



## THE WATERWORKS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1967.

AN ACT to amend the Waterworks Act.

DATE OF ASSENT: 14th August, 1967.

*Date of Commencement* : 18th August, 1967.

BE IT ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly, in this present Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1. The Waterworks Act is hereby amended,

Cap. 137.

(a) in section 12 by renumbering the existing section as subsection (1) and by adding thereto the following new subsection,

“(2) For the avoidance of doubts it is hereby declared that when the Minister has authorised a Water Authority to supply water in bulk to another Water Authority under the provisions of section 11, the provisions of this section shall apply only in so far as they relate to the charge for water so supplied.”;

(b) in section 13 by substituting the expression “ten *per centum*” for the expression “five *per centum*” occurring in subsection (2) thereof;

- (c) in section 14 by substituting the expression "ten *per centum*" for the expression "five *per centum*" occurring in subsection (2) thereof;
- (d) by inserting immediately after section 15 thereof the following new section,

"Rates or charges may be levied or imposed.

15A. The Minister may, by statutory order, direct that a rate or charge shall be levied or imposed on the value of improvements in respect of any premises or class of premises in substitution for the rates and charges prescribed under the provisions of this Act:

Provided that such rate or charge shall not exceed twenty cents for each twenty shillings of the value of improvements for every financial year without the consent of the Minister.";

- (e) by substituting for section 16A thereof the following,

"Supply by measured quantity.

16A. The Minister may, by statutory order,

- (a) direct that in respect of any area, premises, class or description of premises or in respect of any specified use of water, the charge for water supplied shall be assessed on consumption as registered by a meter and in such order he may prescribe,

- (i) the charge to be made in respect of any such area, premises, class or description of premises or the specified use of water:

Provided that such charge shall not exceed six shillings per thousand gallons without the consent of the Minister;

- (ii) a minimum charge to be made in respect of any area, premises, class or description of premises or in respect of the specified use of water;

- (iii) that any class of consumers shall pay a deposit and the amount of such deposit;
- (iv) a meter rent;
- (v) whether or not the general water rate shall be paid in addition to any charge for water consumed;

(b) direct that any rate, charge or meter rate payable under the provisions of this Act shall become due and payable monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or yearly as the Water Authority may declare.”;

(f) by substituting for section 26 thereof the following,

“Liability for payment of rates and charges.

26. The owner of any premises in respect of which,

- (a) any general water rate or any charge additional thereto; or
- (b) an internal supply rate; or
- (c) any meter rent; or
- (d) any other charge payable for water supplied,

shall be liable for the payment of the amount of such rate or charge, but shall be entitled to recover the amount of rate of charge he has paid to the Water Authority, from the occupier or joint occupiers of the premises.”;

(g) in section 29,

- (i) by substituting the word “owner” for the word “occupier” occurring in the first line thereof; and
- (ii) by deleting the proviso thereof;

(h) by substituting for section 32 thereof the following,

“Recovery of overdue amount of rate or charge from owner.

32. Where any amount of rate or charge in connection with the supply of water to any premises is not fully paid within the thirty days prescribed in section 28 of this Act, the Water Authority may,

- (a) demand the amount of rate or charge from the owner of the premises and on non-payment within seven days from the date of such demand and without prejudice to any other remedy, may recover the amount of rate or charge by distress and sale of goods of the owner of the premises; or
- (b) serve upon the occupier paying rent in respect of the premises a notice stating the amount of rate or charge and requiring payments of rent to be made direct to the Water Authority until the amount of rate or charge has been duly paid, and such notice shall operate to transfer to the Water Authority the right to sue and recover and give a discharge for such rent.”.