

HOSPITALS.

No. 25 of 1958.

AN ACT to amend the *Hospitals Act 1918*. [11 July 1958.]

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 1958*. Short title and citation.

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

2 Section thirty-five of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from subsection (3) the word “ten” and substituting therefor the word “fifty”. Contracts.

3 Section thirty-seven of the Principal Act is amended by omitting therefrom the word “fifty” and substituting therefor the words “two hundred and fifty”. Contracts over fifty pounds to be by public tender.

4 Section thirty-nine of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end of subsection (1) the words “or by the accountant”. Pending investment moneys to be paid into bank.

5 Section forty-nine of the Principal Act is amended— Expenditure by Board of moneys under its control.

(a) by inserting in paragraph VIII of subsection (1) thereof, before the word “shall”, the words “by a board”;

(b) by omitting from that paragraph the words “the sum of fifty pounds in the case of the boards of the Hobart Public Hospitals District and the Launceston Public Hospitals District respectively, and twenty pounds in the case of any other board”, and substituting therefor the following words:—

“(a) In the case of a board to which this paragraph applies, the sum of one hundred pounds: and

(b) In the case of any other board, such sum, being not less than fifty pounds, as may be prescribed.”; and

(c) by adding at the end thereof the following subsection:—

“(3) In sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph VIII of subsection (1) of this section, the expression ‘board to which this paragraph applies’ means—

- I The board of the Hobart Public Hospitals District:
- II The board of the Launceston Public Hospitals District: and
- III Any other board that is declared by the regulations to be a board to which that paragraph applies.”.

Liability of patients.

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

- (a) by omitting from subsection (1) the word “means”, and substituting therefor the words “means and to the prescribed fees and charges (if any),”; and
- (b) by adding at the end thereof the following subsection:—

“(10) For the purposes of this section, the regulations may—

- I Prescribe the fees and charges to be paid by in-patients and out-patients respectively, or by any prescribed class of in-patients or out-patients, in respect of the maintenance, treatment, and attendance of those patients at a public hospital, and the provision or supply of hospital services to those patients by a hospitals board: and
- II Prescribe different rates of fees and charges in respect of different public hospitals or in relation to different classes of patients or different hospital services.”.

7 After section eighty-six of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

Regulations.

“87 The Governor may make regulations for the purposes of this Act.”.
