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South Australia

COVID-19 Emergency Response (Expiry) (No 3) Amendment Bill 2021

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the *COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020* and to make a related amendment to the *Local Government Act 1999*.

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The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

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This Act may be cited as the COVID-19 Emergency Response (Expiry) (No 3) Amendment Act 2021.

2—Amendment provisions

In this Act, a provision under a heading referring to the amendment of a specified Act amends the Act so specified.

Part 2—Amendment of COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020

3—Amendment of section 6—Expiry of Act

Section 6(2)(b)—delete paragraph (b) and substitute:

(b) 1 December 2021,

4—Amendment of Schedule 2—Temporary modification of particular State laws

Schedule 2, clause 1—after paragraph (e) insert:

(ea) after section 25 insert:

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25A—Special provisions relating to directions under section 25

- (1) The Transition Committee established by the State government in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic (or any other committee formed in substitution for that committee) must include a regional representative tasked with representing the interests of persons living in areas outside of metropolitan Adelaide.
- (2) If a direction is issued under section 25 that affects any person's ability to enter South Australia from another State or Territory of Australia, applications for exemptions from that direction, or for any approval required before the person is permitted to travel into the State while the direction is in force, must be dealt with expeditiously and the Minister for Health must ensure that sufficient resources are available for that purpose such that most applications are able to be dealt with within 21 days after they have been received.
- (3) The Minister must ensure that Members of Parliament are briefed on the effect of any directions or requirements of a kind referred to in section 25(3) within 7 days.

Schedule 1—Related amendment of Local Government Act 1999

1—Amendment of section 302B—Public health emergency

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Section 302B(8) and (9)—delete subsections (8) and (9) and substitute:

(8) The Minister must ensure that a report on a review of the operation of this section is tabled in each House of Parliament before 31 December 2021.

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