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AN ACT to further amend "The Police 1917.

Regulation Act, 1898," and for other purposes. [12 October, 1917.]

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1 This Act may be cited as "The Police Regulation Act, 1917," Short title, and shall be read and construed as one with "The Police Regulation Construction, and Act, 1898" (hereinafter called the Principal Act), and "The Police Regulation Amendment Act, 1900," which Acts and this Act may be 64 Vict. No. 18, cited together as the Police Regulation Acts.

Police Regulation Amendment.

A.D. 1917.

Interpretation.

"Returned soldier."

- 2 In this Act if not inconsistent with the context or subject-matter—
 - "Commissioner" means Commissioner of Police for the time being, and includes a deputy or acting Commissioner:
 - "Returned Soldier" means any person who (whether before or after the commencement of this Act)—
 - I. Has enlisted with any expeditionary force raised in Tasmania for naval or military service with His Majesty's navy or army during the war in which His Majesty is at present engaged: and
 - 11. Has left Tasmania on duty with such force: and
 - III. Has been on active service: and
 - iv. Has returned to this State, and who has received his discharge from service, or whose appointment to any such force has been terminated, either before or after his return to the State:

"Soldiers' Board."

"Soldiers' Board" means the Returned Soldiers' Employment Board, appointed under "The Public Service Amendment Act, 1917."

Persons other than returned soldiers ineligible for appointment to the police force except in certain circumstances.

- 3 Notwithstanding anything in the Principal Act—
 - 1. Any returned soldier shall, subject to this Act, be considered for appointment to the police force in priority to any other person (except a member of the police force); and
 - II. No male person other than a returned soldier not being a single man eligible for military service, and having no relatives wholly dependent upon his earnings, shall be eligible to be appointed a member of the police force unless the Commissioner certifies in writing to the Soldiers' Board and to the Attorney-General that no returned soldier competent and physically fit to fufil the duties of the vacant position has applied for the vacant position.

Applications for appointment to be made to the Returned Soldiers' Employment Board.

4 Every returned soldier desirous of appointment as a member of the police force shall forward to the Soldiers' Board an application in his own handwriting, stating his full name and address, the date of his birth, his military rank, a copy of his military discharge, a description of the work to which he was accustomed before enlisting, and, if possible, copies of testimonials from former employers.

Application to be registered.

5 The Soldiers' Board shall cause to be enrolled in a register to be kept for that purpose by such Board the full name and address, age, military rank, date of discharge, and indorsement thereon as to the soldier's conduct, of every returned soldier applying for appointment as a member of the police force, and the said Board shall without delay from time to time furnish the Commissioner with a copy of the particulars so recorded in the case of each returned soldier.

Police Regulation Amendment.

6 Notwithstanding anything in the Principal Act, whenever any a.D. 1917 new appointment of a male person to the police force requires to be made, the Commissioner shall by notice published in the "Government Gazette," invite applications for the vacant position from returned in "Government soldiers; and no appointment shall be made until at least Fourteen Gazette." days after such notice has been published.