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BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Statutes Amendment (Administration of Acts and Acts Interpretation) Act, 1971".

   (2) The Administration of Acts Act, 1910, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Administration of Acts Act, 1910-1971".

   (3) The Acts Interpretation Act, 1915-1957, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Acts Interpretation Act, 1915-1971".

2. The Acts Administration Act, 1910, is amended by inserting after section 5 the following section:—

   6. (1) A Minister in whom the administration of an Act is vested, or to whom the administration of an Act is committed, either in pursuance of this Act, or otherwise, may, by notice published in the Gazette delegate any powers or functions under the Act, and specified in the notice, to any other Minister.

   (2) Where any power or function delegated under this section is discretionary in nature, the discretion may be exercised by the Minister to whom the power or function is delegated.
(3) The delegation of a power or function by a Minister under this Act shall not prevent that Minister from himself exercising or performing that power or function.

(4) A Minister by whom any powers or functions have been delegated under this section may, by notice published in the Gazette, vary or revoke the delegation.

3. The Acts Interpretation Act, 1915-1957, is amended by striking out from section 4 the definition of “Minister” and inserting in lieu thereof the following definition:—

“Minister” means the Minister of the Crown in whom the administration of the Act or enactment in which the term is used is for the time being vested, or to whom the administration of the Act or enactment is for the time being committed by the Governor, and includes—

(a) any Minister of the Crown for the time being discharging the duties of the office of that Minister;

and

(b) any Minister of the Crown acting in the exercise or performance of powers or functions delegated to him by that Minister.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

J. M. NAPIER, Lieutenant-Governor