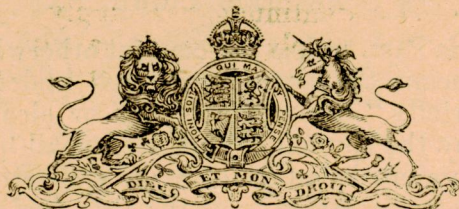


I certify that this PUBLIC BILL, which originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, has finally passed the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of NEW SOUTH WALES.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17 August, 1917.*

New South Wales.



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GEORGII V REGIS.

Act No. 2, 1917.

An Act to provide for the control of the supply, consumption, and use of electricity and gas; to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, the Gas Act, 1912, and the Local Government Act, 1906; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [Assented to, 18th August, 1917.] BE

I have examined this Bill, and find it to correspond in all respects with the Bill as finally passed by both Houses.

DANIEL LEVY,
Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly.

Electric Lighting and Gas Emergency.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Electric Lighting and Gas Emergency Act, 1917."

PART I.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Definitions.

2. In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires, "board" means the board appointed under this Part, and "electricity" means electricity or electric current generated by the council. This Part shall be construed with the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act.

Constitution and powers of board.

3. A board consisting of the Lord Mayor and the vice-chairmen of the four standing committees of the council, for the time being, is hereby constituted to exercise the powers and discharge the duties conferred or imposed on it by this Part.

The board may appoint necessary officers and by resolution provide for the summoning, quorum, and conduct of its meetings, and for publication of its decisions and notifications.

Power of council to refuse to supply electricity.

4. Notwithstanding any agreement or contract entered into by the council with any persons under which the council has covenanted or agreed to supply electricity, the council may upon notification by the board as hereinafter provided refuse to supply or discontinue the supply of electricity either wholly or partially or for any time to any or all such persons without being liable for any costs, damages, or compensation whatever to any person consequent upon such refusal or discontinuance of supply.

Publication of notice.

5. (1) The board may from time to time publish as hereinafter provided notifications prohibiting the consumption or use of electricity other than by the persons

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or classes of persons, or for the purposes or periods or subject to the conditions therein mentioned, and may revoke or amend any such notification.

If any person consumes or uses electricity or permits or suffers electricity to be consumed or used in contravention of any such notification, or fails to comply with any condition in such notification, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five hundred pounds. Penalty.

(2) The council may, without notice, disconnect the service of electricity the consumption or use of which is prohibited by notification under this section, or in respect of which any condition imposed in such notification has not been complied with. Disconnection of service.

6. In the first instance and for so long as the board may deem advisable, it shall in such notification authorise the consumption and use of electricity upon the same terms and conditions as now exist by the persons carrying on the following functions or enterprises, namely—water supply services, public lighting, cold storage, ice making, flour milling, butchering, baking, dairy produce and fish distribution, and such other functions or enterprises the stoppage of which might in the opinion of the board tend to endanger human life or cause serious bodily injury. Uses of electricity to be authorised in the first instance.

7. All notifications by the board shall be published in the Gazette and posted in some conspicuous place at the Town Hall, Sydney. Publication of notifications.

8. The operation of section twenty-six of the Principal Act, so far as the same is inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, and the operation of section twenty-seven of the same Act, are hereby suspended during such time as this Act is in force. Suspension of provisions of Principal Act.

9. This Part shall, if the Governor so declares by proclamation in the Gazette, extend and apply, mutatis mutandis, to any municipal council or any incorporated company which supplies electricity; in which case the board shall, with regard to such supply by such council or company, consist of five persons appointed by the Governor. Application.

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PART II.

GAS.

Power of
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10. Notwithstanding any agreement or contract entered into by a gas company with any persons under which it has covenanted or agreed to supply gas, the company may upon notification by the board as hereinafter provided refuse to supply or discontinue the supply of gas either wholly or partially or for any time to any or all such persons without being liable for any costs, damages, or compensation whatever to any person consequent upon such refusal or discontinuance of supply.

In the event of the supply of gas to be supplied by any gas company under any contract to or for street or public lamps in any municipality or shire being reduced below the quantity or period contracted for such reduction in supply shall not be regarded as a breach of any such contract, and shall not vitiate or affect such contract, but the amount payable to the gas company supplying such gas shall be reduced during such period of reduction by such an amount as shall be agreed upon between the council affected by such reduction and the gas company, and failing any such agreement as shall be decided by the board.

Appointment
of board.

11. (1) The Governor may appoint a board of five persons.

The board may appoint necessary officers and by resolution provide for the summoning, quorum, and conduct of its meetings, and for publication of its decisions and notifications.

Publication
of notice.

Such board may from time to time publish as hereinafter provided notifications prohibiting the consumption or use of gas other than by the persons or classes of persons, or for the purposes or periods or subject to the conditions therein mentioned, and may revoke or amend any such notification.

Penalty.

If any person consumes or uses gas or permits or suffers gas to be consumed or used in contravention of any such notification, or fails to comply with any condition in such notification, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five hundred pounds. (2)

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Disconnection of service.

(3) Any such notification shall be published in the Gazette.

12. The board may, by notification, suspend the operation of the Gas Act, 1912, and Ordinance No. 53 under the Local Government Act, 1906, in whole or in part and in respect of any gas company or municipal or other body or person supplying gas so far as such Act and such ordinance relate to the quality, illuminating power, heating power, purity, and pressure of gas.

Suspension of operation of certain provisions of Gas Act.

Any such notification may be withdrawn by a further notification made by the board to that effect, and thereafter such suspension shall be revoked.

13. This Act shall bind the Crown.

Act to bind Crown.

14. This Act shall remain in force until the Governor by proclamation in the Gazette declares that the necessity for the same has ceased to exist, whereupon this Act shall be deemed to be repealed as from the date of such proclamation.

Duration of Act.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty I assent to this Act.

W. P. CULLEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.
Government House,
Sydney, 18th August, 1917.

*This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.*

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16 August, 1917.

New South Wales.



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Electric Lighting and Gas Emergency.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

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Duration of Act.

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