SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION (No. 2).

No. 107 of 1952.

An Act to amend the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1951, as amended by the Social Services Consolidation Act 1952.

[Assented to 18th November, 1952.]

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 Consolidation Act (No. 2) 1952.
- (2.) Section one of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1952 is amended by omitting sub-section (3.).
- (3.) The Social Services Consolidation Act 1947–1951*, as amended by the Social Services Consolidation Act 1952† and by this Act, may be cited as the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947–1952.

Commencement.

- 2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.
- 3. After section one hundred and thirty-three A of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1951, as amended by the Social Services Consolidation Act 1952, the following section is inserted in Division 8 of Part VII.:—

Deductions from benefits for payment of board and lodging.

- " 133B.—(1.) Where—
- (a) a beneficiary;

^{*} Art No. 26, 1947, as amended by Nos. 38 and 69, 1948: No. 16, 1940; Nos. 5 and 26, 1950; and No. 22, 1951.
† Act No. 41, 1952.

- (b) a person who, under sub-section (2.) or (5.) of section one hundred and twelve of this Act, is taken into account for the purpose of determining the rate of benefit payable to a beneficiary; or
- (c) a beneficiary and such a person, is or are, during a period in respect of which the beneficiary is qualified to receive a benefit, provided with board and lodging by the Commonwealth, by an authority constituted under a law of the Commonwealth or by Commonwealth Hostels Limited, the Director-General may deduct from the benefit payable to the beneficiary in respect of that period such amount, not exceeding the amount payable for that board and lodging during that period, as, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, the Director-General considers reasonable.
- "(2.) The Director-General shall pay to the appropriate officer of the Commonwealth, to the authority or to Commonwealth Hostels Limited, as the case may be, an amount equal to each amount which he deducts under the last preceding sub-section, and that payment shall be deemed to be a payment on account of the amount payable to the Commonwealth, to the authority or to Commonwealth Hostels Limited, as the case may be, for the board and lodging.".