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ANALYSIS.

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AN ACT to amend the *Hospitals Act 1918*.
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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 *Hospitals Act 1944*.
 (2) The *Hospitals Act 1918*,* as subsequently amended, is
 in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

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 and citation.

* 9 Geo. V. No. 70, as amended by 2 Geo. VI. No. 31, 5 Geo. VI. No. 49,
 6 Geo. VI. No. 6, 7 Geo. VI. No. 45, and by Statute Law Revision. (See Reprint of
 Statutes, Vol. 4, page 415.)

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A.D. 1944. **2** Section fifty-two of the Principal Act is amended by inserting at the commencement thereof the words "Subject to this Act,".

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3 Section seventy-six of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the words "be a debt due by the local authority to the board or managing authority of such hospital, and may be recovered from the local authority by action in any court of competent jurisdiction" in subsection (3) thereof and substituting therefor the words " , unless other provision is made by the agreement, be defrayed, in all cases, by the local authority."

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4 The Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section eight-five—

"**85**—(1) If he considers it necessary or desirable so to do, the Minister may enter into an agreement with any local authority and with the board or managing authority of any public hospital for the provision of free hospital services by that hospital as provided by this section.

(2) An agreement under this section shall provide for the payment by the local authority to the Minister of such annual amount as may be specified in the agreement and for the application of such amount by the Minister towards defraying the costs and expenses incurred by the board or managing authority of the hospital in providing free hospital services in pursuance of the agreement.

(3) Any free hospital services provided by the board or managing authority of a public hospital in pursuance of an agreement under this section shall be available to all persons residing within the city or municipality or part thereof to which the agreement relates.

(4) The provisions of section fifty-two shall not apply to or in respect of any persons for whom free hospital services are provided in pursuance of any agreement under this section.

(5) No local authority shall enter into an agreement under this section unless the local authority has published in the *Gazette* and twice in a newspaper a notice of its intention so to do.

(6) Within one month after the last publication of the notice referred to in subsection (5), any twenty ratepayers, by a requisition in writing delivered to the Mayor or Warden, may demand that a poll of ratepayers be taken to determine whether the local authority shall enter into the agreement, and upon receipt of the requisition the Mayor or Warden shall take such steps as may be necessary to cause the poll to be taken, as provided by this section.

(7) At any poll taken in pursuance of a requisition under subsection (6), the question submitted to the ratepayers shall be determined by a majority of the valid votes polled thereat.

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(8) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this section, A.D. 1944. every poll taken in pursuance of a requisition under subsection (6) shall be taken and conducted at such time and in such manner as if it were a poll taken under the *Local Bodies Loans Act* 1881, and the provisions of section seventeen of that Act shall, so far as they are applicable, apply to and in respect thereof.”

