

## **The General Clauses Act, 1897**

### **General Rules of Construction**

#### **Section 5: Coming into operation of enactments.**

5. <sup>1</sup>[(1) Where any Central Act is not expressed to come into operation on a particular day, then it shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the assent,-

(a) in the case of a Central Act made before the commencement of the Constitution, of the Governor-General, and

(b) in the case of an Act of Parliament, of the President.]

<sup>2</sup>[\* \* \*]

(3) Unless the contrary is expressed, a <sup>3</sup>[Central Act] or Regulation shall be construed as coming into operation immediately on the expiration of the day preceding its commencement.

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#### **Amendments**

1. Subs. by the A.O. 1950, for sub-section (1).
2. Sub-section (2) omitted by the A.O. 1950
3. Subs. by the A.O. 1937, for “Act of the Governor-General in Council”