

# STATUTORY RULES PUBLICATION AMENDMENT ACT 1978

No. 39 of 1978

An Act to amend the *Rules Publication Act* 1903.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen, and the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Statutory Rules Publication Amendment Act* 1978.<sup>1</sup> Short title,  
&c.

(2) In this Act the *Rules Publication Act* 1903<sup>2</sup> is referred to as the Principal Act.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.<sup>1</sup> Commence-  
ment

3. Section 1 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting “*Statutory*” before “*Rules*”. Short title of  
*Rules  
Publication  
Act* 1903

4. Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting in sub-section (3) “or places” after “place”; and

(b) by inserting after sub-section (3) the following sub-sections:

Printing,  
numbering  
and sale of  
statutory  
rules

“(3A) Where a notice of statutory rules having been made is published in accordance with sub-section (3), copies of the statutory rules shall, at the time of publication of the notice or as soon as practicable thereafter, be made available for purchase at the place, or at each of the places, specified in the notice.

“(3B) Where, on the date of publication of a notice referred to in sub-section (3A), there are no copies of the statutory rules to which the notice relates available for purchase at the place, or at one or more of the places, specified in the notice, the Minister of State for Administrative Services shall cause to be laid before each House of the Parliament, within 15 sitting days of that House after that date, a statement that copies of the statutory rules were not so available and the reason why they were not so available.

“(3C) Failure to comply with a requirement of sub-section (3A) or (3B) in relation to any statutory rules shall not be taken to constitute a failure to comply with sub-section (3) or with any provision of any Act with respect to the publication or notification of the statutory rules in the *Gazette*.”

**NOTES**

1. Act No. 39, 1978; assented to 12 June 1978.
2. Act No. 18, 1903, as amended. For previous amendments *see* Act No. 16, 1916; No. 45, 1934; No. 55, 1939; No. 55, 1964; and No. 216, 1973.