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No. 1965.

An Act to Establish a Council for the purpose of devising and carrying into execution Proposals for the Relief of Unemployment and for purposes incidental thereto.

[Assented to, November 12th, 1930.]

DE 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 "Unemployment Relief Council Short title. Act, 1930".
 - 2. In this Act—

Interpretation.

- "Council" means the Unemployment Relief Council constituted under this Act.
- 3. (1) There shall be an Unemployment Relief Council, whose Establishment of duty it shall be to carry this Act into operation.

- (2) The Council shall consist of five members appointed by the Governor.
- (3) One of the members shall be appointed by the Governor to be Chairman of the Council.
 - (4) Three members of the Council shall form a quorum thereof.
- (5) No act or proceeding of the Council shall be invalid or defective by reason only of the fact that at the time when such act or proceeding is done, taken, or commenced, there is a vacancy in the office of any member.

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Tenure of office.

4. The members of the Council shall hold office for the period fixed by the Governor at the time of the appointment. The Council may, however, be dissolved by the Governor at any time if, in his opinion, the amount of unemployment in the State has so decreased that there is no longer any necessity for the existence of the Council.

Remuneration of members.

5. The members of the Council shall receive such remuneration as the Governor fixes.

Secretary and other officers of the Council.

6. The Governor may appoint an officer of the Public Service to be secretary to the Council, and may appoint any other officers of the Public Service to be officers on the staff of the Council.

Duties of Council.

- 7. (1) The Council shall have the following powers and duties, namely:
 - (a) It may make any arrangements which it thinks proper for assisting persons to obtain employment or for providing employment or for raising money for the relief of unemployed persons or for providing unemployed persons with the necessities of life:
 - (b) It shall have and exercise for any period directed by the Governor any powers and functions which it is authorised to exercise pursuant to subsection (2) of this section:
 - (c) It shall expend in such manner as it thinks will assist unemployed persons to the greatest extent, such moneys as are paid to it by the Treasurer of the State pursuant to any Act of Parliament providing for the expenditure of money for the relief or benefit of unemployed persons:
 - (d) It shall take such steps as it thinks fit to co-ordinate the activities of persons, associations, and Government departments affording relief or help to unemployed persons, or carrying on any activity for the benefit of unemployed persons, and to prevent the duplication of such activities:
 - (e) It may delegate any of its powers either absolutely, or subject to any limitations or restrictions, to any Municipal Council, District Council, or association of persons corporate or unincorporate, or to any person.
- (2) The Governor may authorise the Council to exercise in relation to any destitute or necessitous persons whose condition is due wholly or mainly to unemployment, the powers of affording relief vested in the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board pursuant to the Maintenance Act, 1926, and any other incidental powers or functions of that Board.

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- 8. No relief shall be afforded to any person by the Council or by persons in receipt of the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board, either pursuant to this Act or to the Maintenance Act, 1926, unless—
 - (a) the said person carries out some work if directed by the Council or the said Board in return for such relief; or

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- (b) the said person is certified by an officer of the Council or the said Board, who is appointed for the purpose by the Council or Board, as being a person who by reason of age, sex, or any physical infirmity, or other sufficient reason is unable to carry out any work, or the Council or Board is unable to provide work for such person.
- 9. In the exercise of its powers, duties, and functions under this Ministerial control Act, the Council shall act subject to the control and directions of the Minister.

- 10. The Governor may make any regulations necessary or con-Regulations. venient for the administration of this Act and for enabling the Council to carry out its functions under this Act, and may by regulation confer additional powers on the Council in relation to unemployment, and may by any regulation create offences punishable summarily, and impose penalties not exceeding Twenty Pounds for breach of any regulation.
- 11. The moneys required for the purposes of this Act shall be paid Financial provision. out of the moneys voted by Parliament for those purposes.
- 12. (1) The Council shall at the end of each quarter prepare a Quarterly report. report setting out its proceedings under this Act during the said quarter, including a statement of its receipts and expenditure, and shall present the report within one month after the end of the quarter to the Governor.
- (2) The Minister shall lay before each House of Parliament a copy of every report prepared under this section, as early as possible after the preparation thereof.

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

A. HORE-RUTHVEN, Governor.