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AN ACT to amend the law relating to official publications and to amend section 13 of the Statutory Instruments Act, 1959.

1. Short title

Omitted.2(2)

2. Substitute for *Gazette* publication

(1) The publication by the Government Printer of an Act, an instrument, a notice or any other document otherwise than in the *Gazette* shall, if notice of the publication is given in the *Gazette*, have the like effect for the purposes of an Act requiring publication in the *Gazette* or otherwise referring to that publication as if the document had been published in the *Gazette* on the date on which notice of the publication was given in the *Gazette*.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to the publication of Bills.

(3) Except where expressly unapplied by an Act passed after the commencement of this Act, subsection (1) shall have effect as well for the purposes of an Act so passed as for the purposes of an existing Act.

3. Evidence

(1) A copy of a document purporting to have been printed by the Government Printer is prima facie evidence of the due making and tenor of that document and, if the document purports to have been published, of the publication of the document.

(2) *Spent.3(3)*

4. Amendment of section 13 of Statutory Instruments Act, 1959, No. 52 of 1959

Subsection (1) of section 13 of the Statutory Instruments Act, 1959 (which makes provision as to the commencement of statutory instruments) is hereby amended, with effect from the commencement of that Act

- (a) by the insertion, at the beginning of paragraph (a), of the words “in the case of a legislative instrument made after the coming into operation of section 4 of this Act,”; and
- (b) by the substitution for paragraph (b) of the following:
 - “(b) in any other case, on the date on which the instrument is made.”

Endnotes

1 (Popup - Footnote)

1. The Act was assented to on 22nd December, 1959. Act No. 85 of 1959. (It came into force on 24th December, 1959).

2 (Popup - Footnote)

2. We no longer use the format of having a short title as a separate section or subsection. *See* the Acts of Parliament Act, 1960 ([C.A. 7](#)), and subsection (2) of [section 5](#) of the Interpretation Act, 1960 (Act [C.A. 4](#)).

3 (Popup - Footnote)

3. The subsection provided for the repeal of section 15 of the Interpretation Act, 1957 (which made provision as to evidence in relation to official publications).