

*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.*

ALLAN PICKERING,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 8 April, 1960, A.M.*

## New South Wales



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Act No. , 1960.

An Act to amend the law relating to the enforcement and variation of certain maintenance orders; for this purpose to amend the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief Act, 1919, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

**B**E 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 the same, as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960".

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(2) The Interstate Destitute Persons Relief Act, 1919, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief Act, 1919-1960.

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

2. The Interstate Destitute Persons Relief Act, 1919, as amended by subsequent Acts, is amended—

Amendment  
of Act No.  
33, 1919.

(a) (i) by inserting in the definition of "State" in section 4. four after the word "Australia," the words "a Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia or a Territory administered by the government of the Commonwealth of Australia under the trusteeship system of the United Nations,";

(ii) by inserting at the end of the same section the following new subsection :—

(2) A reference, however expressed, in this Act—

(a) to a maintenance order registered, or registered by a court, in this State shall be construed as a reference to a maintenance order registered, or registered by or in a court, in this State, whether before or after the commencement of the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960, under the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act, 1923;

(b) to a maintenance order registered, or registered by a court, in a State, other than New South Wales but being a State within the meaning of the Part of this Act in which the reference occurs, shall be construed as a reference to a maintenance order registered, or registered by

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5 or in a court, in the State concerned,  
whether before or after the commence-  
ment of the Interstate Destitute Persons  
Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960, under  
a law of that State reciprocal to the  
Imperial Act entitled the Maintenance  
Orders (Facilities for Enforcement)  
Act, 1920;

10 (c) to a maintenance order confirmed, or  
confirmed by a court, in this State shall  
be construed as a reference to a mainten-  
ance order so confirmed, whether before  
or after the commencement of the Inter-  
state Destitute Persons Relief (Amend-  
ment) Act, 1960, under—

15 (i) the Maintenance Orders (Facili-  
ties for Enforcement) Act, 1923,  
where the order was registered  
under that Act; or

20 (ii) section 16A of this Act, where the  
order was registered under that  
section;

25 (d) to a maintenance order confirmed, or  
confirmed by a court, in a State, other  
than New South Wales but being a State  
within the meaning of the Part of this  
Act in which the reference occurs, shall  
be construed as a reference to a main-  
tenance order so confirmed, whether  
30 before or after the commencement of the  
Interstate Destitute Persons Relief  
(Amendment) Act, 1960, under—

35 (i) a law of the State concerned  
reciprocal to the Imperial Act  
entitled the Maintenance  
Orders (Facilities for Enforce-  
ment) Act, 1920, where the order  
was confirmed under that law; or  
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- 5 (ii) the provisions of the law of the State concerned that correspond, or substantially correspond, with section 16A of this Act, where the order was confirmed under those provisions.
- (b) by inserting in subsections one and two of section five after the words "an Act" the words "or a law";
- 10 (c) (i) by omitting from section seven the words "this Act—"  
 (a) a summons for maintenance has been issued; or  
 (b) a maintenance order has been made,  
 by any justice or by any court not being a court of record," and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960—"  
 (a) a summons for maintenance has been issued by a justice or by or out of a court; or  
 (b) a maintenance order has been made, registered or confirmed by a justice or by or in a court,";
- 25 (ii) by inserting in the same section after the word "made" where lastly occurring the words ", registered or confirmed";
- (d) (i) by omitting from section eight the words "this Act" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960";  
 (ii) by inserting in the same section after the word "made," where firstly and secondly occurring the words "registered or confirmed,";  
 (iii) by inserting in the same section after the word "made" where lastly occurring the words ", registered or confirmed";
- (e)

Sec. 5.  
(Reciprocity.)

Sec. 7.  
(Summons for relief issued in another State may be served in this State.)

Sec. 8.  
(Summons issued and order made to defendant in another State.)



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- (e) (i) by inserting in section twelve of this Act after Sec. 12.  
the word "made" where firstly and secondly (Documents  
occurring the words ", registered or confirmed"; to be sent  
to collector  
in another  
State.)
- 5 (ii) by omitting from the same section the words "in  
favour of any person resident in this State";
- (iii) by inserting in the same section after the word  
"made," where fourthly occurring the words  
"registered or confirmed,";
- 10 (iv) by inserting in paragraph (a) of the same section  
after the word "made" where thirdly occurring  
the words ", registered or confirmed";
- (v) by omitting from the same paragraph the words  
"and the seal thereof";
- 15 (vi) by inserting in paragraph (c) of the same section  
after the word "made" the words ", registered  
or confirmed";
- (f) (i) by inserting in paragraph (a) of subsection one Sec. 13.  
of section thirteen after the word "made" where (Notice of  
thirdly occurring the words ", registered or intention  
confirmed"; to apply  
to make  
orders  
enforceable  
in this  
State.)
- 20 (ii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words  
", not being a court of record,";
- (iii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words  
"and the seal thereof, such order, in any case,  
25 being made in favour of any person resident in  
such State";
- (iv) by omitting from subsection two of the same  
section the words "authenticated, or sealed"  
30 wherever occurring and by inserting in lieu  
thereof the words "or authenticated";
- (v) by omitting from the same subsection the words  
"or seal";
- (g) (i) by inserting in subsection one of section fourteen Sec. 14.  
after the word "made" where secondly occur- (Direction  
ring the words ", registered or confirmed"; that order  
be enforced.)
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- (ii) by inserting in subsection two of the same section after the word "made," the words "registered or confirmed";
- 5 (h) by omitting section sixteen and by inserting in lieu thereof the following sections :—
- Subst.  
sec. 16  
and new  
sec. 16A.  
Procedure  
for enforcing  
orders.
16. (1) A maintenance order made enforceable, under the provisions of this Act, in this State shall—
- 10 (a) where the order was made or registered by the Supreme Court of the other State concerned—be enforceable under section 90A or 90B of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts, in the same manner as if it had been made or registered by the Supreme Court of this State;
- 15 (b) where the order was made, registered or confirmed in the other State concerned otherwise than by the Supreme Court of that State—be enforceable—
- 20 (i) where the order is an order in affiliation proceedings—under the Child Welfare Act, 1939, as amended by subsequent Acts, in the same manner as if it had been made under Part XVI of that Act;
- 25 (ii) in any other case—in the same manner as if it had been made under the Deserted Wives and Children Act, 1901, as amended by subsequent Acts;
- 30 (c) where it is not practicable to enforce it in any manner specified in the foregoing provisions of this section—be enforceable in the manner prescribed by the Justices Act, 1902, for enforcing an order for the payment of money.

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(2) A maintenance order made enforceable, under the provisions of this Act, in this State shall be enforceable only at the instance of—

- (a) the collector;
- 5 (b) an assistant collector; or
- (c) a person, being an officer of the Child Welfare Department or an officer of the petty sessions branch of the Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice or a member
- 10 of the police force, authorised in writing in that behalf by the collector in relation to the specific case.

(3) A document purporting to be an authority of the kind referred to in subsection two of this section, and to be signed by the collector shall, for the purposes of this Act, without proof of the signature appearing on the document, be deemed to be what it purports to be, and to be duly signed, until the contrary is proved.

16A. (1) (a) Where a maintenance order made in another State (in this subsection referred to as the original order) is, by virtue of the provisions of this Act, being enforced in this State against a person in this State, that person may apply in the prescribed manner to a children's court for an order that the order being so enforced should be varied, suspended or discharged.

Power to apply in this State for variation of interstate order being enforced in this State. cf. Vict. Act No. 6116, s. 58; S.A. 1958 No. 13, s. 3.

(b) Notice of the application shall be served personally or by post not less than fourteen days before the date of the hearing of the application on—

- (i) the collector appointed in the State in which the original order was made; and
- (ii) the collector.

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5 (c) Where on the hearing of the appli-  
cation it appears to the children's court that it is  
just that the original order should be varied, sus-  
pended or discharged, it may make such order vary-  
ing, suspending or discharging the original order as  
it thinks fit, but an order so made shall be provisional  
only and shall have no effect until confirmed by a  
court in the State in which the original order was  
made that has power to vary, suspend or discharge  
10 the original order.

15 (d) Where a provisional order is made  
by the children's court under this section a copy of  
the order certified by the clerk of the court to be a  
true copy and the depositions in the matter shall be  
forwarded by that clerk to the collector appointed  
in the State in which the original order was made.

20 (2) (a) Where, pursuant to the provisions  
in the law of another State that correspond with this  
section, the collector receives a copy of an order  
(certified by the proper officer of the court that  
made the order to be a true copy) provisionally  
varying, suspending or discharging a maintenance  
order (in this subsection referred to as the original  
order) made in this State and depositions made and  
25 taken in the matter under those provisions, an  
authorised officer shall apply on behalf of the appli-  
cant in the matter to a court that has power to vary,  
suspend or discharge the original order for an order  
confirming the provisional order.

30 (b) Notice in the prescribed form of an  
application under paragraph (a) of this subsection  
shall be served by the authorised officer not less than  
fourteen days before the date of the hearing of the  
application on the person in whose favour the  
original order was made either personally or by post  
35 addressed to his last known place of residence.

(c)



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(c) Upon the hearing of the application the court may—

- (i) confirm or discharge the provisional order with or without any modification ; or
- 5 (ii) remit the provisional order to the court that made it for the purpose of taking such further evidence as the court hearing the application may request and adjourn the proceedings for the purpose.

10 (d) Any party shall have the same right of appeal against—

- (i) an order confirming a provisional order as he would have had against the making of the provisional order if the provisional order had been an order made by the court confirming the provisional order ;
- 15 (ii) an order discharging a provisional order as he would have had if all proceedings on the application to vary, suspend or discharge, as the case may be, the original order had been taken in the court discharging the provisional order and the order discharging the provisional order had been an order refusing the application.

25 (e) In this subsection “authorised officer” means—

- (i) the collector ;
- (ii) an assistant collector ; or
- 30 (iii) a person, being an officer of the Child Welfare Department or an officer of the petty sessions branch of the Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice or a member of the police force, authorised in writing in that behalf by the collector in relation to the specific case.

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5 (3) Where, pursuant to the provisions in the  
law of another State that correspond with this section,  
a provisional order has been remitted to a children's  
court for the purpose of taking further evidence, the  
court shall, after giving the prescribed notice, take  
the further evidence and such other evidence as it  
thinks fit and may either discharge the provisional  
order or transmit the provisional order together with  
the depositions of the further or other evidence to  
10 the court that requested the taking of further  
evidence.

15 (4) The evidence of any witness who is  
examined pursuant to this section shall be put into  
writing, and the deposition shall be read over to,  
and signed by, the witness.

(5) Depositions taken under the provisions  
in the law of another State that correspond with  
this section may be received in evidence in proceed-  
ings under this section.

20 (6) For the purposes of this section, a docu-  
ment purporting to be signed by an officer of a  
court in another State shall, until the contrary is  
proved, be deemed to have been so signed without  
proof of the signature or official character of the  
25 person appearing to have signed it, and the officer  
of a court by whom a document is signed shall, until  
the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been  
the proper officer of the court to sign the document.

30 (7) In this section "children's court" means  
a children's court and includes a magistrate exercis-  
ing the jurisdiction of a children's court.

- (i) by inserting in subsection two of section eighteen  
after the word "made," the words "registered or  
confirmed";
- (j) Sec. 18.  
(Certificate  
or affidavit  
of collector  
sufficient  
evidence of  
payment.)



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- (j) (i) by omitting from subsection one of section Sec. 23.  
 twenty-three the word "The" where firstly (Regulations  
 occurring and by inserting in lieu thereof the and rules  
 words "Subject to subsection (2A) of this sec- of court.)  
 tion, the";
- (ii) by omitting from paragraph (f) of the same  
 subsection the word "and";
- (iii) by inserting next after the same paragraph the  
 following new paragraph :—
- (f1) the practice and procedure in respect of  
 summary proceedings of any kind under  
 this Act and the facilitation of communi-  
 cations between a court of summary  
 jurisdiction in this State and courts in  
 other States.
- (iv) by inserting next after subsection two of the  
 same section the following new subsections :—
- (2A) The judges of the Supreme Court or  
 any five of them may make rules of court  
 prescribing the practice and procedure in respect  
 of proceedings of any kind before the Supreme  
 Court under this Act and for facilitating com-  
 munications between the Supreme Court and  
 courts in other States.
- (2B) The provisions of subsections two and  
 three of section ninety-one of the Matrimonial  
 Causes Act 1899, as amended by subsequent  
 Acts, apply to and in respect of the business  
 that may be transacted, and the authority and  
 jurisdiction that may be exercised, under this  
 Act by the Supreme Court in its matrimonial  
 causes jurisdiction.
- The provisions of section ninety-four of that  
 Act apply to and in respect of any power and  
 jurisdiction that may be delegated pursuant to  
 the operation of this subsection.

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- (v) by inserting in subsection three of the same section after the word "regulations" wherever occurring the words "or rules";
- 5 (vi) by inserting in subsection three of the same section after the word "regulation" wherever occurring the words "or rule";
- 10 (k) (i) by omitting from paragraph two of the Schedule the word "made" where firstly occurring and by inserting in lieu thereof the words and symbols "[made or registered or confirmed as the case may be]";
- (ii) by inserting in paragraph three of the Schedule after the words "the said order" the words "or the confirmation of the said order".



No. , 1960.

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## A BILL

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[MR. HAWKINS;—31 *March*, 1960.]

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Amendment  
of Act No.  
33, 1919.

- 10 (a) (i) by inserting in the definition of "State" in section four after the word "Australia," the words "a Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia or a Territory administered by the government of the Commonwealth of Australia under the trusteeship system of the United Nations,";
- 15 (ii) by inserting at the end of the same section the following new subsection:—
- (2) A reference, however expressed, in this Act—
- 20 (a) to a maintenance order registered, or registered by a court, in this State shall be construed as a reference to a maintenance order registered, or registered by or in a court, in this State, whether before or after the commencement of the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960, under the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act, 1923;
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- 30 (b) to a maintenance order registered, or registered by a court, in a State, other than New South Wales but being a State within the meaning of the Part of this Act in which the reference occurs, shall be construed as a reference to a maintenance order registered, or registered by
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or



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- 5 or in a court, in the State concerned,  
whether before or after the commence-  
ment of the Interstate Destitute Persons  
Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960, under  
a law of that State reciprocal to the  
Imperial Act entitled the Maintenance  
Orders (Facilities for Enforcement)  
Act, 1920;
- 10 (c) to a maintenance order confirmed, or  
confirmed by a court, in this State shall  
be construed as a reference to a mainten-  
ance order so confirmed, whether before  
or after the commencement of the Inter-  
state Destitute Persons Relief (Amend-  
ment) Act, 1960, under—
- 15 (i) the Maintenance Orders (Facili-  
ties for Enforcement) Act, 1923,  
where the order was registered  
under that Act; or
- 20 (ii) section 16A of this Act, where the  
order was registered under that  
section;
- 25 (d) to a maintenance order confirmed, or  
confirmed by a court, in a State, other  
than New South Wales but being a State  
within the meaning of the Part of this  
Act in which the reference occurs, shall  
be construed as a reference to a main-  
tenance order so confirmed, whether  
30 before or after the commencement of the  
Interstate Destitute Persons Relief  
(Amendment) Act, 1960, under—
- 35 (i) a law of the State concerned  
reciprocal to the Imperial Act  
entitled the Maintenance  
Orders (Facilities for Enforce-  
ment) Act, 1920, where the order  
was confirmed under that law; or  
(ii)



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- 5 (ii) the provisions of the law of the State concerned that correspond, or substantially correspond, with section 16A of this Act, where the order was confirmed under those provisions.
- (b) by inserting in subsections one and two of section 5. five after the words "an Act" the words "or a law"; (Reciprocity.)
- 10 (c) (i) by omitting from section seven the words "this Act— Sec. 7.  
(Summons for relief issued in another State may be served in this State.)
- (a) a summons for maintenance has been issued; or
- (b) a maintenance order has been made, by any justice or by any court not being a court of record," and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960—
- 15 (a) a summons for maintenance has been issued by a justice or by or out of a court; or
- 20 (b) a maintenance order has been made, registered or confirmed by a justice or by or in a court,";
- 25 (ii) by inserting in the same section after the word "made" where lastly occurring the words ", registered or confirmed";
- (d) (i) by omitting from section eight the words "this Act" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960"; Sec. 8.  
(Summons issued and order made to defendant in another State.)
- 30 (ii) by inserting in the same section after the word "made," where firstly and secondly occurring the words "registered or confirmed,";
- 35 (iii) by inserting in the same section after the word "made" where lastly occurring the words ", registered or confirmed";
- (e)



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- (e) (i) by inserting in section twelve of this Act after the word "made" where firstly and secondly occurring the words ", registered or confirmed"; Sec. 12. (Documents to be sent to collector in another State.)
- 5 (ii) by omitting from the same section the words "in favour of any person resident in this State";
- (iii) by inserting in the same section after the word "made," where fourthly occurring the words "registered or confirmed,";
- 10 (iv) by inserting in paragraph (a) of the same section after the word "made" where thirdly occurring the words ", registered or confirmed";
- (v) by omitting from the same paragraph the words "and the seal thereof";
- 15 (vi) by inserting in paragraph (c) of the same section after the word "made" the words ", registered or confirmed";
- (f) (i) by inserting in paragraph (a) of subsection one of section thirteen after the word "made" where thirdly occurring the words ", registered or confirmed"; Sec. 13. (Notice of intention to apply to make orders enforceable in this State.)
- 20 (ii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words ", not being a court of record,";
- (iii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words "and the seal thereof, such order, in any case, being made in favour of any person resident in such State";
- 25 (iv) by omitting from subsection two of the same section the words "authenticated, or sealed" wherever occurring and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "or authenticated";
- 30 (v) by omitting from the same subsection the words "or seal";
- (g) (i) by inserting in subsection one of section fourteen after the word "made" where secondly occurring the words ", registered or confirmed"; Sec. 14. (Direction that order be enforced.)
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(ii)



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(ii) by inserting in subsection two of the same section after the word "made," the words "registered or confirmed";

5 (h) by omitting section sixteen and by inserting in lieu thereof the following sections :—

Subst.  
sec. 16  
and new  
sec. 16A.  
  
Procedure  
for enforcing  
orders.

16. (1) A maintenance order made enforceable, under the provisions of this Act, in this State shall—

10 (a) where the order was made or registered by the Supreme Court of the other State concerned—be enforceable under section 90A or 90B of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts, in the same manner as if it had been made or registered by the Supreme Court of this State;

15 (b) where the order was made, registered or confirmed in the other State concerned otherwise than by the Supreme Court of that State—be enforceable—

20 (i) where the order is an order in affiliation proceedings—under the Child Welfare Act, 1939, as amended by subsequent Acts, in the same manner as if it had been made under Part XVI of that Act;

25 (ii) in any other case—in the same manner as if it had been made under the Deserted Wives and Children Act, 1901, as amended by subsequent Acts;

30 (c) where it is not practicable to enforce it in any manner specified in the foregoing provisions of this section—be enforceable in the manner prescribed by the Justices Act, 1902, for enforcing an order for the payment of money.

(2)



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(2) A maintenance order made enforceable, under the provisions of this Act, in this State shall be enforceable only at the instance of—

- (a) the collector;
- 5 (b) an assistant collector; or
- (c) a person, being an officer of the Child Welfare Department or an officer of the petty sessions branch of the Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice or a member of the police force, authorised in writing in that behalf by the collector in relation to the specific case.
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(3) A document purporting to be an authority of the kind referred to in subsection two of this section, and to be signed by the collector shall, for the purposes of this Act, without proof of the signature appearing on the document, be deemed to be what it purports to be, and to be duly signed, until the contrary is proved.

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16A. (1) (a) Where a maintenance order made in another State (in this subsection referred to as the original order) is, by virtue of the provisions of this Act, being enforced in this State against a person in this State, that person may apply in the prescribed manner to a children's court for an order that the order being so enforced should be varied, suspended or discharged.

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Power to apply in this State for variation of interstate order being enforced in this State. cf. Vict. Act No. 6116, s. 58; S.A. 1958 No. 13, s. 3.

(b) Notice of the application shall be served personally or by post not less than fourteen days before the date of the hearing of the application on—

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- (i) the collector appointed in the State in which the original order was made; and
- (ii) the collector.

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5 (c) Where on the hearing of the appli-  
cation it appears to the children's court that it is  
just that the original order should be varied, sus-  
pended or discharged, it may make such order vary-  
ing, suspending or discharging the original order as  
it thinks fit, but an order so made shall be provisional  
only and shall have no effect until confirmed by a  
court in the State in which the original order was  
made that has power to vary, suspend or discharge  
10 the original order.

(d) Where a provisional order is made  
by the children's court under this section a copy of  
the order certified by the clerk of the court to be a  
true copy and the depositions in the matter shall be  
15 forwarded by that clerk to the collector appointed  
in the State in which the original order was made.

(2) (a) Where, pursuant to the provisions  
in the law of another State that correspond with this  
section, the collector receives a copy of an order  
20 (certified by the proper officer of the court that  
made the order to be a true copy) provisionally  
varying, suspending or discharging a maintenance  
order (in this subsection referred to as the original  
order) made in this State and depositions made and  
25 taken in the matter under those provisions, an  
authorised officer shall apply on behalf of the appli-  
cant in the matter to a court that has power to vary,  
suspend or discharge the original order for an order  
confirming the provisional order.

30 (b) Notice in the prescribed form of an  
application under paragraph (a) of this subsection  
shall be served by the authorised officer not less than  
fourteen days before the date of the hearing of the  
application on the person in whose favour the  
35 original order was made either personally or by post  
addressed to his last known place of residence.

(c)



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(c) Upon the hearing of the application the court may—

(i) confirm or discharge the provisional order with or without any modification; or

5 (ii) remit the provisional order to the court that made it for the purpose of taking such further evidence as the court hearing the application may request and adjourn the proceedings for the purpose.

10 (d) Any party shall have the same right of appeal against—

(i) an order confirming a provisional order as he would have had against the making of the provisional order if the provisional order had been an order made by the court confirming the provisional order;

(ii) an order discharging a provisional order as he would have had if all proceedings on the application to vary, suspend or discharge, as the case may be, the original order had been taken in the court discharging the provisional order and the order discharging the provisional order had been an order refusing the application.

25 (e) In this subsection “authorised officer” means—

(i) the collector;

(ii) an assistant collector; or

30 (iii) a person, being an officer of the Child Welfare Department or an officer of the petty sessions branch of the Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice or a member of the police force, authorised in writing in that behalf by the collector in relation to the specific case.

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5 (3) Where, pursuant to the provisions in the  
law of another State that correspond with this section,  
a provisional order has been remitted to a children's  
court for the purpose of taking further evidence, the  
court shall, after giving the prescribed notice, take  
the further evidence and such other evidence as it  
thinks fit and may either discharge the provisional  
order or transmit the provisional order together with  
the depositions of the further or other evidence to  
10 the court that requested the taking of further  
evidence.

15 (4) The evidence of any witness who is  
examined pursuant to this section shall be put into  
writing, and the deposition shall be read over to,  
and signed by, the witness.

(5) Depositions taken under the provisions  
in the law of another State that correspond with  
this section may be received in evidence in proceed-  
ings under this section.

20 (6) For the purposes of this section, a docu-  
ment purporting to be signed by an officer of a  
court in another State shall, until the contrary is  
proved, be deemed to have been so signed without  
proof of the signature or official character of the  
25 person appearing to have signed it, and the officer  
of a court by whom a document is signed shall, until  
the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been  
the proper officer of the court to sign the document.

30 (7) In this section "children's court" means  
a children's court and includes a magistrate exercis-  
ing the jurisdiction of a children's court.

- (i) by inserting in subsection two of section eighteen  
after the word "made," the words "registered or  
confirmed";
- (j) Sec. 18.  
(Certificate  
or affidavit  
of collector  
sufficient  
evidence of  
payment.)



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(j) (i) by omitting from subsection one of section twenty-three the word "The" where firstly occurring and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "Subject to subsection (2A) of this section, the";

(ii) by omitting from paragraph (f) of the same subsection the word "and";

(iii) by inserting next after the same paragraph the following new paragraph :—

(f1) the practice and procedure in respect of summary proceedings of any kind under this Act and the facilitation of communications between a court of summary jurisdiction in this State and courts in other States.

(iv) by inserting next after subsection two of the same section the following new subsections :—

(2A) The judges of the Supreme Court or any five of them may make rules of court prescribing the practice and procedure in respect of proceedings of any kind before the Supreme Court under this Act and for facilitating communications between the Supreme Court and courts in other States.

(2B) The provisions of subsections two and three of section ninety-one of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts, apply to and in respect of the business that may be transacted, and the authority and jurisdiction that may be exercised, under this Act by the Supreme Court in its matrimonial causes jurisdiction.

The provisions of section ninety-four of that Act apply to and in respect of any power and jurisdiction that may be delegated pursuant to the operation of this subsection.

(v)



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- (v) by inserting in subsection three of the same section after the word "regulations" wherever occurring the words "or rules";
- 5 (vi) by inserting in subsection three of the same section after the word "regulation" wherever occurring the words "or rule";
- (k) (i) by omitting from paragraph two of the Schedule Schedule.  
the word "made" where firstly occurring and  
by inserting in lieu thereof the words and  
10 symbols "[made *or* registered *or* confirmed as  
the case may be]";
- (ii) by inserting in paragraph three of the Schedule after the words "the said order" the words "or the confirmation of the said order".



# INTERSTATE DESTITUTE PERSONS RELIEF (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE.

THE objects of this Bill are—

- (a) to enable the provisions of the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief Act, 1919, as amended, to be extended to Territories of the Commonwealth of Australia and to Trusteeship Territories of the Commonwealth of Australia ;
- (b) to enable maintenance orders registered or confirmed under the law of a State, Territory or Trusteeship Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia that is reciprocal to the Imperial Act entitled the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act, 1920, to be enforced under the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief System ;
- (c) to enable maintenance orders made by courts of record to be enforced under the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief System ;
- (d) to enable a person against whom a maintenance order is being enforced in this State under the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief System to apply to a children's court in this State for an order varying, suspending or discharging the maintenance order, the varying, suspending or discharging order being provisional only until confirmed by the proper court in the State in which the maintenance order was made.



# INTERSTATE DEBIT RECEIPT

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## A BILL

To amend the law relating to the enforcement and variation of certain maintenance orders; for this purpose to amend the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief Act, 1919, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

[MR. HAWKINS;—31 March, 1960.]

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**B**E 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 the same, as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960".

Short title,  
citation  
and com-  
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(2) The Interstate Destitute Persons Relief Act, 1919, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief Act, 1919-1960.

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

2. The Interstate Destitute Persons Relief Act, 1919, as amended by subsequent Acts, is amended—

Amendment  
of Act No.  
33, 1919.

10 (a) (i) by inserting in the definition of "State" in section four after the word "Australia," the words "a Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia or a Territory administered by the government of the Commonwealth of Australia under the trusteeship system of the United Nations,";

15 (ii) by inserting at the end of the same section the following new subsection :—

(2) A reference, however expressed, in this Act—

20 (a) to a maintenance order registered, or registered by a court, in this State shall be construed as a reference to a maintenance order registered, or registered by or in a court, in this State, whether before or after the commencement of the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960, under the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act, 1923;

25 (b) to a maintenance order registered, or registered by a court, in a State, other than New South Wales but being a State within the meaning of the Part of this Act in which the reference occurs, shall be construed as a reference to a maintenance order registered, or registered by

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- 5 or in a court, in the State concerned, whether before or after the commencement of the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960, under a law of that State reciprocal to the Imperial Act entitled the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act, 1920;
- 10 (c) to a maintenance order confirmed, or confirmed by a court, in this State shall be construed as a reference to a maintenance order so confirmed, whether before or after the commencement of the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960, under—
- 15 (i) the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act, 1923, where the order was registered under that Act; or
- 20 (ii) section 16A of this Act, where the order was registered under that section;
- 25 (d) to a maintenance order confirmed, or confirmed by a court, in a State, other than New South Wales but being a State within the meaning of the Part of this Act in which the reference occurs, shall be construed as a reference to a maintenance order so confirmed, whether
- 30 before or after the commencement of the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960, under—
- 35 (i) a law of the State concerned reciprocal to the Imperial Act entitled the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act, 1920, where the order was confirmed under that law; or  
(ii)



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- 5 (ii) the provisions of the law of the State concerned that correspond, or substantially correspond, with section 16A of this Act, where the order was confirmed under those provisions.
- (b) by inserting in subsections one and two of section five after the words "an Act" the words "or a law";
- 10 (c) (i) by omitting from section seven the words "this Act—"  
 (a) a summons for maintenance has been issued; or  
 (b) a maintenance order has been made,  
 by any justice or by any court not being a court of record," and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960—"  
 (a) a summons for maintenance has been issued by a justice or by or out of a court; or  
 (b) a maintenance order has been made, registered or confirmed by a justice or by or in a court,";
- 15 (ii) by inserting in the same section after the word "made" where lastly occurring the words ", registered or confirmed";
- 20 (d) (i) by omitting from section eight the words "this Act" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960";  
 (ii) by inserting in the same section after the word "made," where firstly and secondly occurring the words "registered or confirmed,";
- 25 (iii) by inserting in the same section after the word "made" where lastly occurring the words ", registered or confirmed";
- 30 (e)

Sec. 5.  
(Reciprocity.)

Sec. 7.  
(Summons for relief issued in another State may be served in this State.)

Sec. 8.  
(Summons issued and order made to defendant in another State.)



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- (e) (i) by inserting in section twelve of this Act after the word "made" where firstly and secondly occurring the words ", registered or confirmed"; Sec. 12. (Documents to be sent to collector in another State.)
- 5 (ii) by omitting from the same section the words "in favour of any person resident in this State";
- (iii) by inserting in the same section after the word "made," where fourthly occurring the words "registered or confirmed,";
- 10 (iv) by inserting in paragraph (a) of the same section after the word "made" where thirdly occurring the words ", registered or confirmed";
- (v) by omitting from the same paragraph the words "and the seal thereof";
- 15 (vi) by inserting in paragraph (c) of the same section after the word "made" the words ", registered or confirmed";
- (f) (i) by inserting in paragraph (a) of subsection one of section thirteen after the word "made" where thirdly occurring the words ", registered or confirmed"; Sec. 13. (Notice of intention to apply to make orders enforceable in this State.)
- 20 (ii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words ", not being a court of record,";
- (iii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words "and the seal thereof, such order, in any case, being made in favour of any person resident in such State";
- 25 (iv) by omitting from subsection two of the same section the words "authenticated, or sealed" wherever occurring and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "or authenticated";
- 30 (v) by omitting from the same subsection the words "or seal";
- (g) (i) by inserting in subsection one of section fourteen after the word "made" where secondly occurring the words ", registered or confirmed"; Sec. 14. (Direction that order be enforced.)
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(ii)



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(ii) by inserting in subsection two of the same section after the word "made," the words "registered or confirmed";

5 (h) by omitting section sixteen and by inserting in lieu thereof the following sections : —

Subst.  
sec. 16  
and new  
sec. 16A.  
Procedure  
for enforcing  
orders.

16. (1) A maintenance order made enforceable, under the provisions of this Act, in this State shall—

10 (a) where the order was made or registered by the Supreme Court of the other State concerned—be enforceable under section 90A or 90B of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts, in the same manner as if it had been made or registered by the Supreme Court of this State;

15 (b) where the order was made, registered or confirmed in the other State concerned otherwise than by the Supreme Court of that State—be enforceable—

20 (i) where the order is an order in affiliation proceedings—under the Child Welfare Act, 1939, as amended by subsequent Acts, in the same manner as if it had been made under Part XVI of that Act;

25 (ii) in any other case—in the same manner as if it had been made under the Deserted Wives and Children Act, 1901, as amended by subsequent Acts;

30 (c) where it is not practicable to enforce it in any manner specified in the foregoing provisions of this section—be enforceable in the manner prescribed by the Justices Act, 1902, for enforcing an order for the payment of money.

(2)



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(2) A maintenance order made enforceable, under the provisions of this Act, in this State shall be enforceable only at the instance of—

(a) the collector;

5 (b) an assistant collector; or

(c) a person, being an officer of the Child Welfare Department or an officer of the petty sessions branch of the Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice or a member of the police force, authorised in writing in that behalf by the collector in relation to the specific case.

(3) A document purporting to be an authority of the kind referred to in subsection two of this section, and to be signed by the collector shall, for the purposes of this Act, without proof of the signature appearing on the document, be deemed to be what it purports to be, and to be duly signed, until the contrary is proved.

20 16A. (1) (a) Where a maintenance order made in another State (in this subsection referred to as the original order) is, by virtue of the provisions of this Act, being enforced in this State against a person in this State, that person may apply in the prescribed manner to a children's court for an order that the order being so enforced should be varied, suspended or discharged.

Power to apply in this State for variation of interstate order being enforced in this State.  
cf. Vict. Act No. 6116, s. 58; S.A. 1958 No. 13, s. 3.

(b) Notice of the application shall be served personally or by post not less than fourteen days before the date of the hearing of the application on—

(i) the collector appointed in the State in which the original order was made; and

(ii) the collector.

(c)



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5 (c) Where on the hearing of the appli-  
cation it appears to the children's court that it is  
just that the original order should be varied, sus-  
pended or discharged, it may make such order vary-  
ing, suspending or discharging the original order as  
it thinks fit, but an order so made shall be provisional  
only and shall have no effect until confirmed by a  
court in the State in which the original order was  
made that has power to vary, suspend or discharge  
10 the original order.

15 (d) Where a provisional order is made  
by the children's court under this section a copy of  
the order certified by the clerk of the court to be a  
true copy and the depositions in the matter shall be  
forwarded by that clerk to the collector appointed  
in the State in which the original order was made.

20 (2) (a) Where, pursuant to the provisions  
in the law of another State that correspond with this  
section, the collector receives a copy of an order  
(certified by the proper officer of the court that  
made the order to be a true copy) provisionally  
varying, suspending or discharging a maintenance  
order (in this subsection referred to as the original  
order) made in this State and depositions made and  
25 taken in the matter under those provisions, an  
authorised officer shall apply on behalf of the appli-  
cant in the matter to a court that has power to vary,  
suspend or discharge the original order for an order  
confirming the provisional order.

30 (b) Notice in the prescribed form of an  
application under paragraph (a) of this subsection  
shall be served by the authorised officer not less than  
fourteen days before the date of the hearing of the  
application on the person in whose favour the  
original order was made either personally or by post  
35 addressed to his last known place of residence.

(c)



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(c) Upon the hearing of the application the court may—

(i) confirm or discharge the provisional order with or without any modification; or

5 (ii) remit the provisional order to the court that made it for the purpose of taking such further evidence as the court hearing the application may request and adjourn the proceedings for the purpose.

10 (d) Any party shall have the same right of appeal against—

(i) an order confirming a provisional order as he would have had against the making of the provisional order if the provisional order had been an order made by the court confirming the provisional order;

15 (ii) an order discharging a provisional order as he would have had if all proceedings on the application to vary, suspend or discharge, as the case may be, the original order had been taken in the court discharging the provisional order and the order discharging the provisional order had been an order refusing the application.

25 (e) In this subsection “authorised officer” means—

(i) the collector;

(ii) an assistant collector; or

30 (iii) a person, being an officer of the Child Welfare Department or an officer of the petty sessions branch of the Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice or a member of the police force, authorised in writing in that behalf by the collector in relation to the specific case.

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5 (3) Where, pursuant to the provisions in the  
law of another State that correspond with this section,  
a provisional order has been remitted to a children's  
court for the purpose of taking further evidence, the  
court shall, after giving the prescribed notice, take  
the further evidence and such other evidence as it  
thinks fit and may either discharge the provisional  
order or transmit the provisional order together with  
the depositions of the further or other evidence to  
10 the court that requested the taking of further  
evidence.

15 (4) The evidence of any witness who is  
examined pursuant to this section shall be put into  
writing, and the deposition shall be read over to,  
and signed by, the witness.

(5) Depositions taken under the provisions  
in the law of another State that correspond with  
this section may be received in evidence in proceed-  
ings under this section.

20 (6) For the purposes of this section, a docu-  
ment purporting to be signed by an officer of a  
court in another State shall, until the contrary is  
proved, be deemed to have been so signed without  
proof of the signature or official character of the  
25 person appearing to have signed it, and the officer  
of a court by whom a document is signed shall, until  
the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been  
the proper officer of the court to sign the document.

30 (7) In this section "children's court" means  
a children's court and includes a magistrate exercis-  
ing the jurisdiction of a children's court.

- (i) by inserting in subsection two of section eighteen  
after the word "made," the words "registered or  
confirmed";
- (j) (Sec. 18.  
(Certificate  
of affidavit  
of collector  
sufficient  
evidence of  
payment.)



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(j) (i) by omitting from subsection one of section Sec. 23.  
twenty-three the word "The" where firstly (Regulations  
occurring and by inserting in lieu thereof the and Rules  
words "Subject to subsection (2A) of this sec- of court.)  
tion, the";

(ii) by omitting from paragraph (f) of the same  
subsection the word "and";

(iii) by inserting next after the same paragraph the  
following new paragraph :—

(f1) the practice and procedure in respect of  
summary proceedings of any kind under  
this Act and the facilitation of communi-  
cations between a court of summary  
jurisdiction in this State and courts in  
other States.

(iv) by inserting next after subsection two of the  
same section the following new subsections :—

(2A) The judges of the Supreme Court or  
any five of them may make rules of court  
prescribing the practice and procedure in respect  
of proceedings of any kind before the Supreme  
Court under this Act and for facilitating com-  
munications between the Supreme Court and  
courts in other States.

(2B) The provisions of subsections two and  
three of section ninety-one of the Matrimonial  
Causes Act 1899, as amended by subsequent  
Acts, apply to and in respect of the business  
that may be transacted, and the authority and  
jurisdiction that may be exercised, under this  
Act by the Supreme Court in its matrimonial  
causes jurisdiction.

The provisions of section ninety-four of that  
Act apply to and in respect of any power and  
jurisdiction that may be delegated pursuant to  
the operation of this subsection.

(v)



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- (v) by inserting in subsection three of the same section after the word "regulations" wherever occurring the words "or rules";
- 5 (vi) by inserting in subsection three of the same section after the word "regulation" wherever occurring the words "or rule";
- (k) (i) by omitting from paragraph two of the Schedule Sch. the word "made" where firstly occurring and by inserting in lieu thereof the words and symbols "[made or registered or confirmed as  
10 *the case may be*]" ;
- (ii) by inserting in paragraph three of the Schedule after the words "the said order" the words "or the confirmation of the said order".



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### Act No. 34, 1960.

An Act to amend the law relating to the enforcement and variation of certain maintenance orders; for this purpose to amend the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief Act, 1919, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith. [Assented to, 28th April, 1960.]

**B**E 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 the same, as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960".

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(2) Short title, citation and commencement.



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(2) The Interstate Destitute Persons Relief Act, 1919, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief Act, 1919-1960.

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

Amendment  
of Act No.  
33, 1919.

**2.** The Interstate Destitute Persons Relief Act, 1919, as amended by subsequent Acts, is amended—

Sec. 4.  
(Defini-  
tions.)

(a) (i) by inserting in the definition of "State" in section four after the word "Australia," the words "a Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia or a Territory administered by the government of the Commonwealth of Australia under the trusteeship system of the United Nations,";

(ii) by inserting at the end of the same section the following new subsection :—

(2) A reference, however expressed, in this Act—

(a) to a maintenance order registered, or registered by a court, in this State shall be construed as a reference to a maintenance order registered, or registered by or in a court, in this State, whether before or after the commencement of the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960, under the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act, 1923;

(b) to a maintenance order registered, or registered by a court, in a State, other than New South Wales but being a State within the meaning of the Part of this Act in which the reference occurs, shall be construed as a reference to a maintenance order registered, or registered by

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or in a court, in the State concerned, whether before or after the commencement of the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960, under a law of that State reciprocal to the Imperial Act entitled the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act, 1920;

(c) to a maintenance order confirmed, or confirmed by a court, in this State shall be construed as a reference to a maintenance order so confirmed, whether before or after the commencement of the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960, under—

(i) the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act, 1923, where the order was registered under that Act; or

(ii) section 16A of this Act, where the order was registered under that section;

(d) to a maintenance order confirmed, or confirmed by a court, in a State, other than New South Wales but being a State within the meaning of the Part of this Act in which the reference occurs, shall be construed as a reference to a maintenance order so confirmed, whether before or after the commencement of the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960, under—

(i) a law of the State concerned reciprocal to the Imperial Act entitled the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act, 1920, where the order was confirmed under that law; or

(ii)



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- (ii) the provisions of the law of the State concerned that correspond, or substantially correspond, with section 16A of this Act, where the order was confirmed under those provisions.

Sec. 5.  
(Reciprocity.)

- (b) by inserting in subsections one and two of section five after the words "an Act" the words "or a law";

Sec. 7.  
(Summons for relief issued in another State may be served in this State.)

- (c) (i) by omitting from section seven the words "this Act—

- (a) a summons for maintenance has been issued; or

- (b) a maintenance order has been made, by any justice or by any court not being a court of record," and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960—

- (a) a summons for maintenance has been issued by a justice or by or out of a court; or

- (b) a maintenance order has been made, registered or confirmed by a justice or by or in a court,";

- (ii) by inserting in the same section after the word "made" where lastly occurring the words " , registered or confirmed";

Sec. 8.  
(Summons issued and order made to defendant in another State.)

- (d) (i) by omitting from section eight the words "this Act" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960";

- (ii) by inserting in the same section after the word "made," where firstly and secondly occurring the words "registered or confirmed,";

- (iii) by inserting in the same section after the word "made" where lastly occurring the words " , registered or confirmed";

(e)



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- (e) (i) by inserting in section twelve of this Act after the word "made" where firstly and secondly occurring the words ", registered or confirmed"; Sec. 12. (Documents to be sent to collector in another State.)
- (ii) by omitting from the same section the words "in favour of any person resident in this State";
- (iii) by inserting in the same section after the word "made," where fourthly occurring the words "registered or confirmed,";
- (iv) by inserting in paragraph (a) of the same section after the word "made" where thirdly occurring the words ", registered or confirmed";
- (v) by omitting from the same paragraph the words "and the seal thereof";
- (vi) by inserting in paragraph (c) of the same section after the word "made" the words ", registered or confirmed";
- (f) (i) by inserting in paragraph (a) of subsection one of section thirteen after the word "made" where thirdly occurring the words ", registered or confirmed"; Sec. 13. (Notice of intention to apply to make orders enforceable in this State.)
- (ii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words ", not being a court of record,";
- (iii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words "and the seal thereof, such order, in any case, being made in favour of any person resident in such State";
- (iv) by omitting from subsection two of the same section the words "authenticated, or sealed" wherever occurring and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "or authenticated";
- (v) by omitting from the same subsection the words "or seal";
- (g) (i) by inserting in subsection one of section fourteen after the word "made" where secondly occurring the words ", registered or confirmed"; Sec. 14. (Direction that order be enforced.)

(ii)



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- (ii) by inserting in subsection two of the same section after the word "made," the words "registered or confirmed";

Subst.  
sec. 16  
and new  
sec. 16A.

- (h) by omitting section sixteen and by inserting in lieu thereof the following sections:—

Procedure  
for enforcing  
orders.

16. (1) A maintenance order made enforceable, under the provisions of this Act, in this State shall—

- (a) where the order was made or registered by the Supreme Court of the other State concerned—be enforceable under section 90A or 90B of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts, in the same manner as if it had been made or registered by the Supreme Court of this State;
- (b) where the order was made, registered or confirmed in the other State concerned otherwise than by the Supreme Court of that State—be enforceable—
  - (i) where the order is an order in affiliation proceedings—under the Child Welfare Act, 1939, as amended by subsequent Acts, in the same manner as if it had been made under Part XVI of that Act;
  - (ii) in any other case—in the same manner as if it had been made under the Deserted Wives and Children Act, 1901, as amended by subsequent Acts;
- (c) where it is not practicable to enforce it in any manner specified in the foregoing provisions of this section—be enforceable in the manner prescribed by the Justices Act, 1902, for enforcing an order for the payment of money.

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(2) A maintenance order made enforceable, under the provisions of this Act, in this State shall be enforceable only at the instance of—

- (a) the collector;
- (b) an assistant collector; or
- (c) a person, being an officer of the Child Welfare Department or an officer of the petty sessions branch of the Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice or a member of the police force, authorised in writing in that behalf by the collector in relation to the specific case.

(3) A document purporting to be an authority of the kind referred to in subsection two of this section, and to be signed by the collector shall, for the purposes of this Act, without proof of the signature appearing on the document, be deemed to be what it purports to be, and to be duly signed, until the contrary is proved.

16A. (1) (a) Where a maintenance order made in another State (in this subsection referred to as the original order) is, by virtue of the provisions of this Act, being enforced in this State against a person in this State, that person may apply in the prescribed manner to a children's court for an order that the order being so enforced should be varied, suspended or discharged.

Power to apply in this State for variation of interstate order being enforced in this State.  
cf. Vict. Act No. 6116, s. 58; S.A. 1958 No. 13, s. 3.

(b) Notice of the application shall be served personally or by post not less than fourteen days before the date of the hearing of the application on—

- (i) the collector appointed in the State in which the original order was made; and
- (ii) the collector.

(c)



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(c) Where on the hearing of the application it appears to the children's court that it is just that the original order should be varied, suspended or discharged, it may make such order varying, suspending or discharging the original order as it thinks fit, but an order so made shall be provisional only and shall have no effect until confirmed by a court in the State in which the original order was made that has power to vary, suspend or discharge the original order.

(d) Where a provisional order is made by the children's court under this section a copy of the order certified by the clerk of the court to be a true copy and the depositions in the matter shall be forwarded by that clerk to the collector appointed in the State in which the original order was made.

(2) (a) Where, pursuant to the provisions in the law of another State that correspond with this section, the collector receives a copy of an order (certified by the proper officer of the court that made the order to be a true copy) provisionally varying, suspending or discharging a maintenance order (in this subsection referred to as the original order) made in this State and depositions made and taken in the matter under those provisions, an authorised officer shall apply on behalf of the applicant in the matter to a court that has power to vary, suspend or discharge the original order for an order confirming the provisional order.

(b) Notice in the prescribed form of an application under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be served by the authorised officer not less than fourteen days before the date of the hearing of the application on the person in whose favour the original order was made either personally or by post addressed to his last known place of residence.

(c)



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(c) Upon the hearing of the application the court may—

- (i) confirm or discharge the provisional order with or without any modification ; or
- (ii) remit the provisional order to the court that made it for the purpose of taking such further evidence as the court hearing the application may request and adjourn the proceedings for the purpose.

(d) Any party shall have the same right of appeal against—

- (i) an order confirming a provisional order as he would have had against the making of the provisional order if the provisional order had been an order made by the court confirming the provisional order ;
- (ii) an order discharging a provisional order as he would have had if all proceedings on the application to vary, suspend or discharge, as the case may be, the original order had been taken in the court discharging the provisional order and the order discharging the provisional order had been an order refusing the application.

(e) In this subsection “authorised officer” means—

- (i) the collector ;
- (ii) an assistant collector ; or
- (iii) a person, being an officer of the Child Welfare Department or an officer of the petty sessions branch of the Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice or a member of the police force, authorised in writing in that behalf by the collector in relation to the specific case.



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(3) Where, pursuant to the provisions in the law of another State that correspond with this section, a provisional order has been remitted to a children's court for the purpose of taking further evidence, the court shall, after giving the prescribed notice, take the further evidence and such other evidence as it thinks fit and may either discharge the provisional order or transmit the provisional order together with the depositions of the further or other evidence to the court that requested the taking of further evidence.

(4) The evidence of any witness who is examined pursuant to this section shall be put into writing, and the deposition shall be read over to, and signed by, the witness.

(5) Depositions taken under the provisions in the law of another State that correspond with this section may be received in evidence in proceedings under this section.

(6) For the purposes of this section, a document purporting to be signed by an officer of a court in another State shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been so signed without proof of the signature or official character of the person appearing to have signed it, and the officer of a court by whom a document is signed shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been the proper officer of the court to sign the document.

(7) In this section "children's court" means a children's court and includes a magistrate exercising the jurisdiction of a children's court.

- (i) by inserting in subsection two of section eighteen after the word "made," the words "registered or confirmed";

(j)



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(j) (i) by omitting from subsection one of section Sec. 23.  
 twenty-three the word "The" where firstly (Regulations and rules of court.)  
 occurring and by inserting in lieu thereof the  
 words "Subject to subsection (2A) of this section, the";

(ii) by omitting from paragraph (f) of the same subsection the word "and";

(iii) by inserting next after the same paragraph the following new paragraph:—

(f1) the practice and procedure in respect of summary proceedings of any kind under this Act and the facilitation of communications between a court of summary jurisdiction in this State and courts in other States.

(iv) by inserting next after subsection two of the same section the following new subsections:—

(2A) The judges of the Supreme Court or any five of them may make rules of court prescribing the practice and procedure in respect of proceedings of any kind before the Supreme Court under this Act and for facilitating communications between the Supreme Court and courts in other States.

(2B) The provisions of subsections two and three of section ninety-one of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts, apply to and in respect of the business that may be transacted, and the authority and jurisdiction that may be exercised, under this Act by the Supreme Court in its matrimonial causes jurisdiction.

The provisions of section ninety-four of that Act apply to and in respect of any power and jurisdiction that may be delegated pursuant to the operation of this subsection.

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- (v) by inserting in subsection three of the same section after the word "regulations" wherever occurring the words "or rules";
- (vi) by inserting in subsection three of the same section after the word "regulation" wherever occurring the words "or rule";
- Schedule. (k) (i) by omitting from paragraph two of the Schedule the word "made" where firstly occurring and by inserting in lieu thereof the words and symbols "[made or registered or confirmed as the case may be]";
- (ii) by inserting in paragraph three of the Schedule after the words "the said order" the words "or the confirmation of the said order".

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By Authority:

V. C. N. BLIGHT, Government Printer, Sydney, 1960



*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.*

ALLAN PICKERING,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 13 April, 1960, A.M.*

## New South Wales



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### Act No. 34, 1960.

An Act to amend the law relating to the enforcement and variation of certain maintenance orders; for this purpose to amend the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief Act, 1919, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith. [Assented to, 28th April, 1960.]

**B**E 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 the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960".
- (2) Short title,  
citation  
and com-  
mencement.

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

HOWARD T. FOWLES,  
*Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly.*



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(2) The Interstate Destitute Persons Relief Act, 1919, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief Act, 1919-1960.

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

Amendment  
of Act No.  
33, 1919.

2. The Interstate Destitute Persons Relief Act, 1919, as amended by subsequent Acts, is amended—

Sec. 4.  
(Defini-  
tions.)

(a) (i) by inserting in the definition of "State" in section four after the word "Australia," the words "a Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia or a Territory administered by the government of the Commonwealth of Australia under the trusteeship system of the United Nations,";

(ii) by inserting at the end of the same section the following new subsection :—

(2) A reference, however expressed, in this Act—

(a) to a maintenance order registered, or registered by a court, in this State shall be construed as a reference to a maintenance order registered, or registered by or in a court, in this State, whether before or after the commencement of the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960, under the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act, 1923;

(b) to a maintenance order registered, or registered by a court, in a State, other than New South Wales but being a State within the meaning of the Part of this Act in which the reference occurs, shall be construed as a reference to a maintenance order registered, or registered by

or



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or in a court, in the State concerned, whether before or after the commencement of the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960, under a law of that State reciprocal to the Imperial Act entitled the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act, 1920;

- (c) to a maintenance order confirmed, or confirmed by a court, in this State shall be construed as a reference to a maintenance order so confirmed, whether before or after the commencement of the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960, under—

- (i) the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act, 1923, where the order was registered under that Act; or
- (ii) section 16A of this Act, where the order was registered under that section;

- (d) to a maintenance order confirmed, or confirmed by a court, in a State, other than New South Wales but being a State within the meaning of the Part of this Act in which the reference occurs, shall be construed as a reference to a maintenance order so confirmed, whether before or after the commencement of the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960, under—

- (i) a law of the State concerned reciprocal to the Imperial Act entitled the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act, 1920, where the order was confirmed under that law; or
- (ii)



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- (ii) the provisions of the law of the State concerned that correspond, or substantially correspond, with section 16A of this Act, where the order was confirmed under those provisions.

Sec. 5.  
(Reciprocity.)

- (b) by inserting in subsections one and two of section five after the words "an Act" the words "or a law";

Sec. 7.  
(Summons for relief issued in another State may be served in this State.)

- (c) (i) by omitting from section seven the words "this Act—

(a) a summons for maintenance has been issued; or

(b) a maintenance order has been made, by any justice or by any court not being a court of record," and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960—

(a) a summons for maintenance has been issued by a justice or by or out of a court; or

(b) a maintenance order has been made, registered or confirmed by a justice or by or in a court,";

- (ii) by inserting in the same section after the word "made" where lastly occurring the words ", registered or confirmed";

Sec. 8.  
(Summons issued and order made to defendant in another State.)

- (d) (i) by omitting from section eight the words "this Act" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief (Amendment) Act, 1960";

- (ii) by inserting in the same section after the word "made," where firstly and secondly occurring the words "registered or confirmed,";

- (iii) by inserting in the same section after the word "made" where lastly occurring the words ", registered or confirmed";

(e)



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- (e) (i) by inserting in section twelve of this Act after the word "made" where firstly and secondly occurring the words ", registered or confirmed"; Sec. 12. (Documents to be sent to collector in another State.)
- (ii) by omitting from the same section the words "in favour of any person resident in this State";
- (iii) by inserting in the same section after the word "made," where fourthly occurring the words "registered or confirmed,";
- (iv) by inserting in paragraph (a) of the same section after the word "made" where thirdly occurring the words ", registered or confirmed";
- (v) by omitting from the same paragraph the words "and the seal thereof";
- (vi) by inserting in paragraph (c) of the same section after the word "made" the words ", registered or confirmed";
- (f) (i) by inserting in paragraph (a) of subsection one of section thirteen after the word "made" where thirdly occurring the words ", registered or confirmed"; Sec. 13. (Notice of intention to apply to make orders enforceable in this State.)
- (ii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words ", not being a court of record,";
- (iii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words "and the seal thereof, such order, in any case, being made in favour of any person resident in such State";
- (iv) by omitting from subsection two of the same section the words "authenticated, or sealed" wherever occurring and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "or authenticated";
- (v) by omitting from the same subsection the words "or seal";
- (g) (i) by inserting in subsection one of section fourteen after the word "made" where secondly occurring the words ", registered or confirmed"; Sec. 14. (Direction that order be enforced.)

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Subst.  
sec. 16  
and new  
sec. 16A.

Procedure  
for enforcing  
orders.

(ii) by inserting in subsection two of the same section after the word "made," the words "registered or confirmed";

(h) by omitting section sixteen and by inserting in lieu thereof the following sections :—

16. (1) A maintenance order made enforceable, under the provisions of this Act, in this State shall—

(a) where the order was made or registered by the Supreme Court of the other State concerned—be enforceable under section 90A or 90B of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts, in the same manner as if it had been made or registered by the Supreme Court of this State;

(b) where the order was made, registered or confirmed in the other State concerned otherwise than by the Supreme Court of that State—be enforceable—

(i) where the order is an order in affiliation proceedings—under the Child Welfare Act, 1939, as amended by subsequent Acts, in the same manner as if it had been made under Part XVI of that Act;

(ii) in any other case—in the same manner as if it had been made under the Deserted Wives and Children Act, 1901, as amended by subsequent Acts;

(c) where it is not practicable to enforce it in any manner specified in the foregoing provisions of this section—be enforceable in the manner prescribed by the Justices Act, 1902, for enforcing an order for the payment of money.

(2)



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(2) A maintenance order made enforceable, under the provisions of this Act, in this State shall be enforceable only at the instance of—

- (a) the collector;
- (b) an assistant collector; or
- (c) a person, being an officer of the Child Welfare Department or an officer of the petty sessions branch of the Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice or a member of the police force, authorised in writing in that behalf by the collector in relation to the specific case.

(3) A document purporting to be an authority of the kind referred to in subsection two of this section, and to be signed by the collector shall, for the purposes of this Act, without proof of the signature appearing on the document, be deemed to be what it purports to be, and to be duly signed, until the contrary is proved.

16A. (1) (a) Where a maintenance order made in another State (in this subsection referred to as the original order) is, by virtue of the provisions of this Act, being enforced in this State against a person in this State, that person may apply in the prescribed manner to a children's court for an order that the order being so enforced should be varied, suspended or discharged.

Power to apply in this State for variation of interstate order being enforced in this State.  
cf. Vict. Act No. 6116, s. 58; S.A. 1958 No. 13, s. 3.

(b) Notice of the application shall be served personally or by post not less than fourteen days before the date of the hearing of the application on—

- (i) the collector appointed in the State in which the original order was made; and
- (ii) the collector.

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(c) Where on the hearing of the application it appears to the children's court that it is just that the original order should be varied, suspended or discharged, it may make such order varying, suspending or discharging the original order as it thinks fit, but an order so made shall be provisional only and shall have no effect until confirmed by a court in the State in which the original order was made that has power to vary, suspend or discharge the original order.

(d) Where a provisional order is made by the children's court under this section a copy of the order certified by the clerk of the court to be a true copy and the depositions in the matter shall be forwarded by that clerk to the collector appointed in the State in which the original order was made.

(2) (a) Where, pursuant to the provisions in the law of another State that correspond with this section, the collector receives a copy of an order (certified by the proper officer of the court that made the order to be a true copy) provisionally varying, suspending or discharging a maintenance order (in this subsection referred to as the original order) made in this State and depositions made and taken in the matter under those provisions, an authorised officer shall apply on behalf of the applicant in the matter to a court that has power to vary, suspend or discharge the original order for an order confirming the provisional order.

(b) Notice in the prescribed form of an application under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be served by the authorised officer not less than fourteen days before the date of the hearing of the application on the person in whose favour the original order was made either personally or by post addressed to his last known place of residence.

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(c) Upon the hearing of the application the court may—

- (i) confirm or discharge the provisional order with or without any modification; or
- (ii) remit the provisional order to the court that made it for the purpose of taking such further evidence as the court hearing the application may request and adjourn the proceedings for the purpose.

(d) Any party shall have the same right of appeal against—

- (i) an order confirming a provisional order as he would have had against the making of the provisional order if the provisional order had been an order made by the court confirming the provisional order;
- (ii) an order discharging a provisional order as he would have had if all proceedings on the application to vary, suspend or discharge, as the case may be, the original order had been taken in the court discharging the provisional order and the order discharging the provisional order had been an order refusing the application.

(e) In this subsection “authorised officer” means—

- (i) the collector;
- (ii) an assistant collector; or
- (iii) a person, being an officer of the Child Welfare Department or an officer of the petty sessions branch of the Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice or a member of the police force, authorised in writing in that behalf by the collector in relation to the specific case.



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(3) Where, pursuant to the provisions in the law of another State that correspond with this section, a provisional order has been remitted to a children's court for the purpose of taking further evidence, the court shall, after giving the prescribed notice, take the further evidence and such other evidence as it thinks fit and may either discharge the provisional order or transmit the provisional order together with the depositions of the further or other evidence to the court that requested the taking of further evidence.

(4) The evidence of any witness who is examined pursuant to this section shall be put into writing, and the deposition shall be read over to, and signed by, the witness.

(5) Depositions taken under the provisions in the law of another State that correspond with this section may be received in evidence in proceedings under this section.

(6) For the purposes of this section, a document purporting to be signed by an officer of a court in another State shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been so signed without proof of the signature or official character of the person appearing to have signed it, and the officer of a court by whom a document is signed shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been the proper officer of the court to sign the document.

(7) In this section "children's court" means a children's court and includes a magistrate exercising the jurisdiction of a children's court.

Sec. 18.  
(Certificate  
or affidavit  
of collector  
sufficient  
evidence of  
payment.)

- (i) by inserting in subsection two of section eighteen after the word "made," the words "registered or confirmed";

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(j) (i) by omitting from subsection one of section Sec. 23. twenty-three the word "The" where firstly (Regulations occurring and by inserting in lieu thereof the <sup>and rules</sup> of court.) words "Subject to subsection (2A) of this section, the";

(ii) by omitting from paragraph (f) of the same subsection the word "and";

(iii) by inserting next after the same paragraph the following new paragraph :—

(f1) the practice and procedure in respect of summary proceedings of any kind under this Act and the facilitation of communications between a court of summary jurisdiction in this State and courts in other States.

(iv) by inserting next after subsection two of the same section the following new subsections :—

(2A) The judges of the Supreme Court or any five of them may make rules of court prescribing the practice and procedure in respect of proceedings of any kind before the Supreme Court under this Act and for facilitating communications between the Supreme Court and courts in other States.

(2B) The provisions of subsections two and three of section ninety-one of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts, apply to and in respect of the business that may be transacted, and the authority and jurisdiction that may be exercised, under this Act by the Supreme Court in its matrimonial causes jurisdiction.

The provisions of section ninety-four of that Act apply to and in respect of any power and jurisdiction that may be delegated pursuant to the operation of this subsection.

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- (v) by inserting in subsection three of the same section after the word "regulations" wherever occurring the words "or rules";
- (vi) by inserting in subsection three of the same section after the word "regulation" wherever occurring the words "or rule";
- Schedule. (k) (i) by omitting from paragraph two of the Schedule the word "made" where firstly occurring and by inserting in lieu thereof the words and symbols "[made or registered or confirmed as the case may be]";
- (ii) by inserting in paragraph three of the Schedule after the words "the said order" the words "or the confirmation of the said order".

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

E. W. WOODWARD,  
*Governor.*

*Government House,  
Sydney, 28th April, 1960.*