Date Introduced: 6 April 1978
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: The Hon. A.A. Staley, Minister for Post and Telecommunications

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To ensure that broadcasting station licence fees should be payable only once each year.

Provisions and Background

Amendments to the Broadcasting and Television Act 1942 at the end of 1977 allowed for variable periods for the grant of licences. This has led to a situation where because of the wording of section 6 of the Broadcasting Stations Licence Fees Act 1964 some licencees are, on renewal of licences for periods including a fraction of a year, obliged to pay licence fees twice in a year.

The Bill amends section 6 to remove this possibility.