

# EDWARDI VII REGIS.

# Act No. 26, 1904.

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Provided that, in respect of goods transhipped in the said port. one half only of the said harbour rates shall be payable, unless the goods are landed on a wharf or other place vested in the commissioners, and the transhipment does not take place within fourteen days after the landing, in which case the full harbour rates shall be payable :

Provided also that, where wharfage rates are payable to the commissioners on goods on which harbour rates have been paid, the amount of such harbour rates shall be deducted from the amount payable as wharfage rates.

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6. (1) Tonnage rates shall be levied by and paid to the commissioners upon every vessel (except vessels under two hundred and forty tons of register tonnage and lighters) while berthed at any wharf, dock, pier, jetty, landing-stage, slip, or platform vested in the commissioners.

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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.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Sydney, 7 December, 1904. SClerk of Petu South Walales.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

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1. This Act may be cited as the "Sydney Harbour Rates Act, Short title. 1904," and shall be construed with the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act. 2.

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

W. P. CRICK, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly.

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

HARRY H. RAWSON,

Stale Government House, Sydney, 13th December, 1904. 3

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Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 1 December, 1904. S Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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