REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI (No. 4 of 1990)

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I assent, 2. labas Beretitenti 1990

AN ACT TO AMEND THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ORDINANCE (CAP. 46); AND FOR CONNECTED PURPOSES

> Commencement: 1990

MADE by the Maneaba ni Maungatabu and assented to by the Beretitenti.

Short title

1(1) This Act may be cited as the Interpretation and General Clauses (Amendment) Act 1990.

(2) For the purposes of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance the section headings in this Act shall be deemed to be marginal notes.

Amendment of section 15

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2. Section 15 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following new section substituted -

"15. A marginal note to, or section heading of, any provision of any enactment shall not have any legislative effect and shall not in any way limit or extend the interpretation of any enactment." This printed impression has been carefully examined by me with the Bill which passed the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on 21st May, 1990 and is found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

Clerk of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu

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I certify that the above Act, was on the 21st May, 1990, passed by the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on a certificate of urgency under section 68(3)(a) of the Constitution.

Speaker

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at the Public Office of the Beretitenti this (a) may 31 day of 1990.

Secretary to the Cabinet

at the Maneaba ni Maungatabu this (b) May, 31sh day of

1990.

Clerk to the Maneaba ni Maungatabu

INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES (AMENDMENT) 1990

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The main purpose of this short Act is to ensure that from the date the Act becomes law, section headings of enactments or Acts passed by the Maneaba ni Maungatabu shall be equated with or considered to be of the same effect as, marginal notes under section 15 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 46).

Under the existing section 15 of Cap. 46, a marginal note to any provision of any enactment or Act has no legislative effect and does not limit or extend the interpretation of such enactment or Act. This character or status of marginal notes is not affected by this proposed amendment.

What this proposed amendment seeks to do is to permit or sanction the use of section headings to enactments as an alternative to marginal notes. However, whenever such section headings are used, their effect will be the same as the effect of marginal notes as explained above.

The need for the use of section headings arose from the current widespread use of word processors and/or computers for typing and storage of Bills and other important documents for the same of security and elimination of delays.

> Michael N. Takabwebwe Attorney General 9 March 1990

LEGAL REPORT

I hereby certify that in my opinion none of the provisions of the above Act conflict with the Constitution and that the Beretitenti may properly assent to the Act.

> Michael N. Takabwebwe Attorney General 24 May 1990