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No. 41 of 1959

An Act to amend the Hospitals Act, 1934-1958.

[Assented to 17th December, 1959.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows :

Short titles.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Hospitals Act Amendment Act, 1959".

(2) The Hospitals Act, 1934-1958, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Hospitals Act, 1934-1959".

(3) The Hospitals Act, 1934-1958, is hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

Incorporation.

2. This Act is incorporated with the principal Act and that Act and this Act shall be read as one Act.

**Amendment of
s. 47 of the
principal Act—
Costs of main-
tenance of
patients.**

3. (1) Subsection (1) of section 47 of the principal Act is amended—

- (i) by striking out the words "The director-general may from time to time in respect of any public hospital fix" therein and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "After the coming into operation of the Hospitals Act Amendment Act, 1959, the Governor may from time to time, on the recommendation of the director-general, by regulations, which he is hereby empowered to make, fix in respect of any public hospital"; and

(ii) by striking out paragraph (a) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following paragraphs :—

(a) rates of payment whether daily, weekly or for any other period for the maintenance of patients in the hospital, which rates may vary according to all or any of the following circumstances, namely the accommodation and treatment provided for the patient, the nature of his illness or disability, the persons liable to pay for his maintenance in the hospital, and any other circumstances which the Director-General deems it just to take into consideration ;

(a1) a special rate to be charged in special circumstances for the maintenance of any individual patient.

(2) Subsection (2a) of section 47 of the principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following passage :—

“The power of remitting a part of the amount payable under this section may be exercised from time to time in respect of the same debt”.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

R. A. GEORGE, Governor.