

(b) authorizing any person mentioned in any of paragraphs (2)(a) to (d) who has given credit to the Receiver General for an instruction for payment that is deposited in accordance with regulations made under paragraph (a) to charge the amount of the instruction back to the Receiver General in the manner specified by the regulations, where the instruction is dishonoured after having been credited to the Receiver General; and

(c) authorizing persons who collect or receive public money to withhold their fees or commissions from payments of that money to the credit of the Receiver General."

5. The said Act is further amended by adding thereto, immediately after section 17 thereof, the following section:

"17.1 (1) In this section, "collection agency" means a person, other than an employee of a department, who

(a) carries on the business of collecting debts for other persons; and

(b) is registered or licensed as a member of the legal profession or as a collector of debts in the province in which the person carries on the business of collecting debts.

(2) Subject to the direction of the Treasury Board, fees or commissions may be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to a collection agency for the collection of any amount that was owed to

(a) Her Majesty in right of Canada; or
 (b) Her Majesty in right of a province on account of taxes payable to that province and that, pursuant to an agreement, Canada is authorized to collect on behalf of the province."

6. Section 19 of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"19. (1) The Governor in Council may, on the recommendation of the Treasury Board,

(a) by regulation prescribe the fees or charges to be paid for a service or the use of a facility provided by or on behalf of Her Majesty in right of Canada by the users or classes of users of the service or facility; or

(b) authorize the appropriate Minister to prescribe by order those fees or charges, subject to such terms and conditions as may be specified by the Governor in Council.

(2) Fees and charges for a service or the use of a facility provided by or on behalf of Her Majesty in right of Canada that are prescribed under subsection (1) or the amount of which is adjusted under section 19.2 may not exceed the cost to Her Majesty in right of Canada of providing the service or the use of the facility.

(3) For greater certainty, "users" includes

(a) Her Majesty in right of Canada, other than a department; and

(b) Her Majesty in right of a province.

19.1 The Governor in Council may, on the recommendation of the Treasury Board,

(a) by regulation prescribe the fees or charges to be paid for a right or privilege conferred by or on behalf of Her Majesty in right of Canada, by means of a licence, permit or other authorization, by the persons or classes of persons on whom the right or privilege is conferred; or

(b) authorize the appropriate Minister to prescribe by order those fees or charges, subject to such terms and conditions as may be specified by the Governor in Council.

19.2 (1) A regulation or order under section 19 or 19.1 may prescribe rules for the adjustment, by such amounts or ratios as are referred to in the regulation or order, of the amount of the fee or charge for such period as is specified in the regulation or order.

Definition of "collection agency"

Payment to collection agency

Charges for services or use of facilities

Amount not to exceed cost

By whom payable

Charges for rights and privileges

Adjustment of amounts