ACT NO. XIII OF 1930.

[PASSED BY THE INDIAN LEGISLATURE.]

(Received the assent of the Governor General on the 24th March, 1930.)

An Act further to amend the Inland Steam-vessels Act, 1917, for certain purposes.

7 IIEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Inland Steam-vessels Act, 1917, for the purposes hereinafter appearing; It is hereby enacted as follows:----

1. (1) This Act may be called the Inland Steam-vessels short title and commencemen (Amendment) Act, 1930.

(2) It shall come into force on the first day of January, 1931, except clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 54A of the Inland Steam-vessels Act, 1917, as hereby enacted, which shall come into force on such date as the Governor General in Council may, by notification in the Gazette of India, appoint.

2. In Chapter VI of the Inland Steam-vessels Act, 1917, Insertion of after section 54 the following sections shall be inserted, 54A and 54B in Act 1 of 1917. namely :---

"54A. (1) The Governor General in Council may, by Power of Gover-nor General in notification in the Gazette of India, after such inquiry as he Council to fix may consider necessary, in respect of any system of inland minimum rates waterways, or of any stretch of inland waterway; or of the fare and freight for goods. run between any two stations on an inland waterway,-

- (a) fix the maximum or minimum rate per mile which may be charged for passenger fares for passengers of any class travelling on inland steam-vessels;
- (b) fix the maximum rate per mile which may be charged for freight on goods of any description carried in inland steam-vessels;
- (c) fix the minimum rate per mile which may be charged for freight on goods of any description carried in inland steam-vessels; and

(d) declare

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(d) declare what shall be deemed to be the distance

between any two stations on an inland waterway for the purpose of calculating passengers' fares or

freight on goods where maximum or minimum rates have been fixed under this section.

(2) The Governor General in Council shall not fix any minimum rate under clause (a) or clause (c) of sub-section (1) in respect of any class of passengers or description of goods carried on any system of waterways, or stretch of waterway, or on the run between any two stations on an inland waterway, unless he is satisfied that the rates charged on any inland steam-vessel or group of such vessels in respect of such passengers or goods have been reduced to such an extent as to disclose an intention to force any other inland steam-vessel or group of such vessels to cease from carrying such passengers or goods.

Power to make rules providing for the appointment of Advisory Committees.

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54B. The Local Government may make rules providing for the appointment, constitution, procedure and functions of •Committees to advise the owners, agents and charterers of inland steam-vessels on questions affecting the interests of passengers and shippers of goods."

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