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(4) Where in any Act, ordinance, regulation, by-law or instrument reference is made to the Height of Buildings (Metropolitan Police District) Act, 1912, such reference shall be deemed to be a reference to the Height of Buildings Act, 1912-1952.

2. The Height of Buildings (Metropolitan Police District) Act, 1912, as amended by subsequent Acts, is amended—

(a) by omitting from section two the words "Provided that space for water tanks or reservoirs, lift or elevator machinery upon the top of a building, although intended to be so occupied, shall not, if constructed on a design approved by the Minister, be taken into account in determining the height of the building" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "Provided that:---

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(c) (i) by omitting from section five the words "If any person erects or increases or causes to be erected or increased the height of any building in contravention of this Act, or otherwise contravenes any of the provisions hereof, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "If any person—

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- (ii) by inserting in the same section after the word "occurred" the words "or discontinue occupying or using the building or any portion thereof for any purpose or purposes'';
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(1A) The regulations may impose a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds for any breach thereof.

#### By Authority:

A. H. PETTIFER, Government Printer, Sydney, 1952. [4d.]



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

> H. ROBBINS, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 25 March, 1952.

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

> G. BOOTH, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly.

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

J. NORTHCOTT, Governor.

Government House, Sydney, 2nd April, 1952.

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> H. ROBBINS. Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 19 March, 1952.

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(4) The Minister in granting any approval under this section may impose such conditions as he may think fit.

(5) The erection, rebuilding, reconstruction, increase in height or alteration of any building which has been commenced before the commencement of the Height of Buildings (Amendment) Act, 1952, may be continued and completed after such commencement as if the Height of Buildings (Amendment) Act, 1952, had not been enacted.

(6) In this section "building" shall not include a building used exclusively for the purposes of public worship, a chimney stack, sewer ventilator or gasometer or any building exempted from the operation of this section.

4A. (1) Where a building—

- (a) has been erected, rebuilt, reconstructed or increased to a greater height than eighty feet or altered in accordance with the plans approved and any conditions imposed by the Minister under section four of this Act; or
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(2) Such signification of approval shall state-

(a) the classification of the building;

(b) the purpose or purposes for which such building or completed portion thereof, as the case may be, may be occupied or used;

(c) the conditions (if any) subject to which the building or any portion thereof may be occupied or used.

The purpose or purposes referred to in paragraph (b) of this subsection shall be the purpose or purposes for which such building or completed portion thereof, as the case may be, was erected, rebuilt, reconstructed, increased in height or altered.

(3) Any approval given under this section may from time to time be varied by the Minister.

(4) No approval or variation thereof shall be withheld under this section if—

(a) the Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales has reported to the Minister that adequate provision has been made in the building or portion thereof to which the approval relates for preventing and extinguishing fires and protecting and saving life and property in case of fire; and

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(b) the proprietor of the building to which the approval relates has certified to the Minister in the manner prescribed that such building has been erected, rebuilt, reconstructed, increased in height or altered in accordance with the plans approved and any conditions imposed by the Minister under section four of this Act, or is in the course of being so erected, rebuilt, reconstructed, increased in height or altered, as the case may require.

- (c) (i) by omitting from section five the words "If Sec. 5. any person erects or increases or causes to (Penalties.) be erected or increased the height of any building in contravention of this Act, or otherwise contravenes any of the provisions hereof, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "If any person—
  - (a) erects, rebuilds, reconstructs, or increases in height, or causes to be erected, rebuilt, reconstructed or increased in height, any building, or alters or causes to be altered any building, in contravention of this Act;
  - (b) fails to comply with any conditions imposed by the Minister pursuant to section four of this Act or to which any approval under section 4A of this Act is subject; or
  - (c) occupies or uses any building or portion thereof for any purpose or purposes other than the purpose or purposes for which such building or portion may be used pursuant to any approval relating to such building or portion as originally given

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he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds."

- (ii) by inserting in the same section after the word "occurred" the words "or discontinue occupying or using the building or any portion thereof for any purpose or purposes";
- (iii) by omitting from the same section the words
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   by inserting in lieu thereof the words "one
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- (d) by omitting subsection one of section six and by Sec. 6. inserting in lieu thereof the following sub- (Regulations.)

(1) The Governor may make regulations not inconsistent with this Act:-

- (a) prescribing all matters which by this Act are required or permitted to be prescribed or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed to carry this Act into effect;
- (b) exempting specified classes of buildings from the operation of section four of this Act;
- (c) for fixing the fees to be paid upon applications for approval under sections four and 4A of this Act and for variations of approval under section 4A of this Act.

(1A) The regulations may impose a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds for any breach thereof.

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#### HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1952.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE.

THE objects of this Bill are-

- (a) to extend the regulatory control over buildings of a height greater than 100 feet to buildings of a height between 80 and 100 feet;
- (b) to apply the Act relating to height of buildings to the City of Newcastle and a further portion of the Sydney Metropolitan Area and to enable it to be applied to other areas by proclamation;
- (c) to permit wireless towers upon the top of buildings subject to certain safeguards and to exempt gasometers from the enactments relating to height of buildings;
- (d) to subject the rebuilding or reconstruction of buildings to a greater height than 80 feet and the alteration of buildings of a greater height than 80 feet to control;
- (e) to prohibit the occupation or use of certain buildings of a greater height than 80 feet except in accordance with approval given by the Minister;
- (f) to increase the penalties for contravention of the Act and to widen the regulation making power.

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#### No. , 1952.

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To make further provision in relation to the height of buildings; to amend the Height of Buildings (Metropolitan Police District) Act, 1912, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

[MR. EVATT;-6 MARCH, 1952.]

**B**<sup>E</sup> it enacted by the Queen'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 5 the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Height of Short title, Buildings (Amendment) Act, 1952."

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(2) The Height of Buildings (Metropolitan Police District) Act, 1912, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the Height of Buildings Act, 1912-1952.

5 (3) This Act shall commence upon a day to be appointed by the Governor and notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.

(4) Where in any Act, ordinance, regulation, by-law or instrument reference is made to the Height of 10 Buildings (Metropolitan Police District) Act, 1912, such reference shall be deemed to be a reference to the Height of Buildings Act, 1912-1952.

2. The Height of Buildings (Metropolitan Police Amendment District) Act, 1912, as amended by subsequent Acts, is of Act No. 58, 15 amended— 1912.

- (a) by omitting from section two the words sec. 2. "Provided that space for water tanks or (Definition reservoirs, lift or elevator machinery upon the "height.") top of a building, although intended to be so occupied, shall not, if constructed on a design approved by the Minister, be taken into account in determining the height of the building" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "Provided that:---
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(2) The Governor may, by proclamation to be published in the Gazette, declare that any area, with boundaries as therein defined, shall be an area in respect of which the provisions of this Act shall apply.

The Governor may in like manner revoke or vary any such proclamation.

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