## New South Wales.



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- (b) (i) by omitting from subsection two of section 13A, the words "the mortgagor or";
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Provided that where the amount of total indebtedness so certified by the Master exceeds three thousand pounds, an appeal shall lie to the Supreme Court.

(6) Where the amount of total indebtedness so certified is less than ninety-eight per centum of the amount of the total balance claimed to be outstanding by the mortgagee in his statement of account, the costs of all proceedings under subsection five of this section shall be paid by the mortgagee, and the mortgagee shall not be entitled to recover any such costs from the mortgage or to add the amount thereof to the mortgage debt, notwithstanding any law or anything contained in any covenant or agreement in the mortgage to the contrary.

(7) In this section "mortgagor" means the person entitled to the equity of redemption in the mortgaged land or if the land comprised in the mortgage is under the provisions of the Real Property Act, 1900, has the same meaning as in that Act.

- (d) by omitting from section eighteen the word "fifty-one" wherever occurring and by inserting in lieu thereof the word "fifty-two";
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(2A) Notwithstanding anything contained in subsection two of this section, an application made by a mortgagor under subsection one of this section for an order extending the date for payment to a date not later than the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, shall not be refused if the court is satisfied—

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Where the court makes any order as to costs, the costs covered by such order shall be borne by the party by whom such costs are ordered to be paid.

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34A. A mortgage of land in New South Wales shall be deemed an investment authorised by the Trustee Act, 1925-1942, notwithstanding the fact that no action, suit or proceeding for the payment by the mortgagor of any principal moneys secured by the mortgage or interest thereon will lie at the instance of the mortgagee upon any covenant or agreement for such payment contained in the mortgage.

34B. Where under any covenant or agreement in any mortgage executed before or after the commencement of the Moratorium (Amendment) Act, 1950, the mortgagor is under a liability to pay or indemnify the mortgagee against the payment of any tax levied upon the mortgagee in respect of the mortgaged property under the Land

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- (h) by inserting in section forty-three after the Sec. 43. symbols "13A" the words and symbols "or (Offences.) section 13B";
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By Authority:

A. H. PETTIFER, Government Printer, Sydney, 1950. [6d.]

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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, 15 November, 1950.





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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.

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

J. NORTHCOTT, Governor.

Government House, Sydney, 23rd November, 1950.



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.

> H. ROBBINS, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 9 November, 1950.

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Where the court makes any order as to costs. the costs covered by such order shall be borne by the party by whom such costs are ordered to be paid.

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This section shall apply only to any such tax as is levied in respect of any period subsequent to the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and fifty.

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# A BILL

To amend the Moratorium Act, 1932-1947, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

[MR. C. E. MARTIN; -7 November, 1950.]

**B**<sup>E</sup> 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 5 the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Moratorium Short title (Amendment) Act, 1950."

(2) The Moratorium Act, 1932, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the 10 Moratorium Act, 1932-1950.

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	2. The Moratorium Act, 1932-1947, is amended-	Amendment of Act No. 57, 1932.
5	(3) (a) The court shall not grant any application for leave to commence or continue proceedings for the recovery of the whole or any part of the principal sum secured by the mortgage, or for foreclosure, unless the court is satisfied that—	mortgagec.)
	<ul> <li>(i) after the commencement of the Mora- torium (Amendment) Act, 1950, the mortgagee has, with a view to dis- charging the mortgage (being a</li> </ul>	
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20	mortgaged property on terms and conditions not less favourable to the mortgagor than the terms and condi- tions contained in the existing	
25	mortgage or where those terms and conditions have been affected by any of the provisions of subsection seven of section twenty-five of the Mora- torium Act, 1930, as amended by	
30	subsequent Acts, section thirty-four of this Act and the Interest Reduction Act, 1931, as amended by subsequent Acts, not less favourable to the mortgagor than those terms and conditions as so affected and the	
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(b) Any term or condition of a new mortgage referred to in subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of this subsection which would operate to exclude the provisions of this Part of this Act shall be disregarded in determining whether the terms and conditions of such new mortgage are not less favourable than those contained in the existing mortgage.

(c) The terms and conditions of a new mortgage referred to in subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be deemed to be less favourable than the terms and conditions of the existing mortgage—

- (i) if under such new mortgage an action, suit or proceeding for the payment by the mortgagor of any principal moneys secured by the new mortgage or interest thereon would lie at the instance of the mortgagee;
- (ii) if such new mortgage fixes a date for payment of the principal sum secured by such mortgage or any part thereof earlier than five years from the date of execution of such mortgage.

For the purposes of this paragraph a mortgage shall be deemed to be one under which an action, suit or proceeding for the payment by the mortgagor of any principal moneys secured by the mortgage or interest thereon will lie at the instance of the mortgagee if—

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- (b) any bill of exchange or promissory note is to be given by the mortgagor to the mortgagee in connection with the mortgage transaction.
- (ii) by inserting at the end of subsection four of the same section the following new paragraph:—

A mortgagor shall not be deemed unable to redeem the property, or to repay a portion of the principal sum, as the case may be, where the mortgagor has unreasonably refused to accept an offer by the mortgagee of the nature referred to in subsection three of this section.

(b) (i) by omitting from subsection two of section Sec. 13A. 13A, the words "the mortgagor or"; (Further provision

provisions as to mortgagee in possession.)

- (ii) by omitting from the same subsection the words "mortgagor or";
- (c) by inserting next after section 13A the following New sec. new section:-

13B. (1) Any mortgagee shall, on request in Mortgagor's writing made by the mortgagor and on tender of a sum of one pound one shilling for the expenses of preparing the account, give to such mort-gagor in writing a full and itemised account as between the mortgagor and the mortgagee in respect of the mortgage. Such account shall be verified by statutory declaration and show the total balance claimed to be outstanding in respect of the mortgage.

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5	(a) order the person who made the statu- tory declaration to attend before the court for cross-examination thereon;
	(b) order the mortgagee to give a further and more detailed account.
10	(2) If such mortgagee without reasonable cause, proof whereof shall lie upon him, neglects or refuses within twenty-one days of receipt of such request and of such tender to give such account he shall be guilty of an offence against
	this Act and shall be liable upon summary con- viction to a penalty not exceeding one hundred

(3) Where a mortgagee is convicted of an offence under subsection two of this section, interest on the mortgage debt shall not accrue in respect of the period commencing on the expiration of twenty-one days after the receipt of such request and terminating upon the date the account is given.

(4) No conviction under subsection two of this section shall affect any remedy to which a mortgagor may be entitled at law or in equity under this Act or otherwise against the mortgagee.

(5) Where an account has been given pursuant to the provisions of this section, the mortgagor may cause a copy thereof to be filed in the office of the Master in Equity, and upon such copy being filed the Master shall fix an appointment for the taking thereof. Upon proof of service of notice of such appointment upon the mortgagee the Master shall proceed, at the time fixed by the appointment, to take such account

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Provided that where the amount of total indebtedness so certified by the Master exceeds three thousand pounds, an appeal shall lie to the Supreme Court.

(6) Where the amount of total indebtedness so certified is less than ninety-eight per centum of the amount of the total balance claimed to be outstanding by the mortgagee in his statement of account, the costs of all proceedings under subsection five of this section shall be paid by the mortgagee, and the mortgagee shall not be entitled to recover any such costs from the mortgage debt, notwithstanding any law or anything contained in any covenant or agreement in the mortgage to the contrary.

(7) In this section "mortgagor" means the person entitled to the equity of redemption in the mortgaged land or if the land comprised in the mortgage is under the provisions of the Real Property Act, 1900, has the same meaning as in that Act.

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	(b) the conduct of the mortgagor in respect of dealings with the mort- gagee;
15	(c) any hardship which would be caused to the mortgagee by the making of an order.
20 25	(2A) Notwithstanding anything contained in subsection two of this section, an applica- tion made by a mortgagor under subsection one of this section for an order extending the date for payment to a date not later than the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, shall not be refused if the court is satisfied—
30	(a) that the mortgagor, by reason of floods during the years one thousand nine hundred and forty- nine and one thousand nine hundred and fifty, sustained losses which, by reference to the amount of the principal sum of the mortgage, were substantial; and
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# MORATORIUM (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1950.

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE.**

THE objects of this Bill are-

- (a) to postpone, for a further period of one year, the maturity date of mortgages subject to the provisions of the Moratorium Act, 1932-1947;
- (b) to provide that a mortgagee under such a mortgage may be granted leave to exercise his powers thereunder before the maturity date of that mortgage upon his offering to the mortgagor other financial accommodation by way of mortgage (not including any "personal covenant") on terms not less favourable than those of the existing mortgage;
- (c) to confer additional rights on mortgagors in respect of mortgage accounts;
- (d) to provide that a mortgage of land may be an authorised trustee investment notwithstanding that it does not include any "personal covenant";
- (e) to limit the liability of mortgagors of land for Federal land tax where a mortgagee is in possession of the mortgaged land.

The Bill includes certain other minor provisions incidental to the above objects.

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