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ACT

To provide for the continued operation of certain laws affecting Commonwealth countries and for matters incidental thereto.

(English text signed by the Officer Administering the Government.)
(Assented to 26th May, 1961.)

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate and the House of Assembly of the Union of South Africa, as follows:—

Continued operation of certain laws affecting Commonwealth countries.

1. The operation of any provision of any law in force in the Union or the territory of South-West Africa immediately prior to the thirty-first day of May, 1961, in which reference is made to Commonwealth countries or any particular Commonwealth country, shall not be affected by reason of the establishment of the Republic of South Africa or of the fact that the Republic is not a member of the Commonwealth: Provided that the Governor-General may by proclamation in the *Gazette* suspend or from time to time amend any such provision in so far as reference is made therein to any particular Commonwealth country, either expressly or by way of a reference to Commonwealth countries generally, if in his opinion any corresponding law which was in force in that Commonwealth country on the date mentioned has been amended or repealed or has ceased to operate in so far as the Republic of South Africa is concerned.

Proclamations to be tabled in Parliament.

2. (1) The Minister charged with the administration of any law in respect of which any proclamation is issued under section *one*, shall lay copies of such proclamation on the Table in the Senate and in the House of Assembly within fourteen days after the publication thereof if Parliament is in session, or, if Parliament is not in session, within fourteen days after the commencement of its next ensuing session.

(2) Every such proclamation shall cease to have the force of law thirty days after it has been so laid upon the Table unless before that date it has been approved by resolution of the Senate and of the House of Assembly.

Application of Act in South-West Africa.

3. This Act shall apply also in the territory of South-West Africa, including the Eastern Caprivi Zipfel referred to in section *three* of the South-West Africa Affairs Amendment Act, 1951 (Act No. 55 of 1951).

Short title.

4. This Act shall be called the Commonwealth Relations (Temporary Provision) Act, 1961.