

## WATER (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1984

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

**(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)**

The Irrigation (Amendment) Bill, 1984, is cognate with this Bill.

The object of this Bill is to amend the Water Act, 1912 ("the Act"), so as—

- (a) to enable fees to be prescribed for the issue of certain bore licenses for which fees are not presently charged (Schedule 1 (1));
- (b) to authorise the imposition of charges for the right to take and use water from bores situated in areas to be prescribed (the charges to be in addition to the fees payable for the bore licenses) (Schedule 1 (3));
- (c) to make, in respect of the charges referred to in paragraph (b), provisions in relation to the fixing and payment of the charges similar to the provisions applicable to the charges for taking and using water from rivers (Schedule 1 (3));
- (d) to increase the penalties for certain offences under the Act or the regulations made thereunder (Schedule 2);
- (e) to limit the penalty that may be imposed by a court of petty sessions in respect of an offence under the Act or the regulations made thereunder (Schedule 3 (2));
- (f) to provide that proceedings for offences under the Act or the regulations made thereunder may be taken before the Land and Environment Court (Schedule 3 (2)); and
- (g) to effect statute law revision (Schedule 4).

The Bill also contains other provisions of a minor, consequential or ancillary nature.

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