dissolved before the expiration of that term otherwise than by the death of a partner, the Court may order the repayment of the premium, or of such part of the premium as it thinks just, having regard to the terms of the partnership contract and to the length of time during which the partnership has continued; unless—

- (a) the dissolution is, in the judgment of the Court, wholly or chiefly due to the misconduct of the partner who paid the premium; or
- (b) the partnership has been dissolved by an agreement containing no provision for a return of any part of the premium.

#### **41—Rights where partnership dissolved for fraud or misrepresentation**

Where a partnership contract is rescinded on the ground of the fraud or misrepresentation of one of the parties to the contract, the party entitled to rescind is, without prejudice to any other right, entitled—

- (a) to a lien on, or right of retention of, the surplus of the partnership assets, after satisfying the partnership liabilities, for any sum of money paid by the party for the purchase of a share in the partnership and for any capital contributed by the party; and
- (b) to stand in the place of the creditors of the firm for any payments made by the party in respect of the partnership liabilities; and
- (c) to be indemnified, by the person guilty of the fraud or making the representation, against all the debts and liabilities of the firm.

#### **42—Right of outgoing partner in certain cases to share profits made after dissolution**

- (1) Where any member of a firm has died or otherwise ceased to be a partner, and the surviving or continuing partners carry on the business of the firm with its capital or assets without any final settlement of accounts as between the firm and the outgoing partner or the partner's estate, then, in the absence of any agreement to the contrary, the outgoing partner or the partner's estate is entitled, at the option of the partner or the partner's representatives, to such share of the profits made since the dissolution as the Court may find to be attributable to the use of the partner's share of the partnership assets, or to interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum on the amount of the partner's share of the partnership assets.
- (2) However, where by the partnership contract an option is given to surviving or continuing partners to purchase the interest of a deceased or outgoing partner, and that option is duly exercised, the estate of the deceased partner, or the outgoing partner or the partner's estate, as the case may be, is not entitled to any further or other share of profits; but if any partner, assuming to act in exercise of the option, does not in all material respects comply with the terms of the option contained in the contract, the partner is liable to account under the foregoing provisions of this section.

#### **43—Retiring or deceased partner's share to be a debt**

Subject to any agreement between the partners, the amount due from surviving or continuing partners to an outgoing partner, or the representatives of a deceased partner in respect of the outgoing or deceased partner's share is a debt accruing at the date of the dissolution or death.

#### **44—Rule for distribution of assets on final settlement of accounts**

In settling accounts between the partners after a dissolution of partnership, the following rules must, subject to any agreement, be observed:

- (a) losses, including losses and deficiencies of capital, will be paid first out of profits, next out of capital, and lastly, if necessary, by the partners individually in the proportion in which they were entitled to share profits;

- (b) the assets of the firm including the sums, if any, contributed by the partners to make up losses or deficiencies of capital, will be applied in the following manner and order:
- (i) in paying the debts and liabilities of the firm to persons who are not partners of the firm;
  - (ii) in paying to each partner ratably what is due from the firm to the partner for advances, as distinguished from capital;
  - (iii) in paying to each partner ratably what is due from the firm to the partner in respect of capital;
  - (iv) the ultimate residue, if any, will be divided among the partners in the proportion in which profits are divisible.

## **Part 3—Limited partnerships and incorporated limited partnerships**

### **Division 1—Application of Act to limited partnerships and incorporated limited partnerships**

#### **47—Application of Act to limited partnerships and incorporated limited partnerships**

- (1) Parts 1 and 2 apply to limited partnerships and incorporated limited partnerships, except as provided by those Parts or this Part.
- (2) If a provision made by or under this Part relating to limited partnerships or incorporated limited partnerships is inconsistent with a provision made by or under any other Part that applies to limited partnerships or incorporated limited partnerships, respectively, the provision made by or under this Part prevails and the other provision is (to the extent of the inconsistency) of no force or effect in relation to limited partnerships or incorporated limited partnerships.

### **Division 2—Nature and formation of limited partnerships and incorporated limited partnerships**

#### **48—Limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership is formed on registration**

- (1) A limited partnership is formed by and on registration of the partnership under this Part as a limited partnership.
- (2) An incorporated limited partnership is formed by and on registration of it under this Part as an incorporated limited partnership.

#### **49—Composition of limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership**

- (1) A limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership must have—
  - (a) at least one general partner; and
  - (b) at least one limited partner.

- (2) A corporation may be a general partner or a limited partner in a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership.
- (3) A partnership (including an external partnership) may be a general partner or a limited partner in a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership.

### **50—Size of a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership**

- (1) A limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership may have any number of limited partners.
- (2) An incorporated limited partnership must not have more than 20 general partners.
- (3) A limited partnership—
  - (a) must not have more than 20 general partners; or
  - (b) if the partnership is of a particular kind in respect of which a higher number applies in accordance with section 115(2) of the *Corporations Act 2001* of the Commonwealth (and the partnership consisted only of those general partners)—must not have more general partners than that higher number.
- (4) For the purposes of this section—
  - (a) if a general partner is a partnership or external partnership and no partner in that partnership has, under the law of the place where the partnership is formed, limited liability for the liabilities of the partnership, the number of partners in that partnership is to be counted; and
  - (b) if a general partner is a partnership or external partnership and any partner in that partnership has, under the law of the place where the partnership is formed, limited liability for the liabilities of the partnership, the number of partners in that partnership whose liability is not so limited is to be counted but no account is to be taken of the number of partners in that partnership whose liability is so limited.

### **51—Incorporated limited partnership is separate legal entity**

- (1) An incorporated limited partnership—
  - (a) is a body corporate with legal personality separate from that of the partners in it and with perpetual succession; and
  - (b) may have a common seal; and
  - (c) may sue and be sued in its firm-name.
- (2) The common seal of an incorporated limited partnership must be kept in such custody as the partnership directs and must not be used except as authorised by it.

### **51A—Powers of incorporated limited partnership**

- (1) An incorporated limited partnership has the legal capacity and powers of an individual and also all the powers of a body corporate including (for example) the power, whether within or outside South Australia or outside Australia—
  - (a) to carry on the business of the partnership; or
  - (b) to enter into contracts or otherwise acquire rights or liabilities; or
  - (c) to create, confer, vary or cancel interests in the partnership; or

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- (d) to acquire, hold and dispose of real or personal property or of an interest (whether beneficial or legal) in real or personal property; or
  - (e) to appoint agents and attorneys, and act as agent for other persons; or
  - (f) to form, and participate in the formation of, companies or incorporated limited partnerships; or
  - (g) to participate in partnerships, trusts, joint ventures or other associations and other arrangements for the sharing of profits; or
  - (h) to do such other things as it is authorised to do by or under this Act.
- (2) The powers of an incorporated limited partnership may be limited by the partnership agreement.

**51B—Partnership agreement**

- (1) There must at all times be a written partnership agreement between the partners in an incorporated limited partnership.
- (2) The interests of the partners in an incorporated limited partnership and their rights and duties in relation to the partnership are, subject to this Act, to be determined in accordance with the agreement.
- (3) A partnership agreement also has effect as a contract between the incorporated limited partnership and each partner under which the partnership and each partner agree to observe and perform the agreement so far as it applies to them.

**51C—Relationship of partners in incorporated limited partnership to others and between themselves**

- (1) Except as otherwise provided by the partnership agreement or agreed between the partners in an incorporated partnership—
  - (a) a general partner, the partnership or an officer, employee, agent or representative of a general partner or of the partnership is not an agent of a limited partner and the acts of a general partner or of the partnership or of such an officer, employee, agent or representative do not bind a limited partner; and
  - (b) a limited partner is not an agent of, nor fiduciary for, a general partner or another limited partner or the partnership and the acts of a limited partner do not bind a general partner, another limited partner or the partnership itself.
- (2) A reference in subsection (1) to a general partner includes, if the general partner is a partnership or an external partnership, a reference to a partner in that partnership.
- (3) Nothing in subsection (1) prevents the making of, or limits or restricts, an agreement between a partner (the *first person*) and either another partner or the incorporated limited partnership (the *second person*) under which—
  - (a) the first person acts as an agent of the second person and, by so acting, binds the second person; or
  - (b) the second person acts as an agent of the first person and, by so acting, binds the first person.

- (4) Any consent or authority which under this Act is required or permitted to be given by a partner or 2 or more partners or all the partners may, in the case of an incorporated limited partnership and without limiting any other way in which it might be given, be given by that partner or those partners by or under the partnership agreement either in relation to all cases, or in relation to all cases subject to specified exceptions, or in relation to any specified case or class of case.
- (5) Any consent or authority which under this Act is required or permitted to be given by an incorporated limited partnership may, without limiting any other way in which it might be given, be given by a general partner or 2 or more general partners acting in accordance with the partnership agreement.
- (6) A limited partner, as limited partner, is not a proper party to any proceeding commenced in a court or tribunal by or against the incorporated limited partnership, other than a proceeding commenced by the incorporated limited partnership against the limited partner or by the limited partner against the incorporated limited partnership.
- (7) This section is subject to section 65A (Limited partner not to take part in the management of the incorporated limited partnership).

### **Division 3—Registration of limited partnerships and incorporated limited partnerships**

#### **51D—Who may apply for registration?**

- (1) An application for registration as a limited partnership may be made by—
  - (a) a partnership; or
  - (b) any persons or partnerships, or both, proposing to be partners in the limited partnership.
- (2) An application for registration as an incorporated limited partnership may be made, in the circumstances described in subsection (3), by—
  - (a) a partnership (including an external partnership); or
  - (b) any persons or partnerships (including external partnerships), or both, proposing to be partners in the proposed incorporated limited partnership.
- (3) The circumstances are—
  - (a) that the partnership is registered under Part 2 of the *Venture Capital Act 2002* of the Commonwealth, or a general partner in the partnership or a proposed general partner in the proposed incorporated limited partnership intends to apply for registration of the incorporated limited partnership or proposed partnership under that Part, as—
    - (i) a VCLP within the meaning of that Act; or
    - (ii) an AFOF within the meaning of that Act; or
    - (iii) an ESVCLP within the meaning of that Act; or

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- (b) that the partnership is a venture capital management partnership within the meaning of section 94D(3) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* of the Commonwealth or the partners in the partnership or the proposed partners in the proposed incorporated limited partnership intend that the partnership or proposed incorporated limited partnership will meet the requirements set out in that section for recognition as a venture capital management partnership; or
- (c) such other circumstances as are prescribed.

**52—Application for registration**

- (1) An application for registration of a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership must—
  - (a) be made to the Commission in the manner and form approved by the Commission; and
  - (b) be signed—
    - (i) if the application is made by a partnership (including an external partnership)—either by each partner in the partnership or by a person given authority to make such an application on behalf of the partnership and the partners; or
    - (ii) in any other case—by each proposed partner; and
  - (c) where the firm-name proposed in the application would require registration as a business name under the *Business Names Registration Act 2011* of the Commonwealth—be lodged not earlier than two months before the date shown in the application as the proposed date on which business will commence to be carried on under the firm-name; and
  - (d) be accompanied by the fee fixed by regulation.
- (1a) The application must—
  - (a) contain a statement of whether the partnership is to be registered as a limited partnership or an incorporated limited partnership; and
  - (b) if the application is by a partnership (including an external partnership), contain particulars of—
    - (i) the firm-name of the partnership; and
    - (ii) the full address of the office or principal office in South Australia of the partnership (to be called the **registered office** of the proposed partnership); and
  - (c) if the application is by persons or partnerships (including external partnerships) proposing to be the partners in the proposed partnership, contain particulars of—
    - (i) the proposed firm-name of the proposed partnership; and
    - (ii) the full address of the proposed office or principal office in South Australia of the proposed partnership (to be called the **registered office** of the proposed partnership); and

- (d) contain particulars of the full name of each partner or proposed partner or, if the partner or proposed partner is a partnership (including an external partnership), the name of that partnership or, if that partnership does not have a name, the full name of each partner in the partnership; and
- (e) contain particulars of the full address of each partner or proposed partner, being (in the case of an individual) his or her principal place of residence or (in the case of a corporation) its registered office or principal place of business or (in the case of a partnership) its registered office or principal office; and
- (f) contain a statement in relation to each partner or proposed partner that is an individual as to whether that partner or proposed partner is, or is proposed to be, a general partner or a limited partner; and
- (g) contain a statement in relation to each partner or proposed partner that is a corporation or a partnership that is, or is proposed to be, a partner a statement in relation to the corporation or partnership as to whether it is to be a general partner or a limited partner; and
- (h) contain a statement in relation to each partner or proposed partner that is a partnership to the effect that the partner or proposed partner is a partnership; and
- (i) if the application is for a limited partnership—contain a statement in relation to each limited partner to the effect that the partner is a limited partner whose liability to contribute is limited to the extent of the amount specified in the statement (being the amount of any capital, or the value of any property, that the limited partner has agreed to contribute to the partnership or, in the case of a limited partner that is a partnership, the aggregate amounts or values); and
- (j) if the application is by a partnership or persons or partnerships proposing to be partners in a partnership that intends to apply for registration as a VCLP, AFOF or ESVCLP under Part 2 of the *Venture Capital Act 2002* of the Commonwealth, contain a statement that it so intends to apply; and
- (k) if the application is by a partnership that is registered as a VCLP, AFOF or ESVCLP under Part 2 of the *Venture Capital Act 2002* of the Commonwealth, be accompanied by a copy of a document evidencing its status as a VCLP, AFOF or ESVCLP; and
- (l) if the application is by a partnership or proposed persons or partnerships proposing to be a partnership that intends to meet the requirements for recognition as a venture capital management partnership set out in section 94D of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* of the Commonwealth, contain a statement that it so intends to meet those requirements; and
- (m) if the application is by a partnership that is a venture capital management partnership within the meaning of section 94D(3) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* of the Commonwealth, a statement that it is such a partnership; and
- (n) contain such other particulars as are required by the regulations or by the approved form of statement.

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- (2) An application will, for the purposes of this Act, be taken to be deficient and not to have been lodged with the Commission if—
  - (a) it is incomplete or inaccurate in a material particular; or
  - (b) the applicant fails to provide the Commission with any information or document required by the Commission for the purposes of determining the application; or
  - (c) it is lodged outside the period allowed; or
  - (d) the fee payable in respect of the application is not paid (whether because of the dishonouring of a cheque or otherwise).

**53—Registration of limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership**

- (1) If an application for registration of a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership has been duly made, the Commission must register the limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership.
- (2) However, the Commission—
  - (a) must not register the limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership if any general partner would, because of a conviction of an offence, be prohibited under Division 7 from carrying on business as a general partner; and
  - (b) may, if the firm-name proposed in an application for registration requires registration as a business name under the *Business Names Registration Act 2011* of the Commonwealth, postpone registration pending registration of the name as a business name under that Act.
- (3) If the Commission registers a limited partnership or an incorporated limited partnership, the firm-name of the partnership is its name as recorded in the Register.
- (4) On registration of a limited partnership as an incorporated limited partnership, the limited partnership ceases to be a limited partnership and the Commission is to record the cancellation of its registration in the Register; however, in that case, any liability of the firm or a partner in it that arose before its registration as an incorporated limited partnership is to be dealt with as if it were still a limited partnership.
- (5) Registration is effected by recording in the Register the particulars in the statement lodged with the Commission.

**53A—Acts preparatory to registration do not constitute partnership**

Any act done in connection with the making of an application for registration under this Part by or on behalf of persons or partnerships (including external partnerships) proposing to be the partners in a proposed partnership does not of itself create a partnership between those persons or partnerships.

**54—Register of Limited Partnerships and Incorporated Limited Partnerships**

- (1) The Commission is required to keep, in such form as it considers appropriate, a register of limited partnerships and incorporated limited partnerships registered under this Part (to be called the *Register of Limited Partnerships and Incorporated Limited Partnerships*).

- (2) There is to be, in the Register, a division of limited partnerships and a division of incorporated limited partnerships.
- (2a) The Commission may correct any error or omission in the Register by—
- (a) inserting an entry; or
  - (b) amending an entry; or
  - (c) omitting an entry,
- if the Commission decides that the correction is necessary.
- (2b) The Commission must not omit an entry in the Register unless satisfied that the whole of the entry was included in error.
- (3) On payment of the prescribed fee, the Commission must make the information recorded in the Register available for public inspection.

### 55—Changes in registered particulars

- (1) If any change occurs such that particulars contained in the Register in relation to a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership are no longer accurate or complete, the partnership must, within 28 days of the change, give the Commission notice of the change in accordance with this section.
- (2) If a partnership fails to comply with subsection (1) each of the partners required to sign the notice in accordance with subsection (3) is guilty of an offence.  
Maximum penalty: \$1 250.  
Expiation fee: \$160.
- (3) A notice under this section must—
- (a) be in writing in the form approved by the Commission; and
  - (b) contain such particulars as are necessary to correct or supply the deficiency in the Register; and
  - (c) be signed—
    - (i) by all the general partners or by a general partner authorised by all the general partners for the purposes of this section; and
    - (ii) in the case of a limited partnership—if the change relates to the admission of a limited partner, or a change in the liability of a limited partner to contribute—
      - (A) by the limited partner concerned; or
      - (B) if that limited partner is a limited partnership—by all the general partners in that limited partnership or by a general partner in that limited partnership authorised by all the general partners in that limited partnership for the purposes of this section.

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- (4) If the statement is duly lodged, the Commission must record the change in the Register unless—
- (a) in the case of a limited partnership—as a result of a change in relation to the registered particulars, the partnership is not eligible to be registered as a limited partnership; or
  - (b) the change involves the conversion of the firm-name to a business name, or a different business name, that requires registration under the *Business Names Registration Act 2011* of the Commonwealth, in which case, the Commission may postpone recording the change pending registration of the name under that Act.

**56—Certificates of registration**

- (1) The Commission must, at the time of—
- (a) registering a limited partnership or an incorporated limited partnership; or
  - (b) recording a change in its registered particulars; or
  - (c) correcting an error or omission in the Register in relation to it,
- issue to the general partners a certificate as to its formation and its registered particulars as at that time.
- (2) The Commission may, on application, issue to the applicant a certificate in relation to a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership as to its formation and its registered particulars as at the time of the application.
- (3) A certificate under this section is to be in such form as the Commission thinks fit.
- (4) A certificate under this section—
- (a) as to the formation of a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership, is conclusive evidence that the partnership was formed on the date of registration referred to in the certificate; and
  - (b) as to the registered particulars as at a specified time of the partnership, is (unless the contrary is established) conclusive evidence that the partnership existed at that time; and
  - (c) as to the general partners and limited partners in a partnership as at a specified time is (unless the contrary is established) conclusive evidence of the general partners and limited partners as at that time; and
  - (d) as to any other particular of a partnership recorded in the Register as at a specified time, is (unless the contrary is established) conclusive evidence of that particular as at that time.

**57—Commission may correct Register**

- (1) The Commission may, on evidence that appears sufficient to it, correct an error or supply a deficiency in the Register or in a certificate issued under this Act.
- (2) The Commission may accept and register a notice lodged by or on behalf of the partners of a limited partnership to correct an error in, or to supply a particular omitted from, a notice previously lodged and registered and, in that event, the notice previously lodged and the notice lodged under this subsection must be read as one and are both to be treated as forming part of the Register.

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### **58—Liability of limited partner limited to amount shown in Register**

- (1) The liability of a limited partner to contribute to the liabilities of the limited partnership is (subject to this Part) not to exceed the amount shown in relation to the limited partner in the Register as the extent to which the limited partner is liable to contribute.
- (2) If a limited partner makes a contribution towards the liabilities of the limited partnership, the liability of the limited partner is reduced to such part of the amount shown in the Register as remains unpaid.
- (3) If a partnership (the *investing partnership*) is a limited partner in a limited partnership (the *principal partnership*), a partner in the investing partnership has no separate liability to contribute to the liabilities of the principal partnership, but nothing in this subsection affects any liability of the investing partnership as a limited partner to contribute to those liabilities.

### **59—Change in liability of limited partner**

- (1) Any reduction in the liability of a limited partner caused by a reduction in the relevant amount shown in the Register in relation to the partner does not extend to any liability of the limited partnership that arose before the reduction was recorded in the Register.
- (2) Any increase in the liability of a limited partner caused by an increase in the relevant amount shown in the Register in relation to the partner extends to any liability of the limited partnership that arose before the increase was recorded in the Register.

### **60—Change in status of partners**

- (1) If a general partner becomes a limited partner, the limitation on liability does not extend to any liability of the limited partnership that arose before the partner became a limited partner.
- (2) If a limited partner becomes a general partner, the limitation on liability does not extend to any liability of the limited partnership arising after the partner becomes a general partner.

### **61—Liability for business conducted outside the State**

The limitation on the liability of a limited partner extends to any liability incurred in connection with the conduct of the partnership's business outside the State.

### **62—Liability for limited partnerships formed under corresponding laws**

- (1) In this section—

*corresponding law* means a law of another State, Territory or country or jurisdiction that is declared by regulation to be a corresponding law for the purposes of this Part;

*recognised limited partnership* means a partnership formed in accordance with a corresponding law.

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- (2) Any limitation under a corresponding law on the liability of a limited partner in a recognised limited partnership extends to any liability incurred in connection with the conduct of the partnership's business in this State.
- (3) A law of another State or Territory may not be declared to be a corresponding law unless the Minister has certified to the Governor that the provisions of the law are similar to the provisions of this Part.
- (4) The law of another country or jurisdiction may not be declared to be a corresponding law unless the Minister has certified to the Governor that the law provides for the limitation of liability for partners in certain partnerships.
- (5) This section is additional to, and does not derogate from, any rule of law under which recognition is or may be given to a limitation of liability of a partner in a partnership (including an external partnership).

#### **62A—Effect of sections 61 and 62**

No implication is to be taken as arising from section 61 or 62 that a limited partner has any liability (or but for that section would have any liability) in connection with the conduct of a partnership's business outside the State that the limited partner would not have in connection with the conduct of a partnership's business within the State.

#### **63—Contribution towards discharge of liabilities**

- (1) A contribution made by a limited partner towards the discharge of liabilities of a limited partnership is to be in the form of money only.
- (2) If the whole or any part of such a contribution is received back by the limited partner, the liability of the limited partner is restored accordingly.

#### **64—Limitation on liability may not be varied by partnership agreement etc**

The provisions of this Part relating to the limitation on the liability of a limited partner may not be varied by the partnership agreement or the consent of the partners.

### **Division 4A—Limitation of liability of limited partners in incorporated limited partnerships**

#### **64A—Limitation of liability of limited partners**

- (1) A limited partner has no liability for the liabilities of the incorporated limited partnership or of a general partner.
- (2) Nothing in subsection (1) or section 64C or 64D prevents—
  - (a) a contribution of capital or property made by a limited partner to the incorporated limited partnership being used; or
  - (b) an obligation of a limited partner to contribute capital or property to the incorporated limited partnership being enforced by any person to whom the obligation is owed,in satisfaction of a liability of the partnership or of a general partner.
- (3) This section is subject to section 65A (Limited partner not to take part in the management of the incorporated limited partnership).

**64B—Change in status of partners**

- (1) If a general partner becomes a limited partner, the partner remains liable for any liability of the incorporated limited partnership that arose before the partner became a limited partner to the extent that the partnership is unable to satisfy the liability or to the greater extent provided by the partnership agreement.
- (2) If a limited partner becomes a general partner, the partner remains not liable (subject to section 65A(2)) for any liability of the incorporated limited partnership that arose before the partner became a general partner.

**Note—**

Section 65A(2) imposes liability in certain circumstances on a limited partner who takes part in the management of the business of the incorporated limited partnership.

**64C—Liability in respect of conduct or acts or omissions outside the State**

The limitation on the liability of a limited partner in an incorporated limited partnership by or under this Act extends to any liability incurred—

- (a) in connection with the conduct of the partnership's business outside the State; or
- (b) as a result of an act or omission outside the State of—
  - (i) a general partner or a limited partner in the partnership; or
  - (ii) any officer, employee, agent or representative of a general partner in the partnership; or
  - (iii) the partnership.

**64D—Incorporated limited partnerships formed under corresponding laws**

- (1) In this section—

*corresponding law* means—

- (a) a law of another State or of a Territory or of another country or jurisdiction that substantially corresponds to those provisions of this Act that relate to incorporated limited partnerships; or
- (b) a law declared under subsection (3) to be a corresponding law for the purposes of this Part;

*recognised incorporated limited partnership* means a partnership formed in accordance with a corresponding law.

- (2) A partner in a recognised incorporated limited partnership may only be liable for a liability incurred by the partnership as a result of—
  - (a) the conduct of the recognised incorporated limited partnership's business in this State; or
  - (b) the acts or omissions in this State of a partner in the recognised incorporated limited partnership or of the partnership itself or of any officer, employee, agent or representative of such a partner or of the partnership,

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in circumstances where the partner would be so liable under the corresponding law if the conduct or acts or omissions occurred in the place where the recognised limited partnership was formed.

- (3) Subject to subsections (4) and (5), the Governor may, by notice in the Gazette, declare a law of another State, a Territory or another country or jurisdiction to be a corresponding law for the purposes of this Part.
- (4) The law of another State or a Territory may not be declared to be a corresponding law unless the Minister has certified to the Governor that under that law a limited partner in an incorporated limited partnership formed in accordance with this Part and registered or otherwise recognised under that law may only be liable for a liability incurred by the partnership as a result of—
  - (a) the conduct in that State or Territory of the business of the partnership; or
  - (b) the acts or omissions in that State or Territory of a partner in the partnership or of a partnership itself or of any officer, employee, agent or representative of a general partner or of the partnership,

in circumstances where the limited partner would be so liable under this Part if the conduct or acts or omissions occurred within the State.

- (5) The law of another country or jurisdiction (not being another State or Territory) may not be declared to be a corresponding law unless the Minister has certified to the Governor that the law provides for the limitation of liability of certain partners in certain partnerships.
- (6) This section is additional to, and does not derogate from, any rule of law under which recognition is or may be given to a limitation of liability of a partner in a partnership.

#### **64E—Effect of sections 64C and 64D**

No implication is to be taken as arising from section 64C or 64D that a limited partner has any liability (or but for that section would have any liability) in connection with the conduct of a partnership's business or acts outside the State that the limited partner would not have in connection with the conduct of a partnership's business or acts or omissions within the State.

## **Division 5—Other modifications of general law of partnership**

### **65—Limited partner not to take part in management of limited partnership**

- (1) A limited partner must not take part in the management of the business of the limited partnership and does not have power to bind the limited partnership.
- (2) If a limited partner takes part in the management of the business of the limited partnership, the limited partner is liable, as if the partner were a general partner, for the liabilities of the partnership incurred while the limited partner takes part in the management of that business.
- (3) A limited partner is not to be regarded as taking part in the management of the business of the limited partnership merely because the limited partner—
  - (a) is an employee or an independent contractor of the partnership or of a general partner, or is an officer of a general partner that is a body corporate; or

- (b) gives advice to, or on behalf of, the limited partnership or a general partner in the proper exercise of functions arising from the engagement of the limited partner in a professional capacity or arising from business dealings between the limited partner and the partnership or a general partner; or
  - (c) gives a guarantee or indemnity in respect of any debt or obligation of the partnership or of a general partner; or
  - (d) takes any action, or participates in any action by any other limited partner, for the purpose of enforcing rights or safeguarding interests as a limited partner; or
  - (e) if authorised by the partnership agreement, participates in general meetings of all the partners; or
  - (f) exercises any power conferred on the limited partner by subsection (4).
- (4) A limited partner or a person authorised by the limited partner may at any time—
- (a) have access to and inspect the books of the partnership and copy any of them; and
  - (b) examine the state and prospects of the business of the partnership and advise and consult with other partners in relation to such matters.
- (5) The provisions of this section may not be varied by the partnership agreement or the consent of the partners.
- (6) No implication is to be taken as arising from section 65A(3) that a limited partner in a limited partnership is to be regarded as taking part in the management of the business of the partnership merely because the limited partner or a person acting on behalf of the partner does any thing in connection with the conduct of that business that is not referred to that subsection.

### **65A—Limited partner not to take part in management of incorporated limited partnership**

- (1) A limited partner in an incorporated limited partnership must not take part in the management of the business of the partnership.
- (2) If—
- (a) as a direct result of any wrongful act or omission of a limited partner in taking part in the management of the business of an incorporated limited partnership, the limited partner causes any loss or injury to any person other than a partner in the partnership (a *third party*); and
  - (b) at the time of the act or omission, the third party had reasonable grounds to believe that the limited partner was a general partner in the partnership,
- the limited partner is liable for the loss or injury to the same extent that the limited partner would have been liable if the limited partner were in fact a general partner in the partnership.

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- (3) A limited partner in an incorporated limited partnership is not to be regarded as taking part in the management of the business of the incorporated limited partnership merely because the limited partner or a person acting on behalf of the limited partner—
- (a) is an employee or an independent contractor of the partnership or of a general partner in the partnership or of an associate of the general partner, or is an officer of a general partner that is a body corporate or of an associate of a general partner that is a body corporate; or
  - (b) gives advice to, or on behalf of, the partnership or a general partner in the partnership or an associate of the general partner in the proper exercise of functions arising from the engagement of the limited partner, or a person acting on behalf of the limited partner, in a professional capacity or arising from business dealings between the limited partner, or a person acting on behalf of the limited partner, and the partnership or a general partner or an associate of the general partner; or
  - (c) gives a guarantee or indemnity in respect of any liability of the partnership or of a general partner or an associate of the general partner; or
  - (d) takes any action, or participates in any action taken by any other limited partner in the partnership, for the purpose of enforcing the rights, or safeguarding the interests, of the limited partner as a limited partner; or
  - (e) if permitted by the partnership agreement—
    - (i) calls, requisitions, convenes, chairs, participates in, postpones, adjourns or makes a record of a meeting of the partners or of the limited partners or of any of them; or
    - (ii) requisitions, signs or otherwise passes, approves, disapproves or amends any resolution (whether at a meeting, in writing or otherwise) of the partners or of the limited partners or of any of them, including without limitation by formulating, moving, proposing, supporting, opposing, speaking to or voting on any such resolution; or
  - (f) exercises a power conferred on the limited partner by subsection (4) or has, or exercises, any right to—
    - (i) have access to and inspect the books or records of the partnership or copy any of them; or
    - (ii) examine the state or prospects of the business of the partnership or advise, or consult with, other partners in relation to such matters; or
  - (g) gives advice to, or consults with, or is or acts as an officer, director, security holder, partner, agent, representative, employee of or independent contractor engaged by, an associate of the partnership; or
  - (h) is or acts as a lender to, or fiduciary for, an associate of the partnership; or

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- (i) to the extent authorised by the partnership agreement, participates on, or has or exercises any right to appoint one or more persons to, or remove one or more persons from, or to nominate one or more persons for such appointment to or removal from, a committee which considers, approves of, consents to or disapproves of any one or more of the following proposals from a general partner:
- (i) a proposal involving a material change in the nature of the business of the partnership (including a change in, or departure from, any investment guidelines, policies or conditions relating to the business of the partnership);
  - (ii) a proposal for the adoption of a method for valuing some or all of the assets of the partnership (including a change to, replacement of or variation from such a method);
  - (iii) a proposal for an extension or reduction in the period in which, under the partnership agreement, investments (or certain types of investments) can be made by the partnership, or for any approval or disapproval of investments that the partnership does not otherwise have a right to make;
  - (iv) a proposal relating to any actual or potential transaction or other matter involving any actual or potential conflict of interest;
  - (v) a proposal relating to any actual or potential transaction, contract, arrangement or understanding between one or more of the partners, or their associates, and the general partner, the partnership or any associate of the general partner or of the partnership;
  - (vi) a proposal for the delegation, waiver, release or variation of an authority, right, duty or obligation of the general partner;
  - (vii) a proposal for the appointment or approval under the partnership agreement of any person as a senior executive of the general partner or of an associate of the general partner; or
- (j) nominates, selects, investigates, evaluates or negotiates with any person in connection with the removal or replacement of a general partner, or participates on a committee which proposes, considers, approves of, consents to or disapproves of any nomination, selection, appointment, change in control or ownership, suspension, replacement or removal of a general partner or an associate of a general partner; or
- (k) takes any action, or participates in any action taken by any other limited partner, for the purpose of registering or maintaining the registration of the partnership or a general partner in the partnership under Part 2 of the *Venture Capital Act 2002* of the Commonwealth as a VCLP, AFOF or ESVCLP within the meaning of that Act.
- (4) A limited partner in an incorporated partnership or a person authorised by the limited partner may, if and to the extent the partner or person is so authorised by the partnership agreement as in force from time to time—
- (a) have access to and inspect the books or records of the partnership or copy any of them; and

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- (b) examine the state or prospects of the business of the partnership and advise, or consult with, other partners in relation to such matters.
- (5) The provisions of this section (other than subsection (4)) may not be varied by the partnership agreement or with the consent of the partners, whether given by or under the partnership agreement or otherwise.
- (6) No implication is to be taken as arising from subsection (3) that a limited partner in an incorporated limited partnership is to be regarded as taking part in the management of the business of the partnership merely because the limited partner or a person acting on behalf of the partner does any thing in connection with the conduct of that business that is not referred to in that subsection.
- (7) For the purposes of this section, a limited partner in an incorporated limited partnership that is a venture capital management partnership (within the meaning of section 94D(3) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* of the Commonwealth) is not to be regarded as taking part in the management of the business of the incorporated limited partnership merely because of any act the limited partner takes in respect of the incorporated limited partnership in the capacity of a partner or associate of a partner in the venture capital management partnership.

**65B—Definitions etc applicable to section 65A**

- (1) In section 65A—
  - (a) a reference to an *associate of a general partner* includes a reference to—
    - (i) if the general partner is a partnership, a partner in that partnership (a *partner in the general partner*); and
    - (ii) any person who has an interest in the general partner or in any partner in the general partner, whether as security holder, trustee, responsible entity, manager, custodian, sub-custodian, nominee, administrator, executor, legal personal representative, beneficiary or otherwise; and
    - (iii) any person to whom the general partner or any partner in the general partner has delegated any power, authority, right, duty or obligation of the general partner in relation to the partnership or any other partnership in which the general partner is a general partner; and
    - (iv) if the general partner or a partner in the general partner or a person covered by subparagraph (ii) or (iii) is a body corporate, a related body corporate of that body corporate; and
    - (v) a director, officer, employee, agent, representative or security holder of the general partner or of any partner in the general partner or of a person covered by subparagraph (ii), (iii) or (iv); and
  - (b) a reference to an *associate of a limited partner* includes a reference to—
    - (i) if the limited partner is a partnership, a partner in that partnership (a *partner in the limited partner*); and

- (ii) any person who has an interest in the limited partner or in any partner in the limited partner, whether as security holder, trustee, responsible entity, manager, custodian, sub-custodian, nominee, administrator, executor, legal personal representative, beneficiary or otherwise; and
  - (iii) if the limited partner or a partner in the limited partner or a person covered by subparagraph (ii) is a body corporate, a related body corporate of that body corporate; and
  - (iv) a director, officer, employee, agent, representative or security holder of the limited partner or of any partner in the limited partner or of a person covered by subparagraph (ii) or (iii); and
- (c) a reference to an *associate of an incorporated limited partnership* includes a reference to—
- (i) any person or partnership in which the incorporated limited partnership has an interest, whether as security holder or otherwise; and
  - (ii) if a person or partnership covered by subparagraph (i) is a body corporate, a related body corporate of that body corporate.
- (2) In section 65A and this section, a reference to a *general partner in an incorporated limited partnership* includes, if the general partner is a partnership, a reference to a partner in that partnership.
- (3) In section 65A and this section—
- related body corporate* has the same meaning given by section 9 of the *Corporations Act 2001* of the Commonwealth;
- security holder*, in relation to a body (whether corporate or unincorporated) includes a holder of securities (within the meaning given by section 92(3) of the *Corporations Act 2001* of the Commonwealth) in or of the body.

## 66—Differences between partners

- (1) A difference arising as to ordinary matters connected with the business of a limited partnership or an incorporated limited partnership may be decided by a majority of the general partners.
- (2) The provisions of this section may be varied by the partnership agreement or the consent of the partners.

## 67—Change in partners

- (1) A limited partner in a limited partnership may, with the consent of the general partners, assign the limited partner's share in the limited partnership (in which case the assignee will be taken to be a limited partner in substitution for the assignor with all the rights and obligations of the assignor).
- (1a) A limited partner in an incorporated limited partnership may, with the consent of the general partners and the agreement of the transferee, transfer the whole or a proportion of the limited partner's interest in the limited partnership.

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- (1b) If the whole of the limited partner's interest in the incorporated limited partnership is transferred to the one transferee, the transferee becomes a limited partner in substitution for the transferor with all the rights and obligations of the transferor.
- (1c) If only a proportion of the limited partner's interest in the incorporated limited partnership is transferred to a transferee, the transferee becomes a limited partner in substitution for the transferor in respect of the transferred proportion and with all the rights and obligations of the transferor in respect of it.
- (2) A person may be admitted as a partner in a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership without the necessity to obtain the consent of any limited partner.
- (3) The provisions of this section may be varied by the partnership agreement or the consent of the partners.

**Division 6—Dissolution and cessation of limited partnerships and incorporated limited partnerships**

**68—Dissolution not available in certain cases**

- (1) Subject to the terms of any agreement between the partners in a limited partnership—
  - (a) a limited partner is not entitled to dissolve the partnership by notice; and
  - (b) the general partners or the other limited partners are not entitled to dissolve the partnership because a limited partner has allowed the partner's share of the partnership property to be charged for the partner's separate liabilities; and
  - (c) the death, insolvency or retirement or, in the case of a body corporate, the dissolution of a limited partner does not dissolve the partnership.

**Note—**

See section 1C

- (2) The fact that a limited partner in a limited partnership or an incorporated limited partnership becomes, through permanent mental incapacity, incapable of managing the partner's affairs is not a ground for dissolution of the partnership by a court unless the share and interest of the partner in the partnership cannot be otherwise ascertained or realised.

**69—Cessation of limited partnerships**

- (1) A partnership ceases to be a limited partnership if none of the partners is a limited partner or the partners agree that they will carry on the business of the partnership otherwise than as a limited partnership.
- (2) If a limited partnership ceases to be a limited partnership and the former members of the limited partnership, or some of them, continue in association or partnership, that association or partnership is no longer taken to be formed in accordance with this Part.

**70—Registration of dissolution or cessation of limited partnership**

- (1) If a limited partnership—
  - (a) is dissolved; or
  - (b) ceases to carry on business; or
  - (c) ceases to be a limited partnership,

the general partners who were registered immediately before the dissolution or cessation must, within 28 days of the dissolution or cessation, lodge with the Commission a notice, specifying the date on which it took effect.

Maximum penalty: \$1 250.

Expiation fee: \$160.

- (2) The notice must be in the form approved by the Commission and contain the particulars required by the regulations or the approved form of notice.
- (3) On receipt of a notice duly completed under this section, the Commission will record in the Register the fact of the dissolution or cessation and the date on which it took effect.

### **71—Winding up by general partners**

If the affairs of a limited partnership are to be wound up by the partners with a view to its dissolution, the winding up is to be carried out by the general partners unless a court otherwise orders.

### **71A—Winding up of incorporated limited partnerships**

- (1) The regulations may make provision for the winding up of incorporated limited partnerships, including by applying, with or without modification, specified provisions of the *Corporations Act 2001* of the Commonwealth.
- (2) The limit on the penalties that may be fixed for offences against the regulations under this Act does not apply in relation to any regulation that makes provision for the winding up of incorporated limited partnerships.

## **Division 7—Miscellaneous**

### **71B—Execution of documents**

Without limiting the ways in which an incorporated limited partnership may execute a document (including a deed), an incorporated limited partnership may execute a document—

- (a) without using a common seal (whether it has one or not) if the document is signed by a general partner; or
- (b) as a deed if the document is expressed to be executed as a deed and is executed with the use of a common seal or in accordance with paragraph (a).

### **71C—Entitlement to make assumptions**

- (1) A person is entitled to make the assumptions in section 71D in relation to dealings with an incorporated limited partnership and the incorporated limited partnership is not entitled to assert in proceedings in relation to the dealings that any of the assumptions are incorrect.
- (2) A person is entitled to make the assumptions in section 71D in relation to dealings with another person who has, or purports to have, directly or indirectly acquired title to property from an incorporated limited partnership and the incorporated limited partnership and the other person are not entitled to assert in proceedings in relation to the dealings that any of the assumptions are incorrect.

- (3) The assumptions may be made even if a partner or agent of the incorporated limited partnership acts fraudulently, or forges a document, in connection with the dealings.
- (4) A person is not entitled to make an assumption in section 71D if at the time of the dealings the person knew or suspected that the assumption was incorrect.

**71D—Assumptions that may be made under section 71C**

- (1) A person may assume that the partnership agreement of the incorporated limited partnership has been complied with.
- (2) A person may assume that anyone who appears, from information provided by the incorporated limited partnership that is available to the public from the Register, to be a general partner in the incorporated limited partnership—
  - (a) is a general partner in the incorporated limited partnership; and
  - (b) has authority to exercise the powers and perform the duties customarily exercised or performed by a general partner in an incorporated limited partnership.
- (3) A person may assume that anyone who is held out by the incorporated limited partnership to be a general partner in, or an agent of, the incorporated limited partnership—
  - (a) is a general partner in the incorporated limited partnership or has been duly appointed as an agent of the incorporated limited partnership, as the case requires; and
  - (b) has authority to exercise the powers and perform the duties customarily exercised or performed by that kind of partner in, or agent of, an incorporated limited partnership.
- (4) A person may assume that the general partners in, and agents of, the incorporated limited partnership properly perform their duties to the incorporated limited partnership.
- (5) A person may assume that a document has been duly executed by the incorporated limited partnership if the document appears to have been signed in accordance with section 71B.
- (6) A person may assume that a document has been duly executed by the incorporated limited partnership if the incorporated limited partnership's common seal appears to have been affixed to the document.
- (7) A person may assume that a general partner in, or agent of, the incorporated limited partnership who has authority to issue a document or certified copy of a document on its behalf also has authority to warrant that the document is genuine or is a true copy.
- (8) Without limiting the generality of this section, the assumptions that may be made under this section apply for the purposes of this section.

**71E—Lodgment of certain documents with Commission**

- (1) An incorporated limited partnership that was incorporated on the basis that it intended to be registered as a VCLP, AFOF or ESVCLP under Part 2 of the *Venture Capital Act 2002* of the Commonwealth must, within one month after being so registered, lodge with the Commission a copy of a document evidencing its status as a VCLP, AFOF or ESVCLP.
- (2) An incorporated limited partnership that was incorporated on the basis that it intended to meet the requirements for recognition as a venture capital management partnership within the meaning of section 94D(3) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* of the Commonwealth must, within one month after becoming such a venture capital management partnership, lodge with the Commission a statement that it is such a partnership.
- (3) If—
  - (a) the registration of an incorporated limited partnership as a VCLP, AFOF or ESVCLP under Part 2 of the *Venture Capital Act 2002* of the Commonwealth is revoked; or
  - (b) an incorporated limited partnership ceases to be a venture capital management partnership within the meaning of section 94D(3) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* of the Commonwealth,

the incorporated limited partnership must, within 7 days after the date on which that revocation took effect or it ceased to be such a venture capital limited partnership, lodge with the Commission a notice of that revocation or cessation, specifying the date on which it took effect.
- (4) If an incorporated limited partnership ceases to carry on business, the incorporated limited partnership must, as soon as practicable, lodge with the Commission a notice of the cessation, specifying the date on which it took effect.
- (5) A copy of a document or a notice required to be lodged with the Commission under this section must be accompanied by the prescribed fee or, if no fee is prescribed, a fee of \$70.
- (6) A notice required to be lodged with the Commission under this section must—
  - (a) be in the form approved by the Commission; and
  - (b) contain the particulars required by the regulations or the approved form of notice.
- (7) If subsection (1), (2), (3) or (4) is not complied with, each general partner in the incorporated limited partnership is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: \$1 250

**72—Signing of documents to be lodged with Commission**

- (1) A document lodged with the Commission will be taken to have been signed by a person required to sign the document if—
  - (a) in the case of a natural person, the document is signed by another authorised by the person in writing to sign on the person's behalf;

- (b) in the case of a body corporate, the document is signed by a director of the body corporate or a person authorised by a director in writing to sign on behalf of the body corporate.
- (2) A person must, if required by the Commission, produce the written authorisation to the Commission.
- (3) If the Commission is satisfied that it is not practicable to obtain the signature of a person required by this Act to sign a document, the Commission may accept the document for registration without the person's signature.

### **73—Model limited partnership agreement**

- (1) The regulations may prescribe a model limited partnership agreement or model limited partnership agreements.
- (2) The partnership agreement of a limited partnership may adopt any such model agreement (or any part of it) whether as in force at a particular time or as in force from time to time.

### **74—Certain convicted offenders not to carry on business as general partners**

- (1) A person who has been convicted within or outside this State—
  - (a) on an indictment of an offence in connection with the promotion, formation or management of a body corporate; or
  - (b) of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty punishable by imprisonment for a period, or maximum period, of at least three months; or
  - (c) of a prescribed offence against the *Companies (South Australia) Code*, the *Corporations Law* or the *Corporations Act 2001* of the Commonwealth,

must not, within the period of five years after the conviction or, if the person was sentenced to imprisonment on such conviction, within the period of five years after release from prison, continue or commence (or recommence) to carry on business in this State as a general partner unless the person has obtained permission from the Tribunal to carry on business as a general partner.

Maximum penalty: \$5 000.

- (1a) For the purposes of the *South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013*, an application for permission from the Tribunal will be taken to come within the Tribunal's original jurisdiction.
- (2) A person who intends to make an application for permission from the Tribunal under this section must give the Commission at least 28 days' notice of the proposed application.
- (3) The Commission may be represented and heard at the hearing of an application under this section.
- (4) When granting permission under this section, the Tribunal may impose such conditions or limitations as it thinks fit and any person contravening or failing to comply with any such condition or limitation is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: \$5 000.

- (5) In this section—

*Tribunal* means the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal established under the *South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013*.

## **75—Identification of limited partnerships and incorporated limited partnerships**

- (1) In this section—

*document* includes any letter, notice, publication, written offer, contract, order for goods or services, invoice, bill of exchange, promissory note, cheque, negotiable instrument, endorsement, letter of credit, receipt and statement of account.

- (2) Any document issued on behalf of a limited partnership in connection with the conduct of the partnership's business must contain in legible letters the words "A Limited Partnership" (or "L.P." or "LP" as an abbreviation) at the end of the firm-name of the partnership.
- (2a) Any document issued on behalf of an incorporated limited partnership in connection with the conduct of the partnership's business must contain in legible letters the words "An Incorporated Limited Partnership" (or I.L.P. or ILP as an abbreviation) at the end of the firm-name of the partnership.
- (3) A person who—
- (a) issues or authorises the issue of a document in contravention of this section; or
  - (b) being a general partner in the limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership concerned—is aware that documents are being issued in contravention of this section,

is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: \$1 250.

- (4) The certificate of registration of a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership must be displayed at all times in a conspicuous position at the registered office of the partnership.
- (5) If the certificate of registration is not so displayed, each general partner is guilty of an offence.
- Maximum penalty: \$1 250.

## **76—Registered office**

- (1) A limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership must keep in the State (at the place shown in the Register as the address of the registered office of the partnership) an office to which all communications with the partnership may be addressed.
- (2) The regulations may prescribe the hours during which the registered office is to be open and accessible to the public.
- (3) If subsection (1) is not complied with, each general partner in the limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership concerned is guilty of an offence.
- Maximum penalty: \$1 250.

## **77—Service**

Without affecting any other method of serving documents on the partners in a limited partnership or on an incorporated limited partnership—

- (a) a document concerning the business of a limited partnership may be duly served on partners in the partnership; or
- (b) a document concerning the business of an incorporated limited partnership may be duly served on the partnership,

if it is left at, or sent by post addressed to, the registered office of the firm for the time being shown in the Register.

## **78—Entry in Register constitutes notice**

An entry in the Register of any particular fact concerning a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership, including any entry stating the effect of any notice received by the Commission—

- (a) is sufficient notice of the fact or of the effect of the notice to all persons who deal with the partnership; and
- (b) has effect, for the purposes of section 36(2), as if it were an advertisement in the Gazette.

## **79—Giving false or misleading information**

A person who, under this Part, provides the Commission with a document that the person knows is false or misleading in a material particular (whether by way of a statement in the document or by an omission from the document) is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: \$5 000.

## **79A—Offences by partnerships**

- (1) If this Act provides that a general partner (being a partnership and including an external partnership) in a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership is guilty of an offence, the reference to the general partner is to be read as a reference—
  - (a) to each partner in the partnership (or external partnership); or
  - (b) if the partnership (or external partnership) is one in which any partner has under the law of the place where it is formed limited liability for the liabilities of the partnership, each partner in the partnership whose liability is not so limited.
- (2) In any proceeding against a partner for an offence against this Act brought in reliance on subsection (1), it is a defence for the partner to prove that the partner took all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid the commission of the offence.

### **79B—Duty to furnish information**

- (1) For the purpose of monitoring compliance with this Part or the regulations made for the purposes of this Part, the Commission may by notice in writing require an incorporated limited partnership to furnish within a period specified in the notice (being a period of not less than 28 days) or within such further period as the Commission may allow such information as is specified in the notice.
- (2) An incorporated limited partnership required under subsection (1) to furnish information to the Commission must, within the period specified in the notice or within such further period as the Commission has allowed, furnish such information as it is within its power to furnish and must not furnish any information which to its knowledge is false or misleading in a material particular.
- (3) If subsection (2) is not complied with, each general partner in the incorporated limited partnership is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: \$ 5 000.

### **79C—Confidentiality**

- (1) The Commission or a person employed or engaged in the administration of this Act must not, except to the extent necessary to carry out their functions under this Act, give to another person, whether directly or indirectly, any information acquired by the Commission or that person (as the case requires) in carrying out those functions.

Maximum penalty: \$5 000.

- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to the giving of information—
  - (a) to a court or tribunal in the course of legal proceedings; or
  - (b) pursuant to an order of a court or tribunal; or
  - (c) to the extent reasonably required to enable the investigation or the enforcement of a law of this State or of any other State or a Territory or of the Commonwealth; or
  - (d) with the written authority of the person to whom the information relates.

### **80—Statutory declaration**

The Commission may, if it thinks fit, require a document lodged with the Commission under this Act to be verified by a statutory declaration made by the person who signed the document and, if it is not so verified, the document will be taken not to have been lodged with the Commission.

### **81—General power of exemption of Commission**

- (1) The Commission may, if it thinks fit—
  - (a) extend any limitation of time prescribed by or under this Act whether or not the prescribed period has expired; or
  - (b) exempt a person from the obligation to comply with any provision of this Act.
- (2) An extension or exemption under subsection (1) may be granted by the Commission on such conditions as it thinks fit.

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- (3) A person must not contravene or fail to comply with a condition imposed by the Commission under subsection (2).

Maximum penalty: \$5 000.

- (4) The Commission may, at any time by instrument in writing, revoke or vary an extension or exemption under subsection (1).

**83—Regulations**

- (1) The Governor may make such regulations as are contemplated by this Part or as are necessary or expedient for the purposes of this Part.
- (2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), those regulations may—
- (aa) provide for the keeping of records by a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership; and
  - (aab) provide for information or copies of records or documents required to be provided to the Commission by a limited partnership or incorporated limited partnership; and
  - (aac) provide for the form in which any record required under this Act to be kept is to be kept; and
    - (a) fix and provide for the payment of fees (including fees for the late lodging of documents) to be paid by any person under this Part; and
    - (b) fix a fine, not exceeding \$2 500, for contravention of or non-compliance with any regulation.
- (3) The regulations may exempt, or provide for the exemption of, any person or class of persons or any other matter or thing from any specified provision or provisions of this Act or the regulations, in such circumstances (if any) and subject to such conditions (if any) as may be specified or referred to in the regulations.

**84—Relationship with Corporations legislation**

- (1) The regulations may declare a matter that is dealt with by this Act or the regulations to be an excluded matter for the purposes of section 5F of the *Corporations Act 2001* of the Commonwealth in relation to—
- (a) the whole of the Corporations legislation; or
  - (b) a specified provision of that legislation; or
  - (c) that legislation other than a specified provision; or
  - (d) that legislation otherwise than to a specified extent.

**Note—**

Section 5F of the *Corporations Act 2001* of the Commonwealth provides that if a State law declares a matter to be an excluded matter for the purposes of that section in relation to all or part of the Corporations legislation of the Commonwealth, then the provisions that are the subject of the declaration will not apply in relation to that matter in the State concerned.

- (2) The regulations may declare a matter that is dealt with by this Act or the regulations to be an applied Corporations legislation matter for the purposes of Part 3 of the *Corporations (Ancillary Provisions) Act 2001* in relation to any of the following (whether with or without modifications):
- (a) the whole of the Corporations legislation;
  - (b) a specified Act, regulations or other instrument forming part of the Corporations legislation;
  - (c) a specified provision or provisions of the Corporations legislation or of an Act, regulations or other instrument forming part of the Corporations legislation.

**Note—**

Section 14 of the *Corporations (Ancillary Provisions) Act 2001* provides that Part 3 of that Act applies to a provision of a law of the State if the provision declares a matter to be an applied Corporations legislation matter for the purposes of that Part in relation to all or part of the Corporations legislation of the Commonwealth. Such a declaration cannot be made if all or part of the Corporations legislation already applies to the matter as a law of the Commonwealth.

- (3) In this section—

***Corporations legislation*** means the whole of the Corporations legislation to which Part 1.1A of the *Corporations Act 2001* of the Commonwealth applies.

## Schedule 1—Savings, transitional and other provisions

### Part 1—General

#### 1—Regulations

- (1) The regulations may contain provisions of a savings or transitional nature consequent on the enactment of the following Acts:
- (a) *Partnership (Venture Capital Funds) Amendment Act 2005*;
  - (b) *Partnership (Venture Capital) Amendment Act 2008*.
- (2) Any such provision may, if the regulations so provide, take effect from the date of assent to the Act concerned or a later date.
- (3) To the extent to which any such provision takes effect from a date that is earlier than the date of its publication in the Gazette, the provision does not operate so as—
- (a) to affect, in a manner prejudicial to any person (other than the State or an authority of the State), the rights of that person existing before the date of its publication; or
  - (b) to impose liabilities on any person (other than the State or an authority of the State) in respect of anything done or omitted to be done before the date of its publication.

## **Part 2—Provisions consequent on enactment of *Partnership (Venture Capital Funds) Amendment Act 2005***

### **2—Saving of existing limited partnerships**

- (1) The Register of Limited Partnerships kept under Part 3 as in force immediately before the commencement of this clause is taken on that commencement to be the Register of Limited and Incorporated Limited Partnerships required to be kept under Part 3 as amended by the *Partnership (Venture Capital Funds) Amendment Act 2005*.
- (2) Subject to this Act, a partnership registered as a limited partnership before the commencement of this clause is taken on that commencement to be registered as a limited partnership in the division of limited partnerships in the Register.

## **Part 3—Provisions consequent on enactment of *Partnership (Venture Capital) Amendment Act 2008***

### **3—Applications for registration of ESVCLPs or proposed ESVCLPs made before amendments commence**

- (1) The provisions of this Act (as amended by the Amendment Act) extend to an application for the registration of an ESVCLP or proposed ESVCLP as an incorporated limited partnership that was made on or after the day on which the Bill for the Amendment Act was first introduced into Parliament.
- (2) In this clause—

*Amendment Act* means the *Partnership (Venture Capital) Amendment Act 2008*;

*ESVCLP* has the same meaning as in the *Venture Capital Act 2002* of the Commonwealth.

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### Notes

- Please note—References in the legislation to other legislation or instruments or to titles of bodies or offices are not automatically updated as part of the program for the revision and publication of legislation and therefore may be obsolete.
- Earlier versions of this Act (historical versions) are listed at the end of the legislative history.
- For further information relating to the Act and subordinate legislation made under the Act see the Index of South Australian Statutes or [www.legislation.sa.gov.au](http://www.legislation.sa.gov.au).

### Principal Act and amendments

New entries appear in bold.

Year	No	Title	Assent	Commencement
1891	506	<i>The Partnership Act 1891</i>	14.10.1891	14.10.1891
1935	2246	<i>Statute Law Revision Act 1935</i>	19.12.1935	19.12.1935
1975	118	<i>Statute Law Revision Act (No. 2) 1975</i>	4.12.1975	Sch 2—4.12.1975
1997	54	<i>Partnership (Limited Partnerships) Amendment Act 1997</i>	31.7.1997	1.1.1998 ( <i>Gazette 18.12.1997 p1644</i> )
1998	59	<i>Statutes Amendment (Attorney-General's Portfolio) Act 1998</i>	3.9.1998	Pt 8 (s 17)—13.12.1998 ( <i>Gazette 3.12.1998 p1676</i> )
2001	23	<i>Statutes Amendment (Corporations) Act 2001</i>	14.6.2001	Pt 25 (s 92)—15.7.2001 being the day on which the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> of the Commonwealth came into operation: <i>Commonwealth of Australia Gazette</i> No. S 285, 13 July 2001 ( <i>Gazette 21.6.2001 p2270</i> )
2002	33	<i>Statutes Amendment (Attorney-General's Portfolio) Act 2002</i>	28.11.2002	Pt 8 (s 12)—3.3.2003 ( <i>Gazette 27.2.2003 p807</i> )
2005	15	<i>Partnership (Venture Capital Funds) Amendment Act 2005</i>	12.5.2005	Pt 2 (ss 4—72)—2.2.2006 ( <i>Gazette 19.1.2006 p237</i> )
2006	17	<i>Statutes Amendment (New Rules of Civil Procedure) Act 2006</i>	6.7.2006	Pt 59 (s 183)—4.9.2006 ( <i>Gazette 17.8.2006 p2831</i> )
2006	43	<i>Statutes Amendment (Domestic Partners) Act 2006</i>	14.12.2006	Pt 60 (ss 162 & 163)—1.6.2007 ( <i>Gazette 26.4.2007 p1352</i> )
2006	44	<i>Statutes Amendment (Justice Portfolio) Act 2006</i>	14.12.2006	Pt 21 (s 35)—18.1.2007 ( <i>Gazette 18.1.2007 p234</i> )
2008	44	<i>Partnership (Venture Capital) Amendment Act 2008</i>	20.11.2008	20.4.2009 ( <i>Gazette 9.4.2009 p1348</i> )
2009	84	<i>Statutes Amendment (Public Sector Consequential Amendments) Act 2009</i>	10.12.2009	Pt 108 (s 259)—1.2.2010 ( <i>Gazette 28.1.2010 p320</i> )
2012	3	<i>Business Names Registration (Transitional Arrangements) Act 2012</i>	22.3.2012	Sch 1 (c11 7—9)—28.5.2012 ( <i>Gazette 19.4.2012 p1467</i> )

2017 51 *Statutes Amendment (SACAT No 2) Act 2017* 28.11.2017 Pt 32 (ss 185 & 186)—5.7.2018 (*Gazette* 28.6.2018 p2618)

## Provisions amended since 3 February 1976

- Legislative history prior to 3 February 1976 appears in marginal notes and footnotes included in the consolidation of this Act contained in Volume 8 of The Public General Acts of South Australia 1837-1975 at page 1.

New entries appear in bold.

Entries that relate to provisions that have been deleted appear in italics.

Provision	How varied	Commencement
Pt 1	inserted by 54/1997 s 3	1.1.1998
s 1B		
s 1B(1)	s 1B redesignated as s 1B(1) by 15/2005 s 4(3)	2.2.2006
Commission	inserted by 15/2005 s 4(1)	2.2.2006
domestic partner	inserted by 43/2006 s 162(1)	1.6.2007
external partnership	inserted by 15/2005 s 4(2)	2.2.2006
firm-name	inserted by 15/2005 s 4(2)	2.2.2006
general partner	inserted by 15/2005 s 4(2)	2.2.2006
incorporated limited partnership	inserted by 15/2005 s 4(2)	2.2.2006
liability	inserted by 15/2005 s 4(2)	2.2.2006
limited partner	inserted by 15/2005 s 4(2)	2.2.2006
limited partnership	inserted by 15/2005 s 4(2)	2.2.2006
partner	inserted by 15/2005 s 4(2)	2.2.2006
Register	inserted by 15/2005 s 4(2)	2.2.2006
registered particulars	inserted by 15/2005 s 4(2)	2.2.2006
spouse	inserted by 43/2006 s 162(2)	1.6.2007
s 1B(2)	inserted by 15/2005 s 4(3)	2.2.2006
s 1C	inserted by 15/2005 s 5	2.2.2006
Pt 2	heading preceding s 1 deleted and Pt 2 heading inserted by 54/1997 s 4	1.1.1998
Pt 2 Div 1	heading inserted by 54/1997 s 4	1.1.1998
s 1		
s 1(1)	amended by 15/2005 s 6	2.2.2006
s 1(2)	amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
s 2		
s 2(1)	s 2 amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
	s 2 I, II and III redesignated as (a), (b) and (c) in pursuance of the <i>Acts Republication Act 1967</i>	1.1.1998
	s 2 III(a)—(e) redesignated as (c)(i)—(v) in pursuance of the <i>Acts Republication Act 1967</i>	1.1.1998
	s 2 redesignated as s 2(1) by 15/2005 s 7	2.2.2006
	amended by 43/2006 s 163	1.6.2007

s 2(2)	inserted by 15/2005 s 7	2.2.2006
s 3	amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
s 4	amended by 15/2005 s 8(1), (2)	2.2.2006
Pt 2 Div 2	heading preceding s 5 deleted and Div 2 heading inserted by 54/1997 s 5	1.1.1998
s 5		
s 5(1)	s 5 amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
	s 5 amended and redesignated as s 5(1) by 15/2005 s 9(1), (2)	2.2.2006
s 5(2)	inserted by 15/2005 s 9(2)	2.2.2006
s 6		
s 6(1)	s 6 amended and redesignated as s 6(1) by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
	amended by 15/2005 s 10(1)	2.2.2006
s 6(2)	inserted by 15/2005 s 10(2)	2.2.2006
s 6(3)	s 6(2) inserted by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
	s 6(2) redesignated as s 6(3) by 15/2005 s 10(3)	2.2.2006
s 7		
s 7(1)	s 7 amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
	s 7 amended and redesignated as s 7(1) by 15/2005 s 11(1), (2)	2.2.2006
s 7(2)	inserted by 15/2005 s 11(2)	2.2.2006
s 8		
s 8(1)	s 8 amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
	s 8 amended and redesignated as s 8(1) by 15/2005 s 12(1), (2)	2.2.2006
s 8(2)	inserted by 15/2005 s 12(2)	2.2.2006
s 9		
s 9(1)	s 9 amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
	s 9 amended and redesignated as s 9(1) by 15/2005 s 13(1)—(3)	2.2.2006
s 9(2) and (3)	inserted by 15/2005 s 13(3)	2.2.2006
s 10		
s 10(1)	s 10 amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
	s 10 amended and redesignated as s 10(1) by 33/2002 s 12(a), (b)	3.3.2003
	amended by 15/2005 s 14(1)	2.2.2006
s 10(2)	inserted by 33/2002 s 12(b)	3.3.2003
	amended by 15/2005 s 14(2)	2.2.2006
s 10(3) and (4)	inserted by 15/2005 s 14(3)	2.2.2006
s 10(5)	s 10(3) inserted by 33/2002 s 12(b)	3.3.2003
	s 10(3) redesignated as s 10(5) by 15/2005 s 14(4)	2.2.2006
s 11		
s 11(1)	s 11 amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998

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	s 11 amended and redesignated as s 11(1) by 15/2005 s 15(1), (2)	2.2.2006
s 11(2)	inserted by 15/2005 s 15(2)	2.2.2006
s 12		
s 12(1)	s 12 amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
	s 12 amended and redesignated as s 12(1) by 15/2005 s 16(1), (2)	2.2.2006
s 12(2) and (3)	inserted by 15/2005 s 16(2)	2.2.2006
s 13		
s 13(1)	s 13 amended and redesignated as s 13(1) by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
	amended by 15/2005 s 17(1)	2.2.2006
s 13(1a)	s 13(2) inserted by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
	s 13(2) redesignated as s 13(1a) by 15/2005 s 17(2)	2.2.2006
s 13(2) and (3)	inserted by 15/2005 s 17(3)	2.2.2006
s 14		
s 14(1)	amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
	amended by 15/2005 s 18(1)	2.2.2006
s 14(1a)	inserted by 15/2005 s 18(2)	2.2.2006
s 14(2)	amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
s 15		
s 15(1)	s 15 amended and redesignated as s 15(1) by 15/2005 s 19(1), (2)	2.2.2006
s 15(2)	inserted by 15/2005 s 19(2)	2.2.2006
s 16		
s 16(1)	s 16 amended and redesignated as s 16(1) by 15/2005 s 20(1), (2)	2.2.2006
s 16(2)	inserted by 15/2005 s 20(2)	2.2.2006
<i>s 17 before substituted by 15/2005</i>		
s 17(1)—(3)	<i>amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)</i>	<i>1.1.1998</i>
s 17	substituted by 15/2005 s 21	2.2.2006
s 18		
s 18(1)	s 18 redesignated as s 18(1) by 15/2005 s 22	2.2.2006
s 18(2)	inserted by 15/2005 s 22	2.2.2006
Pt 2 Div 3	heading preceding s 19 deleted and Div 3 heading inserted by 54/1997 s 6	1.1.1998
s 20		
s 20(2)	amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
s 20(4)	inserted by 15/2005 s 23	2.2.2006
s 20A	inserted by 15/2005 s 24	2.2.2006
s 22		
s 22(1)	s 22 amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
	s 22 redesignated as s 22(1) by 15/2005 s 25	2.2.2006

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s 22(2)	inserted by 15/2005 s 25	2.2.2006
s 23		
s 23(1)—(3)	amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
s 23(4)	inserted by 15/2005 s 26	2.2.2006
s 24		
s 24(1)	s 24 amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
	s 24 I—IX redesignated as (a)—(i) in pursuance of the <i>Acts Republication Act 1967</i>	1.1.1998
	s 24 II(a) and (b) redesignated as (b)(i) and (ii) in pursuance of the <i>Acts Republication Act 1967</i>	1.1.1998
	s 24 redesignated as s 24(1) by 15/2005 s 27	2.2.2006
s 24(2)	inserted by 15/2005 s 27	2.2.2006
s 26		
s 26(1) and (2)	amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
s 26(3)	inserted by 15/2005 s 28	2.2.2006
s 27		
s 27(2)	amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
s 27(3)	inserted by 15/2005 s 29	2.2.2006
s 28		
s 28(1)	s 28 amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
	s 28 amended and redesignated as s 28(1) by 15/2005 s 30(1), (2)	2.2.2006
s 28(2)	inserted by 15/2005 s 30(2)	2.2.2006
s 29		
s 29(1) and (2)	amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
s 29(3)	inserted by 15/2005 s 31	2.2.2006
s 30		
s 30(1)	s 30 amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
	s 30 redesignated as s 30(1) by 15/2005 s 32	2.2.2006
s 30(2)	inserted by 15/2005 s 32	2.2.2006
s 31		
s 31(1) and (2)	amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
s 31(3)	inserted by 15/2005 s 33	2.2.2006
Pt 2 Div 4	heading preceding s 32 deleted and Div 4 heading inserted by 54/1997 s 7	1.1.1998
s 31A	inserted by 15/2005 s 34	2.2.2006
s 32	amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
s 33		
s 33(2)	amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
s 35	amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
s 36		
s 36(1) and (2)	amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
s 37	amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
s 38		

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s 38(1)	s 38 amended and redesignated as s 38(1) by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
s 38(2)	inserted by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
s 39	amended in pursuance of the <i>Acts Republication Act 1967</i>	1.1.1998
s 40	amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
s 41	amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
	amended in pursuance of the <i>Acts Republication Act 1967</i>	1.1.1998
s 42		
s 42(1)	amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
	amended in pursuance of the <i>Acts Republication Act 1967</i>	1.1.1998
s 42(2)	amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
s 44	amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)	1.1.1998
	(b) I—IV redesignated as (b)(i)—(iv) in pursuance of the <i>Acts Republication Act 1967</i>	1.1.1998
<i>Pt 2 Div 5 before deletion by 15/2005</i>	<i>heading preceding s 45 deleted and Div 5 heading inserted by 54/1997 s 8</i>	<i>1.1.1998</i>
s 45	<i>deleted by 54/1997 s 8</i>	<i>1.1.1998</i>
s 46	<i>amended by 54/1997 s 10 (Sch)</i>	<i>1.1.1998</i>
<i>ss 47 and 48</i>	<i>deleted by 54/1997 s 9</i>	<i>1.1.1998</i>
<i>Pt 2 Div 5</i>	<i>deleted by 15/2005 s 35</i>	<i>2.2.2006</i>
Pt 3	inserted by 54/1997 s 9	1.1.1998
	heading substituted by 15/2005 s 36	2.2.2006
Pt 3 Div 1	substituted by 15/2005 s 37	2.2.2006
Pt 3 Div 2	heading substituted by 15/2005 s 38	2.2.2006
s 48	inserted by 15/2005 s 39	2.2.2006
s 49	substituted by 15/2005 s 39	2.2.2006
s 50		
s 50(1)	amended by 15/2005 s 40(1)	2.2.2006
s 50(2)	substituted by 15/2005 s 40(2)	2.2.2006
s 50(3) and (4)	inserted by 15/2005 s 40(2)	2.2.2006
s 51	substituted by 15/2005 s 41	2.2.2006
ss 51A—51C	inserted by 15/2005 s 41	2.2.2006
Pt 3 Div 3	heading substituted by 15/2005 s 42	2.2.2006
s 51D	inserted by 15/2005 s 43	2.2.2006
s 51D(3)	amended by 44/2008 s 4	20.4.2009
s 52		
s 52(1)	amended by 15/2005 s 44(1), (2)	2.2.2006
	amended by 3/2012 Sch 1 cl 7(1)	28.5.2012
s 52(1a)	inserted by 15/2005 s 44(3)	2.2.2006
	amended by 44/2008 s 5(1), (2)	20.4.2009
s 52(3)	<i>deleted by 3/2012 Sch 1 cl 7(2)</i>	<i>28.5.2012</i>

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s 53	substituted by 15/2005 s 45	2.2.2006
s 53(2)	amended by 3/2012 Sch 1 cl 8	28.5.2012
s 53A	inserted by 15/2005 s 45	2.2.2006
s 54		
s 54(1) and (2)	substituted by 15/2005 s 46	2.2.2006
s 54(2a) and (2b)	inserted by 15/2005 s 46	2.2.2006
s 55		
s 55(1)	amended by 15/2005 s 47(1)	2.2.2006
s 55(3)	amended by 15/2005 s 47(2)	2.2.2006
s 55(4)	amended by 15/2005 s 47(3)	2.2.2006
	amended by 3/2012 Sch 1 cl 9	28.5.2012
s 56	substituted by 15/2005 s 48	2.2.2006
Pt 3 Div 4		
heading	substituted by 15/2005 s 49	2.2.2006
s 58		
s 58(1)	amended by 15/2005 s 50(1)	2.2.2006
s 58(2)	amended by 15/2005 s 50(2)	2.2.2006
s 58(3)	inserted by 15/2005 s 50(3)	2.2.2006
s 59		
s 59(1)	amended by 15/2005 s 51(1)	2.2.2006
s 59(2)	amended by 15/2005 s 51(2)	2.2.2006
s 60		
s 60(1)	amended by 15/2005 s 52(1)	2.2.2006
s 60(2)	amended by 15/2005 s 52(2)	2.2.2006
s 61	amended by 15/2005 s 53	2.2.2006
s 62		
s 62(1)		
corresponding law	amended by 15/2005 s 54(1)	2.2.2006
s 62(2)	amended by 15/2005 s 54(2)	2.2.2006
s 62(3)	substituted by 59/1998 s 17	13.12.1998
s 62(4)	amended by 15/2005 s 54(3)	2.2.2006
s 62(5)	inserted by 15/2005 s 54(4)	2.2.2006
s 62A	inserted by 15/2005 s 55	2.2.2006
s 63		
s 63(1)	amended by 15/2005 s 56	2.2.2006
Pt 3 Div 4A	inserted by 15/2005 s 57	2.2.2006
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s 65		
s 65(2)	amended by 15/2005 s 58(1)	2.2.2006
s 65(6)	inserted by 15/2005 s 58(2)	2.2.2006
s 65A	inserted by 15/2005 s 59	2.2.2006
s 65A(3)	amended by 44/2008 s 6	20.4.2009
s 65A	inserted by 15/2005 s 59	2.2.2006

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s 66		
s 66(1)	amended by 15/2005 s 60	2.2.2006
s 67		
s 67(1)	amended by 15/2005 s 61(1)	2.2.2006
s 67(1a)—(1c)	inserted by 15/2005 s 61(2)	2.2.2006
s 67(2)	amended by 15/2005 s 61(3)	2.2.2006
Pt 3 Div 6	heading substituted by 15/2005 s 62	2.2.2006
s 68		
s 68(1)	amended by 15/2005 s 63(1), (2)	2.2.2006
s 68(2)	amended by 15/2005 s 63(3)	2.2.2006
Pt 3 Div 6		
s 71A	inserted by 15/2005 s 64	2.2.2006
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ss 71B—71D	inserted by 15/2005 s 65	2.2.2006
s 71E	inserted by 15/2005 s 65	2.2.2006
s 71E(1)	amended by 44/2008 s 7(1)	20.4.2009
s 71E(3)	amended by 44/2008 s 7(2)	20.4.2009
s 74		
s 74(1)	amended by 23/2001 s 92	15.7.2001
	amended by 17/2006 s 183(1)	4.9.2006
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<b>s 74(1a)</b>	<b>inserted by 51/2017 s 185(2)</b>	<b>5.7.2018</b>
s 74(2)	amended by 17/2006 s 183(2)	4.9.2006
	<b>amended by 51/2017 s 185(1)</b>	<b>5.7.2018</b>
s 74(4)	amended by 17/2006 s 183(3)	4.9.2006
	<b>amended by 51/2017 s 185(1)</b>	<b>5.7.2018</b>
<b>s 74(5)</b>	<b>inserted by 51/2017 s 185(3)</b>	<b>5.7.2018</b>
s 75		
s 75(2)	substituted by 15/2005 s 66(1)	2.2.2006
s 75(2a)	inserted by 15/2005 s 66(1)	2.2.2006
	amended by 44/2006 s 35	18.1.2007
s 75(3)	amended by 15/2005 s 66(2)	2.2.2006
s 75(4)	amended by 15/2005 s 66(3)	2.2.2006
s 76		
s 76(1)	amended by 15/2005 s 67(1)	2.2.2006
s 76(3)	amended by 15/2005 s 67(2)	2.2.2006
s 77	substituted by 15/2005 s 68	2.2.2006
s 78	amended by 15/2005 s 69	2.2.2006
ss 79A—79C	inserted by 15/2005 s 70	2.2.2006
s 82	<i>deleted by 84/2009 s 259</i>	1.2.2010
s 83		
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heading	inserted by 44/2008 s 8(3)	20.4.2009
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## Transitional etc provisions associated with Act or amendments

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#### 186—Transitional provisions

- (1) Nothing in this Part affects any proceedings before the District Court commenced under section 74 of the principal Act before the relevant day.
- (2) In respect of an application made to the Tribunal under section 74 of the principal Act after the relevant day, a notice given to the Commission before the relevant day under section 74(2) of the principal Act as in force immediately before the relevant day will be taken to be a notice under section 74(2) of the principal Act as in force immediately after the relevant day, provided that the application to the Tribunal is made not less than 28 days after the notice was given to the Commission.

- (3) In this section—

*principal Act* means the *Partnership Act 1891*;

*relevant day* means the day on which this Part comes into operation;

*Tribunal* means the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal established under the *South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013*.

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