

HISTORIC HOUSES (AMENDMENT) ACT 1986 No. 126

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Act No. 126, 1986

An Act to amend the Historic Houses Act 1980 with respect to the functions of the Historic Houses Trust of New South Wales. [Assented to, 4 December 1986]

Historic Houses (Amendment) 1986

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the "Historic Houses (Amendment) Act 1986".

Amendment of Act No. 94, 1980

2. The Historic Houses Act 1980 is amended in the manner set forth in Schedule 1.

Validation

3. Any matter or thing done, before the date of assent to this Act, by the Historic Houses Trust of New South Wales, which would—

- (a) if this Act had been in force at the time it was done; and
- (b) if it had been done with any requisite approval or authorisation of the Minister,

have been valid, is validated.

SCHEDULE 1

(Sec. 2)

AMENDMENTS TO THE HISTORIC HOUSES ACT 1980

(1) Section 4 (**Interpretation**)—

Section 4 (1), definition of "historic house"—

Omit the definition, insert instead:

"historic house" means a building—

- (a) subject to a notice under section 7B; or

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(b) vested in the Trust under section 20 or by or under the provisions of any Act,

together with its appurtenant grounds;

(2) Section 7 (**Principal objects of Trust**)—

Section 7 (a)—

Omit the paragraph, insert instead:

- (a) to manage and maintain as house museums the buildings vested in or acquired (either as property of the Trust or otherwise) by the Trust, having regard to their historic and architectural interest, to conserve those buildings and to manage and maintain their appurtenant grounds; and

(3) Sections 7A, 7B—

After section 7, insert:

Acquisition of historic houses

7A. (1) If the Minister is satisfied that a building is suitable for control and management by the Trust as a house museum, the Minister may in writing authorise the acquisition (either as property of the Trust or otherwise) by the Trust of the building and its appurtenant grounds, if any.

(2) The Trust may purchase, lease or otherwise acquire the building and grounds in accordance with the Minister's authorisation.

Notification of intention to manage property

7B. The Trust shall cause notice of its intention to manage as a house museum any property acquired under section 7A, or acquired as referred to in section 8 (4), to be published in the Gazette.

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SCHEDULE 1—*continued*AMENDMENTS TO THE HISTORIC HOUSES ACT 1980—*continued*(4) Section 8 (**Powers of Trust**)—

(a) Section 8 (1) (a)—

Omit “the property”, insert instead “historic houses or property”.

(b) Section 8 (1) (a)—

After “house”, insert “, for restoration or maintenance or for any other purpose approved by the Minister”.

(c) Section 8 (1A)—

After section 8 (1), insert:

(1A) In accordance with any general or special limitations imposed by the Minister, the Trust may—

- (a) acquire (either as property of the Trust or otherwise) buildings and land for the purpose of providing office accommodation for the Trust and any of its officers or employees or residential accommodation for the caretaker of any historic house or for any other purpose reasonably necessary or incidental to the exercise or performance by the Trust of its powers, authorities, duties and functions;
- (b) carry out works, or make arrangements for the carrying out of works, for the restoration of a historic house;
- (c) undertake such investigation as may be necessary to ascertain the extent to which a building may be suitable for control and management by the Trust as a house museum; and
- (d) exercise, in or in connection with a building whose acquisition has been authorised by the Minister under section 7A, any of the powers exercisable by the Trust under this section in or in connection with a historic house.

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(d) Section 8 (2)—

Omit “all property vested in it”, insert instead “its property”.
