

13 Section two of the *Psychopathic Hospital (Management) Act 1933* is amended by omitting from the definition of "Director" the word "Hygiene" and substituting therefor the word "Health". Interpretation.

14 Section three of the *Nurses' Registration Act 1952* is amended by inserting therein, after the definition of "Board", the following definition:— Interpretation.

“ ‘Director’ means the Director General of Health Services;”.

15 Section four of the *Nurses' Registration Act 1952* is amended by omitting from paragraph (a) of subsection (2) the words "Director General of Medical Services" and substituting therefor the word "Director". Constitution of Nurses' Registration Board.

BUILDING.

No. 54 of 1956.

AN ACT to amend the *Building Act 1937*. [29 November 1956.]

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—(1) This Act may be cited as the *Building Act 1956*. Short title and citation.

(2) The *Building Act 1937*, as subsequently amended, is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

2 After section six of the Principal Act the following section is inserted in Part II:—

“ 6A—(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, a building which does not comply with the requirements of the Building Regulations in respect of its manner of construction may be constructed in accordance with this section. New methods.

(2) The council may approve the construction of a building which does not comply with the requirements of the Building Regulations in respect of its manner of construction if the surveyor certifies—

I That—

- (a) The building if constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted, will in his opinion be substantially as good in all respects as if it were wholly constructed in compliance with the Building Regulations: and
- (b) The proposed manner of construction, so far as it does not comply with the Building Regulations, was not used in this State before the year 1950: or

II That he is satisfied, on the basis of evidence provided, either specially or by publication, by the Commonwealth Experimental Building Station, the Building Research Station or the Joint Fire Research Organization in the United Kingdom, the National Bureau of Standards, the American Iron and Steel Institute, or the National Board of Fire Underwriters in the United States of America or an organization of similar standing, that the objects of the Building Regulations will be achieved in a building so designed or constructed.

(3) Where the construction of a building is approved under subsection (2) of this section it may be constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications so approved, and when completed in accordance therewith shall be deemed to comply with the Building Regulations.

(4) Where a building the construction of which is approved under subsection (2) of this section is in any respect not constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications so approved, it shall be deemed not to comply with the Building Regulations in that respect and this Act may be enforced accordingly.

(5) Where this Act is enforced as provided by subsection (4) of this section, it may be enforced—

I On the basis that the Building Regulations apply in the respect mentioned in subsection (4) of this section and, notwithstanding the approval of the plans and specifications, in all matters connected therewith: or

II On the basis that the Building Regulations required the construction of the building in accordance with the plans and specifications.

(6) A certificate under subsection (2) of this section may be given only by a surveyor who has been certified by the Director of Public Works to be an architect or structural engineer competent to give certificates for the purposes of this section.

(7) In this section 'construct' includes erect, add to, alter, and repair."

3 Section fifty-five of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following subsection:—

Buildings not to be altered so as not to conform to Act.

“(2) This section shall be applied to a building to which section fifty-seven applies as if the Building Regulations permitted each variation in that building from what they are expressed to require, so that any alteration of the building is lawful which is within such permitted variations.”.

4 Section fifty-six of the Principal Act is amended by omitting therefrom the word “Every” and substituting therefor the words “Subject to any other provision of this Act as to alterations, every”.

Additions to and alterations of buildings.

5 Section fifty-seven of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the word “commencement” and substituting therefor the words “application to it”.

Application of Act to buildings erected before commencement of Act.

6 Section fifty-nine of the Principal Act is amended—

Regulations.

(a) by inserting in subsection (4) after paragraph v the following paragraph:—

“VA The alteration of buildings designed for a purpose of one prescribed class to fit them for a purpose of another prescribed class, with power—

(a) To forbid any alteration of such a building unless the building is otherwise altered to comply in all respects with the requirements of the Building Regulations as to new buildings designed for the purpose for which it is to be fitted: and

(b) To empower the council on the recommendation of its surveyor in any particular case to vary or exclude the operation of any provision of the Building Regulations which would in its opinion be unreasonable to enforce because of the age, design, or method of construction of the building:” and

(b) by inserting after subsection (4) the following subsection:—

“(4) In any such regulations—

I Any of the standard rules, codes, specifications, and drawings of the Standards Association of Australia and the British Standards Institute and any other similar institution and any part of a publication on building of

the Commonwealth Experimental Building Station, the Building Research Station and the Joint Fire Research Organization in the United Kingdom, and any similar organization may be incorporated by reference: and

- II Any matter may be made subject to the approval of a surveyor qualified to give certificates for the purposes of section six A.”.

HOUSING AGREEMENT.

No. 55 of 1956.

AN ACT to authorize the execution by the State of an agreement between the Commonwealth and the States in relation to housing, to make provision for matters incidental thereto, and to amend the *Homes Act 1935* and the *State Advances Act 1935*.

[29 November 1956.]

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:—

Short title.

1 This Act may be cited as the *Housing Agreement Act 1956*.

Interpretation.

2 In this Act—

“Board” means the Board of Management of the Agricultural Bank of Tasmania;

“Director” means the Director of Housing.

Execution of agreement authorized.

3 The execution, by or on behalf of the State, of an agreement between the Commonwealth and the States or any of them substantially in accordance with the form contained in the schedule is authorized.

Powers of Treasurer in relation to carrying out the agreement.

4—(1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, the Treasurer may borrow from the Commonwealth, for the purposes of this Act and of the agreement executed in pursuance of this Act, such sums of money (not exceeding, in the agree-