



Queensland

## Acts Interpretation Act 1954

(Current as at 15 August 2014)

### Part 3—General provisions applying to Acts

#### 9A—Declaration of validity of certain laws

##### Each provision of an Act

enacted, or purporting to have been enacted,  
before the commencement of the Australia Acts  
has (and always has had) the same effect as **it** would have had,  
and is (and always has been) as valid as **it** would have been,  
if the Australia Acts had been in operation  
at the time of **its** enactment or purported enactment.

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##### Explanation:-

Each provision of an Act enacted

before the commencement of the Australia Acts

or each provision of an Act purporting to have been enacted

before the commencement of the Australia Acts

has the same effect (and always has had the same effect)

if the Australia Acts had been in operation

at the time of enactment or purported enactment

of each of those provisions

enacted or purporting to have been enacted

and

each provision of an Act enacted

before the commencement of the Australia Acts

or each provision of an Act purporting to have been enacted

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**Oxford Dictionary: purport v. appear to be or do, especially falsely**

Because Section 9A—Declaration of validity of certain laws

*Acts Interpretation Act 1954* [3 Eliz. 2 No. 3] of 27th April 1954, as amended  
up to *Criminal Law Amendment Act 2014*, No. 39 of 15th August 2014,

infers that some Acts have been enacted falsely and only appear to be Acts,

then the Australia Acts have no effect, and never had any effect, on the validity  
of any provision of any Act enacted, or purporting to have been enacted  
before the commencement of the Australia Acts.

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