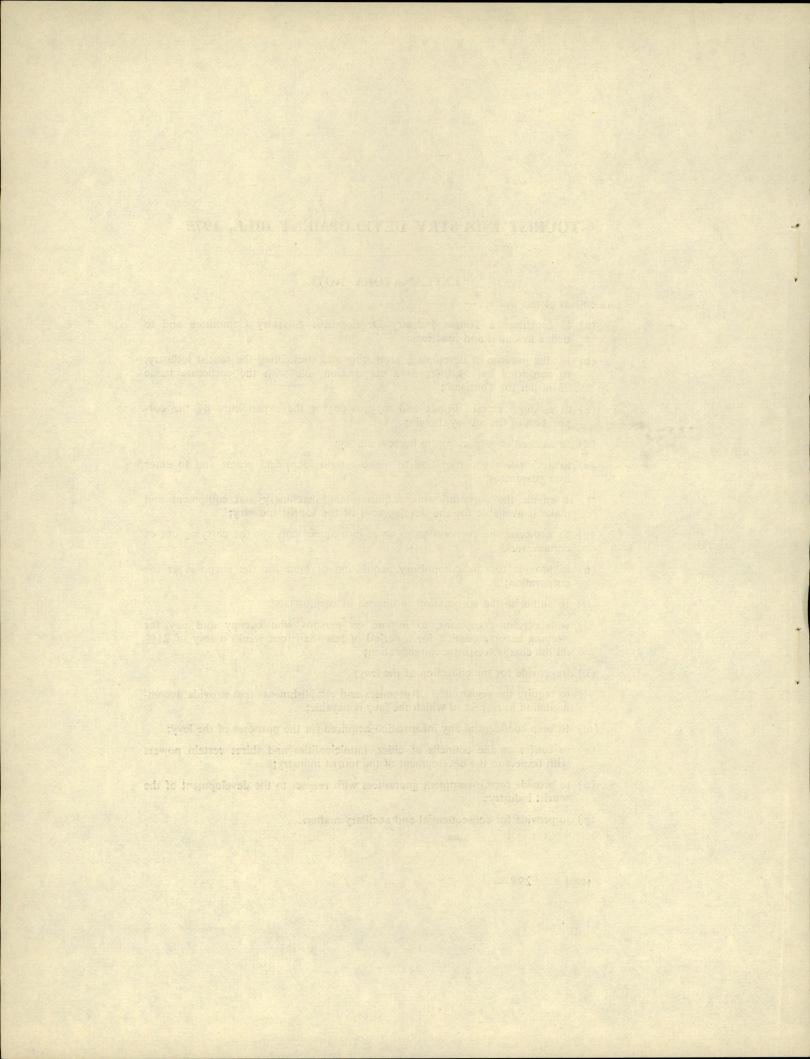
# **TOURIST INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BILL, 1975**

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

THE objects of this Bill are-

- (a) to constitute a Tourist Industry Development Advisory Committee and to define its duties and functions;
- (b) for the purpose of developing, promoting and stimulating the tourist industry, to constitute the Minister as a corporation sole with the corporate name "Minister for Tourism";
- (c) to establish certain Funds and to provide for the expenditure by the corporation of the money therein;
- (d) to enable the corporation to borrow money;
- (e) to authorise the corporation to make certain loans and grants and to enter into guarantees;
- (f) to enable the corporation to acquire plant, machinery and equipment and make it available for the development of the tourist industry;
- (g) to authorise the corporation to enter into agreements for the carrying out of certain works;
- (h) to provide for the compulsory acquisition of land for the purposes of the corporation;
- (i) to authorise the corporation to dispose of surplus land;
- (j) with certain exceptions, to impose on persons who occupy and pay for sleeping accommodation for a period of less than four weeks a levy of  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  on the charge for the accommodation;
- (k) to provide for the collection of the levy;
- (1) to require the registration of premises and establishments that provide accommodation in respect of which the levy is payable;
- (m) to keep confidential any information acquired for the purposes of the levy;
- (n) to confer on the councils of cities, municipalities and shires certain powers with respect to the development of the tourist industry;
- (o) to provide for Government guarantees with respect to the development of the tourist industry;
- (p) to provide for consequential and ancillary matters.

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To for the development of provide the tourist industry; to constitute a Tourist Industry Development Advisory Committee and to confer and impose on it certain duties and functions; to constitute the Minister as a corporation sole with certain powers, authorities, duties and functions; to impose a certain levy and to provide for its collection and disbursement; to amend the Local Government Act, 1919, the Government Guarantees Act, 1934, the Capital Debt Charges Act, 1957, and the State Development and Country Industries Assistance Act, 1966; and for purposes connected therewith.

[SIR CHARLES CUTLER—18 March, 1975.]

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**B**<sup>E</sup> it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

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# PART I.

#### PRELIMINARY.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Tourist Industry short title. Development Act, 1975".

10 2. (1) This Part commences on the date of assent to this Commence-Act.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (1), the several provisions of this Act shall commence on such day or days as may be appointed by the Governor in respect thereof and as15 may be notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.

3. This Act is divided as follows :-- Division of Act. PART I.—PRELIMINARY—ss. 1–4.

PART II.—TOURIST INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE—ss. 5–9.

20 PART III.—TOURIST INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT—ss. 10–27.

PART IV.—ACQUISITION OF LAND—ss. 28-34.

PART V.-TOURIST LEVY-SS. 35-42.

PART VI.—GENERAL—ss. 43-46.

25 PART VII.—Amendments to Certain Acts—ss. 47-50.

4. In this Act, except in so far as the context or subject- Interprematter otherwise indicates or requires—

"area" has the same meaning as it has in the Local Government Act, 1919;

"Committee"

	Tourist Industry Development.
	"Committee" means the Tourist Industry Development Advisory Committee;
	"corporation" means the corporation constituted by section 10;
5	"council" has the same meaning as it has in the Local Government Act, 1919;
	"Director" means the person for the time being holding or acting in the office of Director of Tourism under the Public Service Act, 1902;
10	"region" means—
	(a) a region established under the Regional Organisation Act, 1972; and
	(b) a part of the State that—
15	<ul><li>(i) is not within a region referred to in paragraph (a); and</li></ul>
15	paragraph (a); and

(ii) is declared by the Minister, by order published in the Gazette, to be a region for the purposes of this Act;

"regulations" means regulations under this Act.

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# PART II.

TOURIST INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

5. (1) The Minister shall constitute a Tourist Industry Constitution of Committee. Development Advisory Committee consisting of-

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(a) an officer or employee within the meaning of the Public Service Act, 1902;

(b) a person who, in the opinion of the Minister, is engaged in the business of providing accommodation for travellers and others; and

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(c) three other persons, of whom two shall be persons associated with, or engaged in, the tourist industry,

and shall appoint one of the members of the Committee to be its chairman.

5 (2) Subject to this Act, the term of office of a member of the Committee is five years and he is, if otherwise qualified, eligible for re-appointment.

(3) On the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of a member of the Committee (not being a vacancy caused by 10 the expiration of a term of office) the Minister may appoint a person to the vacant office so that the Committee is constituted in accordance with subsection (1) and a person so appointed holds office for the residue of the term of office of his predecessor.

15 (4) A person who is of or above the age of seventy years is not eligible for appointment as a member of the Committee.

(5) The office of a member of the Committee is not, for the purposes of any Act, an office or place of profit under20 the Crown.

(6) A member of the Committee shall be deemed to have vacated his office as such a member if he—

(a) dies;

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(b) resigns his office by writing under his hand addressed to the Minister, and the Minister accepts the resignation;

- (c) becomes a bankrupt, applies to take the benefit of any law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors, compounds with his creditors or makes any assignment of his estate for their benefit;
- (d) becomes a temporary patient, a continued treatment patient, a protected person or an incapable person within the meaning of the Mental Health Act, 1958, or a person under detention under Part VII of that Act;

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- (e) is convicted in New South Wales of a felony or of a misdemeanour which is punishable by imprisonment for twelve months or upwards, or if he is convicted outside New South Wales of an offence which, if committed in New South Wales would be a felony or a misdemeanour so punishable;
- (f) is removed from office by the Minister;
- (g) attains the age of seventy years;
- (h) is absent from four consecutive meetings of the Committee of which reasonable notice has been given to him personally or by post, except on leave granted by the Committee, unless he is, not later than four weeks after the last of those meetings, excused by the Committee for his absence from those meetings; or
- (i) is the member appointed pursuant to subsection
   (1) (a) or (b) and ceases to hold the qualification by virtue of which he was appointed.

(7) The Minister may, for any cause which to him20 seems sufficient, remove a member of the Committee from office.

6. (1) The procedure for the calling of meetings of the Proceedings Committee and for the conduct of business at those meetings Committee. shall, subject to this Act and the regulations, be as determined
 25 by the Committee.

(2) The chairman shall preside at a meeting of the Committee at which he is present but, if he is absent from a meeting, a person elected by the members for the purpose shall preside at the meeting and shall have the powers of the 30 chairman.

(3) Three members of the Committee constitute a quorum and a decision supported by a majority of votes at a meeting of the Committee at which a quorum is present is the decision of the Committee.

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(4) Where the voting at a meeting of the Committee at which a quorum is present is equal, the chairman is entitled to a second or casting vote.

7. A member of the Committee is entitled to receive such Remuneraexpenses, fees and allowances for attending meetings and tion of members. 5 transacting the business of the Committee as the Minister determines.

8. (1) The Committee may and, if directed so to do by Powers and functions the Minister, shallof Committee.

- 10 (a) submit to the Minister during the months of March, June, September and December in each year a schedule of projects that it recommends for the development of the tourist industry in the State together with such information in relation to each such project as the Minister may direct and any other information that it considers to be relevant;
  - (b) conduct any inquiry necessary for the purpose of preparing that schedule;
  - (c) inquire into and report to the Minister upon any matter relating to the development of the tourist industry in the State or any part of the State.
    - (2) The Committee shall—
  - (a) in relation to any project that it is considering for inclusion in the schedule referred to in subsection (1) (a); or
  - (b) for the purposes of an inquiry referred to in subsection (1) (b) or (1) (c),

obtain the views of such persons or bodies of persons as the Minister may, generally or in a particular case, direct and the 30 views of such other persons or bodies of persons as it thinks fit.

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(3) The Committee shall, if directed by the Minister so to do, inquire into, and report to the Minister upon, the conduct of any enterprise carried on by a person to whom the corporation has made a loan or grant which has not been repaid or who is the principal debtor under a guarantee by the corporation from which the corporation has not been released.

9. For the purpose of exercising and performing the Committee powers, authorities, duties and functions conferred or imposed may utilise services of certain
 10 on the Committee, the Committee may—

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(a) with the approval of the Minister administering a and Department of the Government, and on such terms as may be arranged, make use of any of the officers or employees within that Department; or

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(b) with the approval of a body constituted by an Act for public purposes, make use of any of the officers or employees employed by or for the purposes of that body.

# PART III.

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# TOURIST INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT.

10. (1) The Minister is, for the purpose of developing, Minister promoting and stimulating the tourist industry in the State, to be corporation hereby incorporated as a corporation sole with the corporate sole. name "Minister for Tourism".

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- (2) The corporation—
- (a) has perpetual succession;
- (b) shall have an official seal;
- (c) may take proceedings, and be proceeded against, in its corporate name;

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- (d) may, subject to this Act, purchase, exchange, take on lease, hold, dispose of by way of lease or sale, and otherwise deal with, property;
- (e) may do and suffer all other things that corporations may, by law, do and suffer and that are necessary for or incidental to the purposes for which it is constituted; and
- (f) is, for the purpose of any Act, a statutory body representing the Crown.

10 (3) The seal of the corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument or writing except in the presence of the Minister or his delegate and the fact and date of the seal being so affixed shall be attested by the signature of the Minister or his delegate, as the case may be.

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- (4) All courts and persons acting judicially-
- (a) shall take judicial notice of the official seal of the corporation that has been affixed to an instrument or writing; and
- (b) shall, until the contrary is proved, presume that the seal was properly affixed.

11. (1) Subject to this section, the corporation may, by Delegation instrument in writing, delegate to the holder of a prescribed by corporation. office the exercise or performance of such of the powers (other than this power of delegation) authorities, duties and functions

25 conferred or imposed upon the corporation by or under this Act as may be prescribed in relation to the holder of that office and may in like manner revoke any such delegation wholly or in part.

(2) A power, authority, duty or function the exercise 30 or performance of which has been delegated under this section to the holder of a prescribed office may, while the delegation remains unrevoked, be exercised or performed from time to time in accordance with the terms of the delegation by the person for the time being holding or acting in that office.

(3) A delegation made under this section may be made subject to such conditions or such limitations as to the exercise or performance of any of the prescribed powers, authorities, duties or functions delegated, or as to time or circumstances, as are specified in the instrument of delegation.

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(4) Where a prescribed power, authority, duty or function is exercised or performed by the holder of a prescribed office in relation to whom that power, authority, duty or function is prescribed and the exercise or performance
10 of the power, authority, duty or function is evidenced in writing signed by the holder of, or person for the time being acting in, that office in his own name on behalf of the corporation, the power, authority, duty or function shall be deemed to have been exercised or performed by the corporation, whether or not an instrument delegating the exercise or performance of the power, authority, duty or function to the holder of that office was in force when the power, authority, duty or function to the holder of that office was exercised or performed and

whether or not any conditions or limitations referred to in 20 subsection (3) were observed by the person exercising or performing the power, authority, duty or function.

(5) Notwithstanding a delegation made under this section, the corporation may continue to exercise and perform the power, authority, duty or function delegated.

25 (6) A regulation relating to the powers, authorities, duties or functions that may be delegated to the holder of a prescribed office may describe any such power, authority, duty or function in general or particular terms and may so describe the power, authority, duty or function that its exercise or 30 performance by the holder of the prescribed office in relation to whom it is prescribed shall be subject to such limitations or conditions as may be specified in the regulation.

12. (1) There shall be established in the Special Deposits Tourist Account in the Treasury a Tourist Industry Development Develop-Fund (in this section referred to as "the Fund") into which ment shall be paid—

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- (a) \$1,250,000 from the Country Industries Assistance Fund in the Special Deposits Account at the Treasury;
- (b) money appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of the Fund;
- (c) principal money repaid in respect of loans referred to in subsection (2) (d); and
  - (d) the proceeds of any transaction affecting real or personal property acquired with money from the Fund.
- 15 (2) Money in the Fund may be expended by the corporation for the purpose of—
  - (a) discharging such commitments of the Country Industries Assistance Fund with respect to the tourist industry as were outstanding immediately before the payment into the Fund of the amount referred to in subsection (1) (a);
  - (b) paying such of the expenses of administering this Part as relate to the collection and expenditure of money in the Fund;
- 25 (c) promoting and assisting the development of the tourist industry in the State;
  - (d) making grants or loans in aid of projects for developing the tourist industry in the State;
  - (e) repaying money borrowed under this Part, paying interest on money so borrowed and paying the expenses of the corporation in borrowing money under this Part;
  - (f) discharging any liability of the corporation under a guarantee given pursuant to this Part;

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- (g) acquiring land under Part IV; and
- (h) making any other payments that the corporation is, by or under this Act, required or authorised to make from the Fund.
- 5 (3) The corporation shall, at such times as the Treasurer directs, pay to the Treasurer such part as the Treasurer specifies, when giving the direction, of money paid as interest on any transaction referred to in subsection (1) (d) or on loans made under subsection (2) (d).
- 10 13. (1) The corporation shall cause to be established a Bank account into which shall be paid—
  - (a) payments made under section 36 (2) and (3);
  - (b) principal money repaid in respect of a loan referred to in subsection (2) (d);
- (c) money paid as interest on a loan referred to in subsection (2) (d);
  - (d) the proceeds of any transaction affecting land acquired by the expenditure of money under subsection (2);
  - (e) money borrowed under this Part;
    - (f) money paid by the council of an area pursuant to an agreement under section 21 (1) (e).

(2) Money credited to the bank account referred to in subsection (1) may be expended by the corporation for 25 the purpose of—

- (a) meeting such of the expenses of the administration of this Act as relate to—
  - (i) the collection and expenditure of amounts paid under section 36 (2) and (3);
  - (ii) the borrowing or lending of money by the corporation and the repayment of that money by or to the corporation;

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- (b) paying the expenses of the corporation in borrowing money under this Part and money payable by the corporation under the Capital Debt Charges Act, 1957;
- (c) promoting and assisting in any way the development of the tourist industry in the State;
- (d) making grants or loans in aid of projects for developing the tourist industry in the State;
- (e) discharging any liability of the corporation under a guarantee given by the corporation;
- (f) acquiring land; and
- (g) making any other payments that the corporation is, by or under this Act, required or authorised to make.

(3) In expending amounts under subsection (2), the corporation shall ensure that an amount is expended in each region that is not less than the amounts paid under section 36 (2) or (3) in respect of accommodation within the region.

14. The corporation may from time to time with the Purposes 20 concurrence of the Treasurer and the approval of the Governor money borrow money—

- (a) for the purpose of exercising or performing the powers, authorities, duties and functions of the corporation;
- 25 (b) to renew loans; or
  - (c) to discharge, or partially discharge, any indebtedness of the corporation.

15. (1) The corporation shall establish a reserve for loan Reserve repayment fund in respect of each loan or renewal loan raised for loan repayment.
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(2) The corporation shall during each year transfer to each such fund from the Tourist Industry Development Fund and the bank account established under section 13 (1) a sum not less than the sum that the corporation in the application for approval of the loan specified as the sum proposed to

be so transferred.

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(3) Where any land or property which has been acquired with loan money is sold before the loan has been wholly repaid, the net proceeds of the sale shall be added to10 the reserve for loan repayment in the appropriate fund or paid directly to the lender.

(4) Money held as reserve for loan repayment may be invested in Government securities of the Commonwealth or of the State or in debentures, bonds, inscribed stock or other
15 prescribed securities, in any loan of the corporation, or in any securities guaranteed by the Government of the State, or in such other securities as the Governor may approve or as may be prescribed, in each case at their current market price.

(5) Any interest or profits realised on investments20 under subsection (4) shall be added to and form part of the reserve for loan repayment fund from which the investments were made.

(6) All moneys paid into the reserve for loan repayment fund in respect of any loan or renewal loan may be25 applied in or towards repayment of any other loan or renewal loan but may not be applied for any other purpose until the loan or renewal loan in respect of which the fund has been established has been repaid.

(7) Where the corporation decides to cancel debentures, bonds, inscribed stock or other prescribed securities of the corporation purchased from the reserve for repayment of the loan for which they were issued, then, in addition to the sum otherwise payable to the reserve for loan repayment in respect of that loan, the corporation shall, subject to any agreement whereby the corporation undertakes to pay interest at a higher rate to that reserve, pay to that reserve interest at the rate of four and one-half per centum per annum 10 on the face value of the cancelled securities from the date of

their cancellation until the maturity of the loan.

(8) If, after a loan has been repaid, there remains in the reserve for repayment of that loan any balance, that balance shall be paid to the credit of the bank account15 established under section 13 (1).

(9) A reserve for loan repayment shall not be subject to seizure in satisfaction of any debt other than the loan in respect of which the reserve was created.

(10) This section does not apply to a loan to be 20 repaid by instalments at intervals of one year or less.

16. (1) For securing repayment of the principal and Debentures, interest on any money borrowed the corporation may, as provided by the regulations, issue debentures, bonds, inscribed stock or other prescribed securities.

(2) A debenture or bond issued under subsection(1) and any coupon originally annexed to the debenture or bond, whether separated therefrom or not, is transferable by simple delivery.

(3) Inscribed stock is transferable in the books of 30 the corporation in accordance with the regulations.

(4) Debentures, bonds, inscribed stock or prescribed securities issued under this Act shall both as regards the issue and transfer thereof for full consideration or money or money's worth be deemed to be included in the general exemptions
5 from stamp duty under Part III of the Stamp Duties Act.

1920, contained in the Second Schedule to that Act.

(5) The regulations may provide for the exemption from stamp duty of any other prescribed security.

(6) The holder of a coupon originally annexed to a 10 debenture or bond, whether separated therefrom or not, is entitled to receive payment from the corporation of the interest specified in the coupon upon the presentation of the coupon on or after the date when, and at the place where, the interest is payable.

15 (7) The due repayment of the debentures, bonds, stock and the interest thereon and of any loan in respect of which any other prescribed security is issued and the interest thereon is a charge upon the bank account established under section 13 (1) and is hereby guaranteed by the Government.

20 (8) A liability arising from the guarantee under subsection (7) is payable out of moneys provided by Parliament.

(9) The charge created by subsection (7) does not prejudice or affect the power of the corporation to sell or convey any property vested in the corporation free of the 25 charge.

17. (1) A trustee, unless expressly forbidden by the Trustees. instrument (if any) creating the trust, may invest any trust money in his hands in stock inscribed by the corporation, and the investment shall be deemed to be an investment authorised
30 by the Trustee Act, 1925.

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(2) A debenture issued or stock inscribed by the corporation is a lawful investment for any money which any company, council or body corporate incorporated by an Act is authorised or directed to invest in addition to any other
5 investment expressly provided for the investment of that money.

(3) No notice of any trust expressed, implied or constructive, is receivable by the corporation or by any person engaged in the administration or execution of this Act in 10 relation to any debenture or coupon issued or stock inscribed

by the corporation.

18. (1) Where a debenture or bond issued by the cor-Lost poration is lost or destroyed or defaced before it has been debentures. paid, the corporation may, subject to this section, issue a new 15 debenture or bond instead.

(2) A new debenture or bond issued under subsection (1) with interest coupon annexed shall bear the same date, number, principal sum, and rate of interest as the lost, destroyed or defaced debenture or bond.

20 (3) Where a debenture or bond issued by the corporation is lost or destroyed a new debenture or bond shall not be issued unless and until—

> (a) it has been established to the satisfaction of the Supreme Court that the debenture has been lost or destroyed before it has been paid off;

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- (b) such advertisements as the Court may direct have been published;
- (c) six months have elapsed since the publication of the last such advertisement; and
- (d) sufficient security has been given to the corporation to indemnify the corporation against any double payment if the missing debenture or bond is at any time presented for payment.

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(4) Where a debenture or bond is defaced a new debenture or bond shall not be issued unless and until the defaced debenture or bond is lodged with the corporation for cancellation.

(5) This section applies to a lost, destroyed, or defaced coupon in the same way as it applies to a lost, destroyed or defaced debenture.

19. (1) A person lending money to the corporation is not protection bound to inquire into the application of the money lent or of investments.
10 be in any way responsible for the non-application or misapplication of that money.

(2) A notification in the Gazette to the effect that the Governor has approved a specified borrowing by the corporation is, in favour of a lender and of any holder of a security15 given by the corporation, conclusive evidence—

- (a) that all conditions precedent to the borrowing have been complied with; and
- (b) where the notification relates to a borrowing by the corporation in a place outside the State and in a particular currency—that the Governor has approved the borrowing in the country and in the currency specified in the notification.

20. All debentures, bonds, stock or other securities which Debentures are secured upon the bank account established under section and bonds to rank
25 13 (1) rank equally without any preference one above another equally. by reason of priority of date or otherwise.

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**21.** (1) The corporation may—

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- (a) make a loan or grant for the purpose of developing to make loans and the tourist industry in the State;
- (b) lend money to provide a dwelling house for a person employed in or about a project for developing the tourist industry in the State;
- (c) subject to section 22, execute a guarantee, either alone or jointly with some other person, in favour of a bank or other person (not being a co-operative society registered under the Co-operation Act, 1923) for the repayment of any money expended or to be expended on—
  - (i) the acquisition of land, or land and buildings;
  - (ii) the construction, improvement or alteration of buildings; or
  - (iii) the acquisition of plant, machinery or equipment,

used or to be used for the conduct of a project for developing the tourist industry in the State;

- (d) subject to section 22, execute a guarantee, either alone or jointly with some other person, for the payment of the whole or part of the rent of a building used or to be used for developing the tourist industry in the State; or
- (e) enter into an agreement with a council for the repayment by that council to the corporation of part of any money paid by the corporation under any guarantee executed by the corporation under paragraph (c) or (d).
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(2) The corporation may refer to the Committee for inquiry and report any application for a grant, loan or guarantee and, where such a reference is made, the corporation shall take into consideration the report of the Committee before deciding whether to approve or refuse the application.

(3) Subject to section 26, the corporation may, in making a grant or a loan, or in agreeing to enter into a guarantee, impose such conditions as, in the opinion of the corporation, are appropriate.

(4) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the powers 10 of the corporation under this section or any other provision of this Act shall not be exercised in a manner that assists in the construction, maintenance or alteration of any premises or establishment in which accommodation is, or is to be, provided

15 for a charge (premises referred to in subsection (1) (b) and section 24 (1) (c) excepted).

22. (1) A guarantee executed by the corporation is not General enforceable against the corporation until the creditor has relating exercised all his rights and remedies under all other securities to 20 held by or for him in respect of the debt guaranteed.

guarantees corporation.

(2) The corporation may, as a condition of a guarantee, require the creditor to obtain, take and hold, or retain and hold, such securities for the payment of the principal debt and interest thereon as the corporation requires.

(3) The corporation may execute a guarantee not-25 withstanding that it includes any interest (including compound interest) charges and expenses chargeable by the creditor against the principal debtor and the expenses of enforcing or obtaining or endeavouring to enforce or obtain payment of 30 the debt guaranteed, that interest and those charges and expenses.

(4) Where the corporation executes a guarantee, any assignment or encumbrance of the guarantee by the creditor without the consent of the corporation has no force or effect.

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- (5) The corporation shall not—
- (a) execute a guarantee referred to in section 21 (1) (c) if the amount guaranteed would exceed ninety per centum of-
  - (i) the estimated value, ascertained as directed by the corporation, of the land, or the land and buildings;
  - (ii) the estimated cost, so ascertained, of the works of construction, improvement or alteration; or
  - (iii) the estimated value, so ascertained, of the plant, machinery or equipment,

as the case may be; or

(b) execute a guarantee referred to in section 21 (1) (c) or (d) if the amount guaranteed would, together with the amounts of all other guarantees executed by the corporation and then in force, or agreed to by the corporation but not then executed, exceed such amount as may be determined from time to time by the Treasurer and notified to the corporation.

(6) The execution by the corporation of a guarantee referred to in this section is, in favour of the creditor, conclusive evidence that the requirements of this section with 25 respect to the guarantee have been complied with.

23. The corporation may purchase, lease or exchange, or Powers of otherwise acquire, plant, machinery or equipment for the corporation with respect purpose of making it available, on such terms and subject to to plant, such conditions as are determined by the corporation, for use machinery 30 in the development of the tourist industry in the State. equipment.

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24. (1) The corporation may enter into, and give effect Corporation may enter into, an agreement with a council to make to the council a may enter into grant or loan for the purpose of—

- (a) erecting on land vested in the council any building required for the development of the tourist industry in the State;
- (b) altering or extending a building erected on land vested in the council to make it suitable for the development of the tourist industry in the State;
- (c) erecting, on land vested in the council, dwelling houses for occupation by persons employed, or to be employed, on or about a project for the development of the tourist industry in the State;
  - (d) improving any land vested in the council to make it suitable for use as a site for a project for the development of the tourist industry in the State; or
  - (e) acquiring land for a purpose referred to in paragraph(a), (b), (c) or (d).

(2) The corporation may enter into, and give effect 20 to, an agreement with a council for the construction, on land vested in the corporation or the council, or in the corporation and the council, of buildings suitable for developing the tourist industry in the State and the sale, lease or exchange of any such land and buildings.

25 (3) This section does not apply to or in respect of land that is a public road, a public reserve or land held in trust.

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25. (1) The corporation may enter into an agreement Power of with any person with respect to the construction or improve- corporation to enter ment of roads, works for the supply of water, gas or electricity, into agreeor sewerage or drainage works, or other works, whether of the ment for same or of a different kind, to serve any project for the vision of development of the tourist industry in the State or any dwelling services. houses erected or to be erected for occupation by persons employed or to be employed on or about any such project.

(2) An agreement under this section may provide 10 for-

- (a) the whole, or any specified part, of the cost of the roads or other works to be paid by the corporation; or
- (b) a loan to be made by the corporation to meet the whole, or any specified part, of the cost of the roads or other works.

(3) An agreement referred to in subsection (2) (b) shall not be entered into unless the Treasurer has approved of the purpose for which the loan is to be made.

(1) A loan made by the corporation shall be at the Rate of 26. 20 rate of interest for the time being fixed by the Treasurer loans, and generally for the purposes of this Part or, if the Treasurer rental, etc., so approves, at such rate of interest as may be fixed by him in corporation. respect of that loan, or without interest.

(2) The rental or other consideration to be received 25 by the corporation in respect of a lease of real or personal property acquired for the purposes of this Part shall be fixed by the corporation so as to produce an amount not less than such percentage as the Treasurer may direct, in respect of that 30 lease, or of leases of the class to which that lease belongs, of

the value of the real or personal property leased.

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27. The corporation may, for the purpose of exercising or Agreements performing any power, authority, duty or function of the or arrangements corporation, enter into an agreement or arrangement with the between the Rural Bank of New South Wales under section 23A of the corporation and the 5 Government Savings Bank Act, 1906.

PART IV.

#### ACQUISITION OF LAND.

28. The corporation may, for the purpose of providing a Corporation site for a project for the development of the tourist industry land.
10 in the State or a site that, in the opinion of the corporation, is likely to be required for such a purpose, acquire land, including land previously appropriated or resumed for any purpose, by lease, purchase or exchange or by resumption or appropriation in accordance with this Part.

15 29. (1) For the purposes of section 28 the Governor may Resumption. under the Public Works Act, 1912, resume any land, and appropriate any land vested in Her Majesty, or in any person in trust for Her Majesty.

(2) A resumption or appropriation under subsection20 (1) shall be deemed to be for an authorised work, and the corporation shall be deemed to be the Constructing Authority.

(3) Sections 34, 35, 36 and 37 of the Public Works Act, 1912, do not, but section 38 of that Act does, apply in respect of the expenditure on any works constructed under 25 this Act.

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**30.** The corporation may cause a plan to be made of any Subdivision. land acquired by the corporation under this Part showing the proposed roads and reserves for public recreation or other public purposes, and the land to be set apart as sites for buildings or works.

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- (a) cause any work to be done on or in relation to any land acquired by the corporation under this Part for the purpose of improving it to make it suitable to be used as a site for a project for the development of the tourist industry in the State or for a dwelling house for occupation by a person employed or to be employed on or about any such project;
- (b) dedicate by notification in the Gazette any such land as a reserve for public recreation or for other public purposes, and fence, plant and improve any such reserve, and by notification in the Gazette vest the reserve in the council of the area in which it is situated or in trustees; and
  - (c) set apart any such land as sites for buildings or works or for local government purposes.

(2) Where any reserve is vested under this section, the provisions of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913,25 apply to and in respect of the reserve in the same way as they apply to and in respect of land dedicated and vested under that Act.

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33. (1) The corporation may cause to be erected, on Corporation 5 land acquired by the corporation under this Part for the may erect, alter or purpose referred to in section 28 buildings suitable for the extend development of the tourist industry in the State.

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of section 81 of Public Works Act, 1912.

(2) The corporation may cause any building erected on land acquired by the corporation under this Part for the 10 purpose referred to in section 28 to be altered or extended to make it suitable for the development of the tourist industry in the State.

34. (1) Notwithstanding section 10 (1), the corporation Disposal of 34. (1) Notwinstanding section 10 (1), the corporation land by the may, in such manner and subject to such terms and conditions corporation. 15 as in the opinion of the corporation are appropriate, sell, lease,

exchange or otherwise deal with or dispose of any real or personal property that has been acquired by the corporation under this Part and grant easements or rights-of-way over any land or any part thereof that has been so acquired by the 20 corporation.

(2) Any moneys received by the corporation in respect of any transaction that is entered into by the corporation under subsection (1) and that relates to any land acquired by the corporation for the purpose referred to in 25 section 28 shall be disposed of as provided by section 12 (1)

(d) or 13 (1) (d), as the case may require.

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# PART V.

# TOURIST LEVY.

35. (1) In this Part, except to the extent that the context Interpretation.
or subject-matter otherwise indicates or requires, "accommodation" means accommodation in a house, a flat within the meaning of Part XI of the Local Government Act, 1919, a lot within the meaning of the Strata Titles Act, 1973, a room or suite of rooms, or a fixed or movable structure, for the occupancy of which a charge is made, being a house, flat,
10 lot, room, suite or structure in which there is at least one bed or at least one article of furniture that is and is intended to be,

convertible into and used as a bed, but does not include-

(a) accommodation in-

- (i) an incorporated hospital or separate institution within the meaning of the Public Hospitals Act, 1929;
- (ii) an authorised hospital within the meaning of the Mental Health Act, 1958;
- (iii) a private hospital or nursing home licensed under the Private Hospitals Act, 1908; or
- (iv) an institution licensed under the Inebriates Act, 1912;

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(b) accommodation on land that, pursuant to section 132 of the Local Government Act, 1919, is not ratable land;

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- (c) accommodation in a boat or a moving vehicle;
- (d) accommodation in respect of which the total charge for occupancy by the same persons (exclusive of any charge for the provision of any meals or other services) divided by the number of days during which they occupied the accommodation, does not exceed the prescribed amount; or
- (e) accommodation that is prescribed by the regulations, either generally or in a particular case, as not being accommodation for the purposes of this Part.

(2) For the purposes of this Part, a person who has a present right to occupy any accommodation shall be deemed to be in occupation of the accommodation.

(1) Where a person vacates any accommodation Levy to 36. 15 after occupying it for a continuous period of less than four be paid. weeks he shall, except to the extent that he has already done so, pay on demand to the person to whom the charge for the accommodation is paid or payable, a levy of an additional amount being-

- (a) where part of that period of occupancy was a period 20 before the commencement of this Part-an amount equal to two and one-half per centum of such part of the charge for the period of the occupancy, calculated proportionately on a daily basis, as is attributable to the period of occupancy that 25 succeeded that commencement; or
  - (b) in any other case—an amount equal to two and one-half per centum of the charge for the period of the occupancy.
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(2) A person who, during a prescribed period, receives or is entitled to demand, or whose servant or agent receives or is entitled to demand, payment of the levy imposed by subsection (1) shall, before the expiration of fourteen days 5 after the end of that prescribed period, pay or cause to be paid to the Director in the prescribed manner an amount equal to-

- (a) the amount of the levy that he or his servant or agent received during that period in respect of accommodation vacated during that period; and
- (b) any amount of the levy that he or his servant or agent was, during that period, entitled to demand, but did not receive, in respect of accommodation vacated during that period.

(3) Where an amount payable under subsection (2) 15 is not paid when due, the amount due and payable under that subsection is increased to the amount that would have been due and payable had the levy under subsection (1) been imposed at the rate of three and one-half per centum instead of two and one-half per centum and that increased payment is 20 due and payable forthwith.

(4) The Director may, in a particular case and for any reason that to him seems sufficient, remit any amount of an increase under subsection (3).

(5) An amount due and payable by the operation 25 of subsection (2) or (3) is, subject to subsection (4), a debt due to the Crown recoverable in a court of competent jurisdiction.

37. Where a person makes-

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(b) a charge for the provision of a meal or other service (whether or not the meal or other service is provided),

and the charge referred to in paragraph (a) is less than it 5 would have been if the charge referred to in paragraph (b) had not been made, that person shall, for the purposes of sections 35 (1) (d) and 36, be deemed to have charged for the occupation of the accommodation the same amount as he would have charged had he not made the charge referred 10 to in paragraph (b).

**38.** (1) A person who, or whose servant or agent, has Register of provided accommodation in any premises or establishment for premises and estaba person referred to in section 36 (1) shall, if he has not lishments. previously applied for registration under this Part in respect

15 of the premises or establishment, so apply to the Director in the prescribed form not later than one month after the vacation of the accommodation by the person so referred to.

Penalty : \$500.

(2) Where the Director allows further time for
20 compliance with subsection (1) in relation to specified accommodation, that subsection shall be deemed never to have applied in relation to that accommodation if, during any such extension of time, it ceases by the operation of section 35 (1) (e) to be accommodation within the meaning
25 of this Part.

(3) The Minister shall cause to be kept, in such form as he directs, a register, containing such particulars as he directs, of premises and establishments referred to in subsection (1).

30 (4) The Director shall cause to be issued to a person who applies under subsection (1) a certificate in the prescribed form in respect of the premises or establishment to which the application relates.

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**39.** (1) A person required to apply for registration under Offences. section 38 in respect of any premises or establishment contravenes this subsection if—

- (a) he fails to make, or cause to be made, to the Director the prescribed returns in respect of those premises or that establishment, or any other prescribed returns, at the time prescribed for making those returns;
- (b) by a wilful act, or by wilful default or neglect, or by any fraud, art or contrivance, he avoids, or attempts to avoid, payment of any amount under section 36 (2) or 36 (3); or

(c) he fails to keep the prescribed accounts, records, books and documents relating to those premises or that establishment or fails, while they are in his custody or under his control, to keep them at the prescribed place or to retain them until the prescribed date.

Penalty: \$1,000.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) (c), the20 accounts, records, books and documents that a person is required to keep in relation to any premises or establishment are—

(a) an accommodation register from which can readily be ascertained in the English language the name and address of each occupier of accommodation in those premises or that establishment and the days on which he occupied it;

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- (b) records from which can readily be ascertained in the English language—
  - (i) all amounts paid and payable for the occupation of that accommodation, exclusive of any amounts paid and payable for the provision of meals and any other services for occupiers of that accommodation;
  - (ii) any amounts paid and payable for the provision of meals and any other services for occupiers of that accommodation; and
  - (iii) the days in respect of which, and the occupiers in respect of whom, the amounts referred to in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) were paid or are payable; and
- (c) such other accounts, records, books and documents as may be prescribed.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1) (c), the prescribed place for the keeping of the accounts, records, books and documents relating to any premises or establishment20 is—

- (a) in those premises or that establishment;
- (b) where the person required to keep them has, when applying for registration under section 38 in respect of that place or establishment, specified some other place in New South Wales at which they will be kept—that other place; or
- (c) where that person has notified the Director in writing that they will be kept at a place in New South Wales specified in the notification (not being a place referred to in paragraph (a) or (b))—the place specified in the latest such notification.

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(4) For the purposes of subsection (1) (c), the prescribed date for the retention by a person of any accounts, records, books or documents relating to any premises or establishment is—

- (a) the date that is three years after the last entry therein; or
  - (b) the date on which the accounts, records, books or documents are given into the custody of another person required by section 38 to apply for registration in respect of those premises or that establishment,

whichever first occurs.

## 40. (1) Where—

Assessments, objections and appeals.

- (a) a person who, in the opinion of the Director, is required to comply with section 39 (1) (a) in respect of any premises or establishment fails to do so;
- (b) the Director is not satisfied with a return under section 39 (1) (a) made by a person in respect of any premises or establishment;
- (c) a person who, in the opinion of the Director, is liable to make a payment under section 36 (3) in respect of any premises or establishment has failed to do so;
- (d) the Director is of the opinion that a charge made by a person for accommodation at any premises or establishment is a charge in respect of which section 37 applies,

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the Director may cause an assessment to be made of the amount, or the additional amount, that, in his opinion, should be paid by that person in respect of those premises or that establishment under section 36 (3) and shall serve on that person notice of the amount of the assessment.

(2) A notice under subsection (1) may be served by post and, where it is to be so served, the address of the premises or establishment to which the notice relates is a sufficient address for service.

(3) A person who, within the period of one month that next succeeds service on him of a notice of assessment under subsection (1), pays the assessed amount to the Director but is dissatisfied with the amount of the assessment may, within that period of one month, lodge with the Director an
15 objection in writing specifying the grounds of his objection and an address for the service by post of the Director's decision on the objection.

(4) The Director shall consider any objection lodged under subsection (3) and shall—

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(a) allow the objection, wholly or in part, or disallow the objection; and

(b) serve on the objector by post at the appropriate address specified in the objection written notice of his decision on the objection.

(5) Where an objector is dissatisfied with the decision given on his objection by the Director, he may, not later than one month after service of notice of that decision and on payment to the Director of a fee of five dollars, request the Director to treat the objection as an appeal to the Supreme 30 Court.

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(6) Where a request is made under subsection (5)—

- (a) the Director shall lodge the objection with the Supreme Court; and
- (b) the Supreme Court shall hear and determine the objection,

in accordance with rules of court.

(7) For the purposes of a hearing pursuant to subsection (6)—

(a) the objector is limited to the grounds stated in his objection;

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- (b) where the Director has allowed the objection in part, the amount of the reduced liability is the amount at issue; and
- (c) the burden of proving that the assessment objected to is excessive lies on the objector.

(8) The amount specified in a notice of assessment served under subsection (1) shall be deemed to be an amount payable under section 36 (3) by the person to whom, and in respect of the premises or establishment to which, the notice 20 relates.

(9) The Director shall refund any amount that he or the Supreme Court finds to have been paid in excess of the true liability of an objector.

41. (1) The Governor may, under and subject to the Inspectors.25 Public Service Act, 1902, appoint inspectors for the purposes of this Act.

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(2) For the purposes of this Act, an inspector may, at a reasonable time and on production of written evidence of his appointment—

(a) enter and remain on any land or premises at which, or at which he reasonably suspects—

- (i) payment is made of a charge for accommodation at any premises or establishment in respect of which registration has been, or is required to be, applied for under section 38; or
- (ii) any accounts, records, books or documents relating to any such premises or establishment are kept or stored;

six months, or both, and an additional penalty

- (b) take copies of, or extracts or notes from, any such accounts, records, books or documents; and
- (c) request any person found in or upon any land or premises that he has entered pursuant to paragraph
   (a)—
  - (i) to produce any accounts, records, books or documents which relate to, or which the inspector reasonably suspects relate to, any premises or establishment in respect of which registration has been, or is required to be, applied for under section 38 and which, at the time of the request, are in the possession or under the control of that person; and
  - (ii) to answer any question with respect to any such accounts, records, books, documents, premises or establishment.

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(3) A person shall not-

- (a) prevent, or attempt to prevent, an inspector from exercising any power conferred on him by subsection (2);
- (b) hinder or obstruct any inspector in the exercise of any such power;
- (c) fail to comply with a request by an inspector under subsection (2) (c); or
- (d) furnish to an inspector information which is false or misleading in a material particular.

Penalty: \$500 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or both, and an additional penalty for a contravention of paragraph (c) not exceeding \$100 for every day on which the contravention continues.

15 (4) A person is not guilty of an offence under subsection (3) (c) by reason of his failure to answer any question referred to in subsection (2) (c) (ii) if he proves to the satisfaction of the court that he did not know, and could not with reasonable diligence ascertain, the answer to 20 the question.

(5) A person is not excused from answering any question if required to do so under subsection (2) (c) (ii) on the ground that the answer might tend to criminate him or make him liable to a penalty but neither the question nor his 25 answer is admissible against him in any proceedings, civil or criminal, except in proceedings for an offence under subsection (3).

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(6) Where an answer to a question referred to in subsection (2) (c) (ii) or any information whatsoever is given to an inspector by an officer of a corporation within the meaning of the Companies Act, 1961, in respect of which 5 registration has been, or is required to be, applied for under section 38 the answer and information are, for the purposes of any proceedings against the corporation under any of the provisions of this Act, binding upon and admissible in evidence against the corporation unless it is proved that the answer or 2 10 information was given in relation to a matter in respect of which the officer had no authority to bind the corporation. (7) The provisions of subsection (6) are in addition to, and do not derogate from, any rule of law relating to the binding effect and admissibility in evidence of statements 15 made by any officer or employee of a corporation. 10 otherwise through (8) Any matter or thing done by an inspector bona fide for the purpose, or purported purpose, of executing this and did Act does not subject the inspector personally to any action, liability, claim or demand. 15 why as it applies to the corporation. 20 42. (1) A person shall not disclose any information, or Disclosure publish any document or part of a document obtained by of informahim, in connection with the administration or execution of this Part unless the disclosure or publication is made-(a) with the consent of the person from whom the 25 information or document was obtained; (b) in connection with the administration or execution of this Act or the regulations; or

(c) for the purpose of any legal proceedings arising out of this Act or the regulations or of any report of any such proceedings.

Penalty: \$500.

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(2) Nothing in subsection (1) prevents the disclosure of information or the publication of a document in connection with any lawful requirement of the Commonwealth Statistician.

# PART VI.

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43. (1) Section 11 applies to and in respect of such of Delegation by Minister.
the powers, authorities, duties and functions of the Minister under this Act as may be exercised or performed by him
10 otherwise than as the corporation and it so applies in the same way as it applies to and in respect of the powers, authorities, duties and functions exercised or performed by him as the corporation.

(2) Section 11 applies to the Director in the same 15 way as it applies to the corporation.

44. (1) Proceedings for a contravention of a provision Prosecution of this Act or the regulations shall be disposed of summarily of offences. by a stipendiary magistrate sitting in petty sessions.

(2) An information in respect of a contravention of20 a provision of this Act may be laid at any time within three years after the commission of the offence but may not be laid without the consent in writing of the Minister.

(3) An information for a contravention of a provision of this Act purporting to have been laid by an25 officer of the Public Service employed in the execution or administration of this Act shall, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, be deemed to have been laid with the consent in writing of the Minister.

45. The Director may, before or after the time prescribed Director for doing anything under this Act or the regulations, allow may allow further further time for the doing of that thing and, where that thing time. is done within the extended time, it shall be deemed to have

5 been done within the time prescribed.

(1) The Governor may make regulations for or with Regulations. 46. respect to all matters that by this Act are required or permitted to be prescribed or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for the purpose of carrying out or giving effect to 01 10 this Act.

(2) The regulations may impose a penalty not exceeding \$500 for any contravention thereof.

# PART VII.

# AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN ACTS.

The Local Government Act, 1919, is amended-47. Amendment 15

of Act No. 41, 1919.

(a) by inserting in section 3 after the matter relating to Sec. 3. (Division Part XXIIB the following matterinto Parts.)

# PART XXIIC.-TOURIST INDUSTRY DEVELOP-MENT-s. 475Q.

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(b) by inserting after Part XXIIB the following Part :- Part XXIIc. PART XXIIc.

TOURIST INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT.

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# Tourist Industry Development. 4750. (1) For the purpose of developing, Council's promoting and stimulating the tourist industry powers to assist within or outside its area, a council maytourist development. (a) lend money, subject to such conditions as 5 the council thinks fit, to any person-(i) to acquire land, or land with buildings erected thereon, within or outside the area of the council for use for a project for developing the 10 tourist industry in the State; or (ii) to erect buildings on land within or outside the area of the council for use for the purposes of such a project or to alter or extend any building on land within or outside that area to make it suitable for occupation for the purposes of such a project; (b) lend money, subject to such conditions as the council thinks fit, to enable a person to 20 erect on land owned or leased by him within or outside the area of the council buildings for use for the purposes of a project for developing the tourist industry in the State 15 or to alter or extend any buildings on any such land to make it suitable for occupation for those purposes; (c) enter into an agreement referred to in section 21 (1) (e) or 24 of the Tourist Industry Development Act, 1975, or section 3B of 20 the Government Guarantees Act, 1934, and do all things required for or incidental to

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(d) acquire, in accordance with this Act, land within or outside its area for the purpose of providing a site for a project for developing the tourist industry in the State or erecting on that land buildings to be made available for use for the purpose of such a project;

- (e) alter or extend any buildings erected on land vested in the council (not being land that is a public road, public reserve or land held on trust for any purpose) to make it suitable for use for developing the tourist industry in the State; or
- (f) construct on any land vested in the council (not being a public road, public reserve or land held by it on trust for any purpose) buildings suitable for use in the development of the tourist industry in the State.

(2) A council shall not exercise any of the powers conferred on it by subsection (1) (paragraph (c) excepted) except with the approval in writing of the Minister.

- (c) (i) by inserting in section 518A after the word Sec. 518A. "industries" the words "or for the development (Sale of land for housing.)
  - (ii) by inserting in section 518A after the word "industry" the words "or for the development of the tourist industry";
- (d) (i) by inserting in section 519 (4) (ai) after the Sec. 519. word "industry" the words "or for the (Power to development of the tourist industry"; property.)

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(ii) by inserting in section 519 (4) (al) after the matter "475p" the matter "or section 475q".

**48.** The Government Guarantees Act, 1934, is amended Amendby inserting after section 3A the following section :--

ment of Act No. 57, 1934. Sec. 3B.

3B. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Treasurer Guarantees may, upon the recommendation of the Minister for development of the administering the Tourist Industry Development tourist Act, 1975, and with the approval of the Governor, execute a guarantee, either alone or jointly with some other person, in favour of any bank or other person (not being a co-operative society within the meaning of the Co-operation Act, 1923) for the repayment of moneys expended or to be expended on—

# (a) the acquisition of land, or land and buildings thereon;

(b) the construction, improvement or alteration of buildings; or

(c) the acquisition of plant, machinery or equipment,

used or to be used for the development of the tourist industry in the State.

(2) Subsections (2), (3) and (4) of section 3A apply in respect of guarantees under this section in the same way as they apply in respect of guarantees under that section.

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49. The Capital Debt Charges Act, 1957, is amended by Amendment inserting at the end of the Schedule the following matter :--Tourist Industry 1, 1957. Development Act, Schedule.

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The commencement of Part II of the Tourist Industry Development Act, 1975. The corporation sole con-tituted under the name "Minister for Tourism" by the Tourist Industry Devel-opment Act 1975. opment Act, 1975.

50. The State Development and Country Industries Amend-Assistance Act, 1966, is amended by omitting from the of Act No. 10 definition of "Country industry" in section 3 the words ", for 10, 1966. the purpose of promoting or developing facilities for tourists,". Sec. 3. (Interpretation.)

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