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STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION ACTS.

At the Executive Council Chamber, Melbourne, the sixth day of February, 1951.

PRESENT:

The Lieutenant-Governor, as Deputy for His Excellency the Governor of Victoria.

Mr. Inchbold | Mr. Brose

PROTECTION OF ELECTRICAL OPERATIONS REGULATIONS.

THE Lieutenant-Governor, as Deputy for His Excellency the Governor of the State of Victoria, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, and in pursuance of the provisions of the State Electricity Commission Acts, and all other powers him thereunto enabling, and on the recommendation of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria doth hereby make the following Regulations amending and adding to the Regulations cited as the Protection of Electrical Operations Regulations, made on the 7th day of July, 1949, and published in the *Victoria Government Gazette*, No. 579, of the 7th day of July, 1949, that is to say:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on the 7th day of February, 1951, and shall be read and construed as one with the *Protection of Electrical Operations Regulations*, made on the 7th day of July, 1949 (hereinafter called "the said Regulations"), and shall be included in any reference herein or thereafter made to the *Protection of Electrical Operations Regulations*.

2. Regulation 4 of the said Regulations shall be amended by substituting the words "Five pounds" for the words "Two pounds" therein and as so amended shall be numbered 4 (a), and the following paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) shall be added to the said Regulation 4, that is to say:—

(b) Every person to whom the Commission supplies electricity at any premises or for use at any premises pursuant to a contract express or implied, conditional or unconditional or to whom an undertaker supplies electricity at any premises or for use at any premises shall ensure that no contravention of any of the provisions as to the use of electricity contained in any advertisement referred to in paragraph 6 of the said Regulations or any amendment

thereof occurs at those premises and in the event of any contravention of any of the said provisions occurring such person shall (unless he satisfies the Court that the contravention occurred in spite of his having done everything reasonably possible to prevent its occurrence) be guilty of an offence against the Protection of Electrical Operations Regulations and shall be liable to a penalty of a sum not exceeding Five pounds for the first offence and not exceeding Twenty-five pounds for any subsequent offence.

(c) On the conviction of any person for an offence under paragraph (b) hereof the Court may, in addition to any other penalty, order that the State Electricity Commission of Victoria or the undertaker supplying electricity to the person convicted shall within a specified period expiring not later than fourteen days after the order is made, disconnect the electricity installation in the premises from the supply mains of the Commission or of the undertaker and that the installation shall remain so disconnected for a period of two days in the case of a conviction for a first offence and a period not less than two days and not exceeding fourteen days in the case of a conviction for any subsequent offence.

(d) Paragraphs (b) and (c) hereof shall apply notwithstanding that the advertisement, the provisions of which have been contravened, was published before the date on which these Regulations come into operation.

3. In Regulation 6 of the said Regulations there shall be substituted for the words therein appearing, viz.: "at an average rate per quarter hour greater than some rate therein specified or indicated in that behalf" the words following, that is to say: "in excess of any limit fixed by the notification or to be ascertained as therein provided whether such limit is fixed or to be ascertained according to a maximum rate of use, a maximum quantity to be used during a period, a maximum number and/or capacity of lighting and/or heating and/or power devices to be used or in any other manner whatsoever."

And the Honorable Keith Dodgshun, His Majesty's Minister in Charge of Electrical Undertakings for the State of Victoria, shall give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

A. MAHLSTEDT,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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