



Antarctic Act 1994

CHAPTER 15

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 17 applied by [2013 c. 15 s. 11\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 19 applied by [2013 c. 15 s. 11\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 28 applied by [2013 c. 15 s. 11\(1\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 29(1)(b)(2) applied by [2013 c. 15 s. 11\(1\)\(d\)](#)