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ACT

To amend the Interpretation Act, 1957.

(English text signed by the Governor-General.)
(Assented to 17th March, 1959.)

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:—

Amendment of
section 10 of
Act 33 of 1957.

1. Section *ten* of the Interpretation Act, 1957, is hereby amended by the addition thereto of the following sub-section:

“(5) Whenever the administration of any law or any provision of any law which confers a power or imposes a duty or entrusts a function to any Minister of State, has in terms of sub-section (4) been assigned by the Governor-General to any other Minister of State—

(a) any reference in that law or provision to the department of State administered by such firstmentioned Minister shall be construed as a reference to the department of State administered by such lastmentioned Minister;

(b) any reference in that law or provision to an officer in the public service attached to such firstmentioned department or to any such officer holding a specified office in that department, shall be construed as a reference to an officer in the public service attached to such lastmentioned department or, as the case may be, as a reference to such an officer holding a corresponding office in that department;

(c) any power, duty or function vested in or imposed upon or entrusted to—

(i) an officer of such firstmentioned department who is then an officer of such lastmentioned department; or

(ii) the holder of a specified office in that department, by or under that law or provision, shall be deemed to have been duly vested in or imposed upon or entrusted to the officer concerned in his capacity as an officer of such lastmentioned department or, as the case may be, to the holder of a corresponding office in that department;

(d) any regulation made or any notice, direction or order issued or any appointment made or any action taken under that law or provision prior to the date on which the administration thereof was so assigned, shall remain in full force and effect as if it had been made, issued or taken by the person who on that date was, by virtue of the assignment of the administration of that law or provision or the provisions of this sub-section, competent to make such regulation or to issue such notice, direction or order or to make such appointment or to take such action.”.

Short title and
commencement.

2. This Act shall be called the Interpretation Amendment Act, 1959, and shall be deemed to have come into operation on the twenty-third day of October, 1958.