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No. 45 of 1969

An Act to amend the Gas Act, 1924-1965.

[Assented to 20th November, 1969.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows :

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Gas Act Amendment Act, 1969". Short titles.

(2) The Gas Act, 1924-1965, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Gas Act, 1924-1969".

(3) The Gas Act, 1924-1965, is hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

2. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting after the definition of "Director of Chemistry" the following definition :—

"gas supplier" means—

(a) The South Australian Gas Company ;

or

(b) any other company, body or person declared by proclamation under section 5a of this Act to be a gas supplier within the meaning of this Act :

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 5—
Interpretation.

and

(b) by striking out the definitions of "President", "standard price" and "gas supplier".

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 7—
Gas examiners
and inspectors
of meters.

3. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the passage "Public Service Commissioner" and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "Public Service Board".

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 18—
Calorific
value, etc.

4. Section 18 of the principal Act is amended by striking out from subsection (1) the sentence commencing with the passage "In this subsection" and ending with the passage "of such gas supplier" and inserting in lieu thereof the following subsection :—

(1a) In subsection (1) of this section—

"supply area" means the whole of an area in which gas is supplied to consumers by means of pipes laid on or to or connected with their premises.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 19—
All meters to
be tested and
stamped.

5. Section 19 of the principal Act is amended by striking out subsection (2) and inserting in lieu thereof the following subsection :—

(2) Every meter issued by a gas supplier and in use on the premises of any consumer of gas shall be tested at such intervals as may be prescribed and, if found accurate, be stamped in such manner as may be prescribed.

Enactment of
s. 26a of
principal Act.

6. The following section is enacted and inserted in the principal Act immediately after section 26 thereof :—

Power of entry
to render gas
supply safe.

26a. If, in the opinion of any employee of a gas supplier—

(a) it is necessary, in connection with the conversion of gas appliances to the use of natural gas, for the supply of gas to any building to which gas is supplied by means of pipes laid on, to or connected with that building to be interrupted or rendered safe ;

(b) there is no reasonably practicable means of interrupting the supply of gas or rendering it safe without entering that building ;

and

(c) life or property may be endangered if the supply of gas to that building is not interrupted or rendered safe,

an employee of the gas supplier, authorized in writing by the gas supplier in that behalf, accompanied by a member of the police force, may enter the building and interrupt the supply of gas or render it safe.

7. Section 27 of the principal Act is amended—

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 27—
Standard rate
of dividend.

- (a) by inserting after the passage “divided among the members” in subsection (1) the passage “after the commencement of the Gas Act Amendment Act, 1969,” ;
- (b) by striking out from subsection (1) the passage “six per cent per annum or such higher rate not exceeding seven per cent” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “seven per centum per annum or such higher rate not exceeding eight per centum” ;
- (c) by striking out from subsection (1) the passage “: Provided that this subsection shall not apply to any dividend paid by the Company within three months from the commencement of this Act.” ;

and

- (d) by striking out subsection (2) and inserting in lieu thereof the following subsection :—

(2) The interest paid by the Company on any money borrowed by the Company after the commencement of the Gas Act Amendment Act, 1969, by the issue of bonds, mortgages, debentures or any other form of security shall be at such rate as is approved by the Treasurer.

8. Section 29a of the principal Act is amended—

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 29a—
Effect of
Prices Act.

- (a) by striking out paragraph (b) of subsection (1) ;

and

- (b) by striking out subsection (2).

9. Sections 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 of the principal Act are repealed.

Repeal of
ss. 30 to 35
of principal
Act.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 36—

Consumer to
pay rent for
standby meter
in certain
cases.

10. Section 36 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out the passage “the Company” firstly occurring therein and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “a gas supplier” ;

and

(b) by striking out the passage “the Company” secondly and thirdly occurring therein and inserting in lieu thereof in each case the passage “the gas supplier”.

Repeal of
s. 37 of
principal Act.

11. Section 37 of the principal Act is repealed.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 38—
Depreciation
and reserves.

12. Section 38 of the principal Act is amended by striking out subsection (2).

Repeal of
s. 41 of
principal Act.

13. Section 41 of the principal Act is repealed.

Amendment of
First Schedule,
to principal
Act.

14. The First Schedule to the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out paragraph 1 of Part I and inserting in lieu thereof the following paragraph :—

1. The calorific value—

(a) of manufactured gas shall be not less than 500 British thermal units (gross) ;

(b) of tempered liquefied petroleum gas shall be not less than 650 British thermal units (gross) ;

(c) of natural gas shall be not less than 950 British thermal units (gross) ;

and

(d) of simulated natural gas shall be not less than 1,350 British thermal units (gross). ;

(b) by striking out paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part II and inserting in lieu thereof the following paragraphs :—

1. As to its purity, the quality of gas supplied by a gas supplier shall be such that when the gas is tested as prescribed, it shall be found to contain not more than 0.5 grain of sulphuretted hydrogen per 100 cubic feet.

2. The purity of gas shall be tested by a method approved by the Director of Chemistry. ;

and

(c) by inserting after Part III a new part as follows :—

PART IV.

SMELL.

1. Gas shall have a distinctive smell.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

J. M. NAPIER, Governor's Deputy.