



ANNO UNDECIMO

ELIZABETHAE II REGINAE

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No. 28 of 1962

An Act to amend the Mental Health Act, 1935-1961.

[Assented to 25th October, 1962.]

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

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Mental Health Act Amendment Act, 1962". Short titles.
- (2) The Mental Health Act, 1935-1961, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the Mental Health Act, 1935-1962".
- (3) The Mental Health Act, 1935-1961, is hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".
2. This Act is incorporated with the principal Act and that Act and this Act shall be read as one Act. Incorporation.
3. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the line "Part VI—Voluntary Boarders." and inserting in lieu thereof the line "Part VI—Informal Admissions.". Amendment of principal Act, s. 3.
4. Subsection (4) of section 76 of the principal Act is amended by inserting therein after the word "time" the words "or upon trial leave for a period not exceeding twenty-eight days,". Amendment of principal Act, s. 76.
5. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 98 of the principal Act is amended— Amendment of principal Act, s. 98.
 - (a) by inserting therein after the word "House" the words "or of the institution known as Cleland

House or of the institution known as Paterson House”;

- (b) by striking out the word “thereof” therein and inserting in lieu thereof the words “of such respective institution”.

Amendment of principal Act, Part VI.

6. The heading “Voluntary Boarders.” before section 137 of the principal Act is struck out and the heading “Informal Admissions.” is inserted in lieu thereof.

Re-enactment of principal Act, s. 137.

7. Sections 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145 of the principal Act are struck out and the following section is inserted in the principal Act in lieu of the same :—

Admission to institution without formal application.

137. Nothing in this Act contained shall prevent any person requiring treatment for mental disorder from being admitted to any institution in pursuance of arrangements made in that behalf and without any formal application, request, order, direction or certificate rendering him liable to be detained under this Act, or from remaining in any institution in pursuance of any such arrangements after he has ceased to be liable so to be detained.

Amendment of principal Act, s. 153c.

8. (1) Subsection (1) of section 153c of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by inserting therein after the words “Any person” at the beginning thereof the words “of the age of sixteen years or more” ;

- (b) by striking out the words “makes a written application” therein and inserting in lieu thereof the word “applies”.

(2) Subsection (5) of the said section 153c is struck out.

(3) Subsection (6) of the said section 153c is amended—

- (a) by inserting therein after the words “Any person” at the beginning thereof the words “of the age of sixteen years or more” ;

- (b) by striking out the words “upon giving to the person in charge seventy-two hours’ notice in writing of the intention to do so” therein and inserting in lieu thereof the words “at any time” ;

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(c) by striking out the words "such notice being given by" therein and inserting in lieu thereof the words "the request of".

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

J. M. NAPIER, Governor's Deputy.