

No. 17 of 1968

An Ordinance to amend the *Mental Defectives Ordinance 1940-1964*

[Assented to 18 June, 1968]

BE it ordained by the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory of Australia, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1968*, as follows:—

1.—(1.) This Ordinance may be cited as the *Mental Defectives Ordinance 1968*. Short title
and citation

(2.) The *Mental Defectives Ordinance 1940-1964* is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

(3.) The Principal Ordinance, as amended by this Ordinance, may be cited as the *Mental Defectives Ordinance 1940-1968*.

2. Section 70 of the Principal Ordinance is amended— Payment of
cost of
maintenance
and funeral
expenses of
patients

(a) by adding at the end of paragraph (b) of sub-section (1.) the words “after having been admitted to the institution otherwise than at his own request,”;

(b) by inserting after sub-section (1.) the following sub-section:—

“(1A.) Where—

(a) a patient in a State institution is a person normally resident in the Northern Territory and confined in the institution under the law of the State after having been admitted to the institution at his own request; and

(b) the Administrator, or a person authorized by the Administrator to do so, has agreed to pay the cost of the maintenance of the patient in the institution,

that cost shall be paid by the Administrator out of moneys appropriated by the Parliament and available for the purpose.”; and

(c) by omitting from sub-section (2.) the words “the last preceding sub-section” and inserting in their stead the words “sub-section (1.) or sub-section (1A.) of this section”.

Regulations

3. Section 74 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting the words "The Administrator" and inserting in their stead the words "The Administrator in Council".

Amendments in relation to decimal currency

4. The Principal Ordinance is amended as set out in the Schedule to this Ordinance.

THE SCHEDULE

Section 4

Provisions amended	Amendments
Section 28 (1.) (b)	Omit "One thousand pounds", insert "Two thousand dollars". Omit "Fifty pounds", insert "One hundred dollars".
Section 38 (1.)	Omit "Five hundred pounds", insert "One thousand dollars".
Section 38 (2.)	Omit "Five hundred pounds", insert "One thousand dollars".
Section 41 (2.)	Omit "Fifty pounds", insert "One hundred dollars".
Section 45 (3.)	Omit "Fifty pounds", insert "One hundred dollars".
Section 61 (1.)	Omit "One hundred pounds", insert "Two hundred dollars".
Section 62	Omit "Fifty pounds", insert "One hundred dollars".
Section 63	Omit "One hundred pounds", insert "Two hundred dollars".
Section 64	Omit "One hundred pounds", insert "Two hundred dollars".
Section 65	Omit "One hundred pounds", insert "Two hundred dollars".
Section 66 (1.)	Omit "One hundred pounds", insert "Two hundred dollars".
Section 68	Omit "Twenty pounds", insert "Forty dollars".