

Hon. Mr. Rhodes.

HOSPITALS AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1909. Title.

5 BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Amendment Act, 1913, and shall form part of and be read together with the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1909 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title.

2. Section nineteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection one, and by adding to subsection two the following paragraph:— Section 19 of principal Act amended.

15 “(g.) A person who is not an elector of some contributory local authority within the hospital district.”

3. Section thirty-one of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection four, and substituting the following:— Section 31 of principal Act amended.

20 “(4.) A quorum shall consist of half of the whole number of the members of the Board (irrespective of any extraordinary vacancies) when that number is even, and a majority of such members when the number is odd.”

4. Section thirty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the word “institution,” the words “or of the Secretary of a Board.” Section 34 of principal Act amended.

25 5. Section thirty-six of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words “at a meeting,” and substituting the words “pursuant to a resolution.” Section 36 of principal Act amended.

Section 38
of principal Act
amended.

6. Section thirty-eight of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one the words "thinks sufficient," and substituting the word "decides."

Advances to Boards
on account of
subsidies.

7. Section forty of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection one, and substituting the following:—

"(1.) The Minister of Finance may from time to time, without further appropriation than this Act, advance out of the Consolidated Fund to a Board, in anticipation of its estimated subsidy in any year, any sums not exceeding two-thirds of such estimated subsidy."

Loan-moneys to be
paid to separate
account and
expended solely for
purposes of loan.

8. All moneys borrowed by a Board pursuant to subsection one of section fifty-seven of the principal Act shall, as and when raised, be paid into a separate account at the bank at which the moneys of the Board are kept, and shall not be drawn out of such account or expended except for the special purpose for which they were borrowed:

Provided that any surplus moneys remaining after the completion of the work for which the said moneys were borrowed may be expended for any other purpose for which the Board is authorized to borrow money as aforesaid, or may be applied towards the reduction of the loan.

Section 60
of principal Act
amended.

9. Section sixty of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after paragraph (g), the following paragraph:—

"(gg.) Making grants or subsidies to such Medical or Nursing Associations, Benevolent Institutions, or private philanthropic associations as the Minister approves."

Section 68
of principal Act
amended.

10. (1.) Section sixty-eight of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one all words after the word "regulations," and substituting therefor the following:—

"(a.) Of all contracts entered into during the financial year;

"(b.) Of all moneys received or expended during the financial year;

"(c.) Of the income and expenditure of the Board for the financial year; and

"(d.) Of all assets and liabilities of the Board at the end of the financial year."

(2.) The said section sixty-eight is hereby further amended by adding, at the end of subsection four, the words "and to every contributory local authority."

Building fund.

11. A Board may in every or any year set aside out of its revenue any moneys to form a fund for the erection of any building by the Board, or the repair, enlargement, or reinstatement of any buildings or other property of the Board, and may from time to time invest any moneys so set aside and pay the proceeds of such investment into the said fund.

Board to refund
moneys expended
by constable in
rendering aid to
indigent sick
persons.

12. (1.) Moneys expended by a constable in rendering aid in cases of emergency to indigent sick persons or in the removal and burial of deceased destitute persons shall be refunded by the Board of the hospital district in which such service was rendered.

(2.) All moneys so refunded shall for the purposes of section seventy-two of the principal Act be deemed to be relief received by the person in respect of whom the service was rendered, or by the representatives of that person, as the case may be.

13. Section seventy-two of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection :—

Section 72 of principal Act amended.

5 “(8.) In the event of any dispute arising between two Boards in regard to liability for relief granted under this section, the same shall be referred to the Minister, whose decision shall be final, and shall be binding on the said Boards.”

14. Section eighty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after subsection one, the following subsection :—

Section 83 of principal Act amended.

10 “(1A.) On the like recommendation and with the consent of the local authority of any district, the Governor may, by Order in Council, upon such terms and conditions as he thinks fit, declare that, for such of the purposes of the Public Health Act, 1908, as are mentioned in the Order, the Board of the hospital district within which the district of the local authority is situated shall be deemed to be the local
15 authority of that district.”

15. The Eighth Schedule to the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (8) thereof the words “ seven and sixteen years,” and substituting the words “ six and twenty-one years.”

Eighth Schedule to principal Act amended.

20 16. If the Secretary, Treasurer, or any other officer of a Board fails to do any act he is required to do by the principal Act or any regulation thereunder, or to do such act within the time therein limited, or if any person having the custody or control of any of the books or papers relating to the Board’s affairs fails to produce the same
25 when so required by the Inspector-General or any officer appointed by the Inspector-General in that behalf, he shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding *fifty* pounds, recoverable summarily on the information of any person appointed in that behalf, either generally or in any particular case, by the Minister.

Penalty for failure of officer of Board to perform statutory duties.

30 17. (1.) The Governor may from time to time by Order in Council gazetted make regulations for the reception into any institution under the principal Act of persons suffering from any contagious or infectious disease, and for the detention of such persons in such institution until they may be discharged without danger to the
35 public health.

Regulations for detention of persons suffering from infectious or contagious diseases.

(2.) Regulations under this section may be made to apply generally or to any specified institution or institutions.