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No. 14 of 1981

**An Act to amend the Petroleum Act 1923–1976 in certain  
particulars**

[ASSENTED TO 14TH APRIL, 1981]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

**1. Short title and citation.** (1) This Act may be cited as the *Petroleum Act Amendment Act 1981*.

(2) The *Petroleum Act 1923–1976* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3) The Principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the *Petroleum Act 1923–1981*.

**2. Amendment of s. 3.** Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after the definition of “Public Works Land Resumption Act” the following definition:—

“ “State Mining Engineer” —The person for the time being holding the position of State Mining Engineer, Department of Mines: The term includes a person temporarily performing the duties of the State Mining Engineer; ”.

**3. Amendment of s. 63A.** Section 63A of the Principal Act is amended by in subsection (1)—

(a) omitting the words “two hundred pounds” and substituting the expression “\$10 000”; and

(b) omitting the words “fifty pounds” and substituting the expression “\$2 000”.

**4. Amendment of s. 65.** Section 65 of the Principal Act is amended by—

(a) in subsection (1)—

(i) omitting the words “, and such Regulations may fix penalties for breaches thereof”; and

(ii) omitting the second paragraph; and

(b) inserting after subsection (1) the following subsection:—

“(1A) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing provisions of this section the Regulations may—

(a) prescribe all things necessary relating to the storage and use of explosives in connexion with the exploration for and production of petroleum;

(b) adopt wholly or in part, either by way of reference or of express specification therein, any of the standard rules, codes or specifications of the bodies known as the Standards Association of Australia, the British Standards Institution, the American Petroleum Institute, or a like body identified in the Regulations;

(c) provide for the approval of the State Mining Engineer to be the standard to be applicable in respect of a particular matter;

(d) provide for the fees to be payable under this Act, and the purposes for which they are payable;

(e) provide for penalties to be payable for breaches of the Regulations.”.

**5. Validation.** The regulations in force under the Principal Act immediately before the commencement of this Act shall, after the commencement of this Act, be as valid and effectual as if made under the Principal Act as amended by this Act.