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GEORGII V REGIS.

A.D. 1917.

No. 1306.

An Act to facilitate the Treatment of Mental Disorder resulting from Wounds, Shock or other Causes arising out of Naval or Military Service during the present War.

[*Assented to, November 15th, 1917.*]

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

1. This Act may be cited as the "Mental Treatment (War) Act, 1917." Short title.

2. This Act is incorporated with the Mental Defectives Acts, 1913 and 1914, and those Acts and this Act shall be read as one Act. Incorporation with other Acts.

3. In this Act—

Interpretation.

"Commanding officer" means the Principal Medical Officer for the Fourth Commonwealth Military District or the officer (being a medical practitioner) medically in charge of the naval or military unit to which, for the time being, the person for whom treatment is required belongs;

"Home" means any institution, home, house, private or public hospital or part thereof approved by the Inspector-General of Hospitals and set aside exclusively for the reception of such persons as are referred to in subsection (1) of section 4 of this Act;

"Superintendent" means the superintendent, owner, manager or person for the time being in charge of any Home approved under this Act.

4. (1) Notwithstanding

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Soldiers or sailors suffering from mental disorder may be received into a Home.

Cf. Vic., 2600, 1915, s. 2.

4. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any Act, any person, whether for payment or not (if and so long as he complies with the conditions imposed by this Act) may receive to board or lodge, or may take the charge or care of, any person who—

(a) is or has been on naval or military service, whether with His Majesty's Navy or Army or under the provisions of any Act of the Parliament of the Commonwealth, during the war in which His Majesty is at present engaged; and

(b) is suffering from mental disorder of recent origin and apparently of a temporary character arising from wounds, shock, disease, stress, exhaustion or any other cause arising out of such service.

(2) Such last mentioned person shall be received only into a Home approved under this Act, and shall be so received only on production of a request and statement in the form in the First Schedule to this Act signed by the commanding officer.

Period of detention.

5. Such person may be detained in such Home for any period not exceeding six months: Provided that the period of detention may be extended for any further period or periods by the authority in writing of the Inspector-General.

Superintendent to enter particulars as to patients in a book.

6. The Superintendent of any Home shall forthwith after the admission to such Home of any person admitted for treatment under this Act make or cause to be made an entry with respect to such person in a book to be kept for such entries, and to be called the "Register of Patients," according to the form and containing the particulars indicated in the Second Schedule to this Act, or such other form, and containing such other particulars, as are prescribed, and shall within twenty-four hours of the same occurring forward to the Inspector-General a notice of every admission according to the form No. 1 in the Third Schedule to this Act, and of every death, discharge, removal, escape or re-capture according to the form No. 2 in the said Schedule.

Discharge or removal of patients.

7. (1) The Inspector-General may at any time order, or on the receipt of a certificate in the form No. 1 in the Fourth Schedule to this Act approve of, the discharge of any person admitted to any Home for treatment under this Act, or the transfer of such person to any other Home.

(2) Such order or approval shall be in the form No. 2 in the said Schedule.

(3) Any person under treatment under the provisions of this Act may, upon compliance with the provisions of the Mental Defectives Act, 1913, with respect to the reception of patients into institutions and with the approval of the Inspector-General, be received into and detained in an institution under the said Act.

8. Every

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8. Every Home shall be open at all times to visitation and inspection by the Inspector-General. Homes to be open for inspection.

9. The Inspector-General, with the approval of the Minister, may withdraw the approval given to any Home to receive patients under this Act, and all persons under treatment in such Home shall be removed therefrom within fourteen days of the Superintendent of such Home having been notified that such approval has been withdrawn. Approval given to Home may be withdrawn.

10. (1) The Governor may from time to time make all such regulations as may be necessary or convenient for carrying into effect the objects and purposes expressed in or implied by this Act, including, though without in any way limiting the effect of this section, regulations as to the following matters:— Regulations.

- i. The conduct of persons detained in Homes for treatment under this Act;
- ii. The care and treatment of such patients;
- iii. The forms to be used for the purposes of this Act in cases where forms are not set out in the Schedules to this Act, or in substitution for any form so set out; and
- iv. Penalties for breaches of regulations, not exceeding in any case the sum of Twenty Pounds.

(2) Any regulations made under this section may be made to apply to or in respect of all Homes or any specified Homes or Home.

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

H. L. GALWAY, Governor.

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THE SCHEDULES.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

Mental Treatment (War) Act, 1917.

REQUEST TO RECEIVE A PATIENT.

To, _____, Superintendent of the Home at

Section 4.

I, the undersigned, hereby request you to receive a person to whom the Mental Treatment Act, 1917, applies, into the Home of which you are the Superintendent.

Annexed is a statement regarding the said

Dated this _____ day of _____ One thousand nine hundred
and _____ at _____ in the State of South Australia.

[Signed]

_____, Commanding Officer.

STATEMENT.

(If any particulars are not known, it is to be so stated.)

- Name of patient, with Christian name at length
- Sex and age
- Married, single, or widowed
- Number of children
- Age of youngest child
- Previous occupation (if any)
- Habits of life.....
- Native place
- Religious persuasion, as far as known
- Previous place of abode
- Whether first attack.....
- Age (if known) on first attack.....
- When and where previously under care and treatment
- Probable duration of existing attack
- Supposed cause.....
- Whether subject to epilepsy
- Whether suicidal
- Whether dangerous to others
- Whether destructive.....
- Name and Christian names and places of abode and degree of relationship of one or more of the relatives of the patient (if possible).....
- Names of mentally defective relatives (if any)
- Particulars of military or naval service

[Signed]

_____, Commanding Officer.

SECOND SCHEDULE.
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REGISTER OF PATIENTS.

| Date of Reception. | Name in full. | Sex. | | Age. | Condition as to Marriage. | | | Occupation (Rank and Unit or Ship). | Address of Relatives. | Form of Mental Disorder. | Causation. | Physical Condition. | Discharged. | | | Death (cause and date of). | Remarks. |
|--------------------|---------------|-------|---------|------|---------------------------|----|----|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| | | Male. | Female. | | M. | S. | W. | | | | | | Cured. | Not Improved. | Committed to Mental Hospital. | | |
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THIRD SCHEDULE.

FORM No. 1.

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NOTICE OF ADMISSION.

.....Home.

I, the undersigned, hereby give you notice that _____ was admitted
 into this Home as a patient at the hour of _____ o'clock in the
 noon on the _____ day of _____ One thousand nine hundred and
 Dated this _____ day of _____ One thousand nine hundred and

[Signed]

_____, Superintendent of the Home.

To the Inspector-General of Hospitals, South Australia.

Section 6.

FORM No. 2.

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NOTICE OF DEATH, DISCHARGE, REMOVAL, ETC.

.....Home.

I hereby give you notice that _____ a patient received into this
 Home on the _____ day of _____ nineteen hundred and
 (a) on the _____ day of _____ nineteen hundred and
 Dated the _____ day of _____ One thousand nine hundred and

[Signed]

_____, Superintendent of the Home.

To the Inspector-General of Hospitals, South Australia.

(a) State if died, discharged therefrom, or was removed to (mentioning the place to which removed)
 or escaped, or was recaptured.

Section 7.

FOURTH SCHEDULE.

FORM No. 1.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR DISCHARGE.

Having personally examined _____ as well as the several persons under
 whose immediate care _____ has been since _____ admission into
 this Home, I hereby certify that there is no longer sufficient cause for
 detention, and I hereby recommend that the said _____ be forthwith
 discharged.

Dated the _____ day of _____ nineteen hundred and

[Signed]

_____, Superintendent or Visiting Medical Practitioner.

To the Inspector-General of Hospitals, South Australia.

FORM

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FORM No. 2.

Section 7.

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ORDER FOR DISCHARGE.

To the Superintendent of the Home at

Whereas it has been duly certified to me that there is no longer sufficient cause
for patient being detained at the Home at , I hereby,
in pursuance of the powers in me vested, order the discharge of the said
forthwith.

Given under my hand, at Adelaide, this day of nineteen
hundred and

, Inspector-General.