Date Introduced: 25 May 1978
House: Senate
Presented by: Senator the Honourable P.D. Durack, Attorney-General

**Short Digest of Bill**

**Purpose**

To make technical amendments to the *Acts Interpretation Act* 1901.

**Provisions**

Section 19BA(1) of the Principal Act makes provision for the continued efficacy of legislation where as a result of changes in administrative arrangements particular provisions are to be administered by a different department. Clause 3 of the Bill widens the terms of the provision to make it more precise in its operation. Thus the provision will operate in future not only to cover situations where "there is a change in the administration of the provision or provisions that include the provision" but also those situations where the reference (in legislation) to a particular Minister is no longer appropriate.

Clause 4 rectifies a printer's error by inserting "to" in section 19BC of the Principal Act so that the section will now read to the effect that the Minister must cause a copy of the Governor-General's orders to be published in the Gazette.