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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR RIGHTS UNDER A BILL OF LADING; AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED OR INCIDENTAL MATTERS.

**Short title.**

1. This Act may be cited as the Bills of Lading Act.

**Rights under bill of lading to vest in consignee or endorsee.**

2. Every consignee of goods named in a bill of lading, and every endorsee of a bill of lading, to whom the property in the goods therein mentioned shall pass upon or by reason of such consignment or endorsement, shall have transferred to and vested in him or her all rights of suit, and be subject to the same liabilities, in respect of such goods as if the contract contained in the bill of lading had been made with himself or herself.

**Not to affect right of stoppage or claims for freight.**

3. Nothing herein contained shall prejudice or affect any rights of stoppage *in transitu*, or any right to claim freight against the original shipper or owner, or any liability of the consignee or endorsee by reason or in consequence of his or her being such consignee or endorsee, or of his or her receipt of the goods by reason or in consequence of such consignment or endorsement.

**Bill of lading in hands of consignee, etc., conclusive evidence of the shipment as against master, etc.**

4. Every bill of lading in the hands of a consignee or endorsee for valuable consideration, representing goods to have been shipped on board a vessel, shall be conclusive evidence of such shipment as against the master or other person signing the same, notwithstanding that such goods or some part thereof may not have been so shipped, unless such holder of the bill of lading shall have had actual notice, at the time of receiving the same, that the goods had not been in fact laden on board:

Provided that the master or other person so signing may exonerate himself or herself in respect of such misrepresentation by showing that it was caused without any default on his or her part and wholly by the fraud of the shipper, or of the holder,

or some person under whom the holder claims.

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