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An Act relating to the rationing of liquid fuel and matters incidental thereto.

[Assented to 10th November, 1949.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows :

1. This Act may be cited as the " Liquid Fuel Act, 1949 ". Short title.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation.

" liquid fuel " means—

- (a) motor spirit, that is to say liquid petroleum products or similar hydro-carbons distilling completely below 225 degrees centigrade and suitable for use as fuel in internal combustion engines and includes motor benzol and power alcohol ;
- (b) kerosene, that is to say petroleum distillate normally marketed as kerosene ;
- (c) diesel oil fuel, that is to say petroleum distillate or residual, either crude or refined, suitable for use in compression ignition engines and includes diesel oil fuel distilled from coal tar ;
- (d) fuel oil, that is to say crude distillate or residual product of petroleum suitable for use in burners for the production of heat or steam ;

- (e) lubricating oil, that is to say petroleum or other oils or mixtures or oils suitable for the lubrication of moving parts of machinery and includes petroleum greases, compounds of oils with other substances to form lubricating greases and mixtures of oils with plastics ;
- (f) rectified spirit, that is to say any spirit produced by fermentation of any material and denatured for industrial or power purposes ;
- (g) shale oil, that is to say shale distillate or residual, either crude or refined, produced from shale or coal and suitable for use either alone or when mixed with any other liquid as a fuel or as a source of power in internal combustion engines :

“ the liquid fuel regulations ” means the regulations made under this Act, including any Commonwealth regulations which the first mentioned regulations declare to have effect as if they had been regulations made under this Act, and any orders made under any of the regulations aforesaid.

(2) The Governor may by regulation vary the definition of “ liquid fuel ” as contained in this Act by adding to it or altering it in any way which he thinks fit.

Power to make regulations.

3. The Governor may make regulations for all or any of the following purposes :—

- (a) regulating and controlling the distribution, sale, supply, and use of liquid fuel ;
- (b) providing for the appointment by any authorities or officers (whether of the State or of the Commonwealth) specified in the regulations of persons or bodies of persons to administer the regulations or any of them ;
- (c) empowering any person or body of persons to make orders, not inconsistent with the regulations, providing for matters necessary or convenient to be provided for carrying out or giving effect to the regulations ;
- (d) prescribing any matters which the Governor deems it necessary or convenient to prescribe for the purpose of carrying into effect any agreement or arrangement to which the State is a party with respect to the distribution, sale, supply, and use of liquid fuel ;

- (e) declaring that any regulations of the Commonwealth which relate to liquid fuel and are in force in any territory of the Commonwealth shall have effect without or with modifications or additions as if they had been regulations made under this Act ;
- (f) prescribing any matters necessary or convenient to be prescribed to carry into effect a system of rationing liquid fuel.

4. (1) A person who contravenes or fails to comply with any requirement of the liquid fuel regulations shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds, or to imprisonment for not more than six months. Offences.

(2) If a person is convicted of an offence against this section the court of summary jurisdiction which convicted him or any other court of summary jurisdiction may order that any liquid fuel proved to the court to have been obtained in contravention of the liquid fuel regulations shall be forfeited to the Crown.

5. This Act shall remain in force until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, and no longer. Duration of Act.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

C. W. M. NORRIE, Governor.