

1929.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Read 1° 6th February, 1929.

(Brought in by the Prime Minister, the Right Honorable S. M. Bruce.)

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901-1918*.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

- 1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Acts Interpretation Act 1929*.
- 5 (2.) The *Acts Interpretation Act 1901-1918*\* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.
- (3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901-1929*.

Short title and citation.

2. After section fifteen of the Principal Act the following
- 10 section is inserted:—

“15A. Every Act, whether passed before or after the commencement of this section, shall be read and construed subject to the Constitution, and so as not to exceed the legislative power of the Commonwealth, to the intent that where any enactment thereof

15 would, but for this section, have been construed as being in excess of that power, it shall nevertheless be a valid enactment to the extent to which it is not in excess of that power.”.

Construction of Acts to be subject to Constitution.

#### 3. Section

\* Act No. 2, 1901, as amended by No. 4, 1916, and No. 8, 1918.