

- (e) penalties not exceeding Fifty pounds or imprisonment for three months or both for breaches of the regulations.
- (2.) This section shall not be construed to empower the making of regulations—
- (a) depriving a trade union or any member of a trade union of any right conferred by any law of the Commonwealth or of a State relating to rates of wages or conditions of employment ;
 - (b) altering or affecting, to the detriment of a trade union or any member of a trade union, any provision of an agreement between an employer and the trade union relating to rates of wages or conditions of employment ;
 - (c) restricting the freedom of any employee to change his employment ;
 - (d) altering to the detriment of any employees, or any trade union, any rule, practice, or custom in any industry ; or
 - (e) affecting the rules of any trade union.
- (3.) In this section—
- “employee” means employee other than an employee in the Public Service within the meaning of the *Arbitration (Public Service) Act* 1920–1934 ;
- “member of a trade union” does not include any member of a trade union who is not an employee ;
- “trade union” includes any organization registered under the law of the Commonwealth or of a State and a branch of any such organization, but does not include an association of employees in the Public Service.

28. This Act shall continue in operation for a period of five years and no longer. Duration of Act.

INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION.

No. 7 of 1939.

An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

[Assented to 20th June, 1939.]

BE it enacted by the King’s Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, for the purpose of appropriating the grant originated in the House of Representatives, as follows :— Preamble.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Act* 1939. Short title.

Commencement. 2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Appropriation
of £15,000,000
for Invalid
and Old-age
Pensions.

3. There shall be payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which is hereby appropriated accordingly, for the purposes of the Trust Account established under the *Audit Act* 1901-1934, and known as the Invalid and Old-age Pensions Fund, the sum of Fifteen million pounds for invalid and old-age pensions.

NATIONAL HEALTH AND PENSIONS INSURANCE.

No. 8 of 1939.

An Act to annul certain Proclamations made under the *National Health and Pensions Insurance Act* 1938, and under certain Acts with which that Act is incorporated.

[Assented to 20th June, 1939.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

Short title. 1. This Act may be cited as the *National Health and Pensions Insurance Act* 1939.

Commencement 2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Definition. 3. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—
“the Act” means the *National Health and Pensions Insurance Act* 1938.

Annulment of certain Proclamations. 4.—(1.) The Proclamation issued prior to the commencement of this Act fixing the date of commencement of the provisions of the Act, other than the provisions of Parts I. and II., Division 1 of Part VII. and section one hundred and ninety-two, is hereby annulled.

(2.) The Proclamations issued prior to the commencement of this Act fixing the date of commencement of the *National Health and Pensions Insurance (Employers' Contributions) Act* 1938 and the *National Health and Pensions Insurance (Employees' Contributions) Act* 1938 are hereby annulled.