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An Act relating to the provision of civil defence shelters for use during a state of emergency and for matters connected therewith.

[1 May 1998: Except Parts 4 and 5]

## PART 1

## PRELIMINARY

**Short title**

- 1.—(1) This Act is the Civil Defence Shelter Act 1997.
- (2) Parts 4 and 5 do not come into operation except at the time and for the duration and in the manner provided in subsections (3) and (4).

(3) Whenever it appears to the Minister that —

- (a) a Proclamation of Emergency by the President under Article 150 of the Constitution or a declaration of a state of civil defence emergency by the Minister under Part 12 of the Civil Defence Act 1986 is imminent; and
- (b) it is necessary or expedient to do so for the securing of public safety,

the Minister may by order direct that all or any of the provisions of Parts 4 and 5 are to come into operation and the provisions of those Parts specified in the order are to come into operation and remain in operation for such period as may be specified in the order.

(4) An order made under subsection (3) is not to be in force for a period exceeding 7 days from the commencement of the order unless it has been made with the approval of the President.

## **Interpretation**

2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“authorised person” means any person authorised by the Commissioner in writing in accordance with this Act to carry out any duty or exercise any power under this Act or the regulations;

“building” means any permanent building or tenement and includes —

- (a) any structure or erection of whatever kind or nature; and
- (b) any building to be erected within a stratum shown or specified in any strata subdivision plan submitted for approval under the Land Titles (Strata) Act 1967;

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Civil Defence appointed under section 6 of the Civil Defence Act 1986;

“competent authority” means the competent authority appointed under section 5 of the Planning Act 1998;