

Social Services (No. 2)

No. 14 of 1972

An Act relating to Social Services.

[Assented to 24 April 1972]

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

Short title and citation.

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Social Services Act (No. 2) 1972*.

(2.) The *Social Services Act 1947–1971*,* as amended by the *Social Services Act 1972*,† is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) Section 1 of the *Social Services Act 1972* is amended by omitting sub-section (2.).

(4.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Social Services Act 1947–1972*.

Commencement.

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

Rate of age or invalid pension (including guardian's allowance payable to an unmarried person).

3. Section 28 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting from sub-section (1A.) the words “ and to the next succeeding section ”;

(b) by omitting from paragraph (a) of sub-section (1A.) the words “ Eight hundred and six ” and inserting in their stead the words “ Nine hundred and forty-nine ”; and

(c) by omitting from paragraph (b) of sub-section (1A.) the words “ Seven hundred and fifteen ” and inserting in their stead the words “ Eight hundred and thirty-two ”.

Maximum rate to be deemed to be increased in relation to certain persons.

4. Section 28A of the Principal Act is repealed.

Inmates of benevolent homes.

5. Section 50 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from paragraph (a) of sub-section (1.) the words “ Three hundred and twelve ” and “ Three hundred and sixty-four ” and inserting in their stead the words “ Three hundred and twenty-five ” and “ Three hundred and seventy-seven ”, respectively.

* Act No. 26, 1947, as amended by Nos. 38 and 69, 1948; No. 16, 1949; Nos. 6 and 26, 1950; No. 22, 1951; Nos. 41 and 107, 1952; No. 51, 1953; No. 30, 1954; Nos. 15 and 38, 1955; Nos. 67 and 98, 1956; No. 46, 1957; No. 44, 1958; No. 57, 1959; No. 45, 1960; No. 45, 1961; Nos. 1 and 95, 1962; No. 46, 1963; Nos. 3 and 63, 1964; Nos. 57 and 152, 1965; No. 41, 1966; Nos. 10 and 61, 1967; No. 65, 1968; No. 94, 1969; Nos. 2 and 59, 1970; and Nos. 16 and 67, 1971.

† Act No. 1, 1972.

6. Section 63 of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting from paragraph (b) of sub-section (1.) the words “ Seven hundred and fifteen ” and inserting in their stead the words “ Eight hundred and thirty-two ”; and
- (b) by omitting from sub-section (3.) the words “ Fifteen dollars twenty-five cents ” and inserting in their stead the words “ Sixteen dollars ”.

Rate of widow's pension (including mother's allowance payable to Class A widows).

7. Section 63A of the Principal Act is repealed.

Maximum rate to be deemed to be increased in relation to certain persons.

8. Section 80 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from paragraph (a) of sub-section (1.) the words “ Three hundred and twelve ” and “ Three hundred and sixty-four ” and inserting in their stead the words “ Three hundred and twenty-five ” and “ Three hundred and seventy-seven ”, respectively.

Inmates of benevolent homes.

9. Section 112A of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting from paragraphs (a) and (b) of sub-section (1.) the words “ Eleven dollars twenty-five cents ” and inserting in their stead the words “ Twelve dollars ”; and
- (b) by omitting paragraph (c) of sub-section (1.) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—

“ (c) the rate specified in paragraph (c) of that sub-section were an amount per week equal to one fifty-second of the amount included in the annual rate specified in paragraph (a) of sub-section (1A.) of section twenty-eight of this Act.”.

Calculation of rate of sickness benefit after first six weeks.

10.—(1.) In so far as an amendment made by this Act affects instalments of pensions, the amendment applies in relation to an instalment of a pension falling due on the first pension pay day after the date of commencement of this Act and to all subsequent instalments.

Application of amendments.

(2.) In so far as an amendment made by this Act affects instalments of service pensions under the *Repatriation Act 1920–1972*, the amendment applies in relation to an instalment of a service pension falling due on the first service pension pay day after the date of commencement of this Act and to all subsequent instalments.

(3.) In so far as an amendment made by this Act affects instalments of sickness benefit, the amendment applies in relation to an instalment of benefit payable in respect of a period that commenced during the period of six days immediately before the commencement of this Act and in relation to an instalment of benefit payable in respect of a period that commences on or after the commencement of this Act.