

## HEALTH SERVICES.

No. 22 of 1956.

AN ACT to make provision for the reorganization of  
the Health Services of the State.  
[16 May 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 *Health Services Act* 1956.

Short title,  
citation, and  
commence-  
ment.

(2) The *Public Health Act* 1935, as subsequently amended, is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3) This Act shall commence on a date to be fixed by proclamation.

**2** Section three of the Principal Act is amended—

Interpreta-  
tion.

(a) by omitting the definition of “Department”;

(b) by omitting the definition of “Health officer” and substituting therefor the following definition:—

“‘Health officer’ means an officer of health appointed under section seven:”; and

(c) by omitting the definition of “Secretary”.

**3** Section five of the Principal Act is repealed.

Department  
of Public  
Health.

**4** Section seven of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:—

“7.—(1) The Governor may, upon the recommendation of the Director, by warrant appoint medical officers, inspectors, and other officers of health for the purposes of this Act.

Assistant  
health  
officers,  
inspectors,  
and other  
officers.

(2) No person may hold a warrant under this section unless he is an officer or temporary employee within the meaning of the *Public Service Act* 1923 and, in the case of a medical officer of health, a medical practitioner.

(3) A person appointed under this section shall in the performance of his duties as a health officer be subject to the control of the Director.”

**5** Section thirty-one of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from subsection (3) the words “officer of the Department” and substituting therefor the words “health officer”.

Removal of  
persons  
suffering from  
infectious  
diseases to  
hospital.

Liability of owner and occupier under requisition or order.

**6** Section one hundred and thirty-two of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from paragraph III of subsection (1) the word "Department" and substituting therefor the word "Minister".

**7** Section one hundred and thirty-five of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:—

Appropriation.  
Expenses.

"135. All fees and expenses by virtue of this Act received by or on behalf of the Director or any officer or temporary employee, within the meaning of the *Public Service Act 1923*, acting under his control shall be paid into the Consolidated Revenue."

Agreements between Minister and local authorities.

**8** Section one hundred and thirty-seven of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the word "Department" (twice occurring) and substituting therefor, in each case, the word "State".

Third schedule.

**9** The third schedule to the Principal Act is amended by omitting therefrom the word "Secretary" and substituting therefor the word "Clerk".

Consequential amendments.

**10**—(1) Section six of the *Food and Drugs Act 1910* is repealed.

(2) The enactments specified in the schedule are amended as respectively specified therein.

Transitory provisions.

**11**—(1) In respect of the financial year ending on the thirtieth day of June 1956, all moneys appropriated by Parliament shall be applied for the purposes for which they would have been applied if—

(a) this Act had not been passed; and

(b) no other changes of name or title had taken place in respect of the Department of Public Health as constituted at the commencement of this Act.

(2) Where a reference occurs in any Act not amended by this Act to the Department of Public Health it shall be construed as a reference to the department of the Public Service within the meaning of the *Public Service Act 1923*, of which the Director of Public Health is a member.

## THE SCHEDULE.

(Section 10.)

AMENDMENTS OF THE *FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1910.*

Section amended.	How amended.
8	By omitting from subsection (3) the words "Department of Public Health or its inspectors or officers" and substituting therefor the words "Director or any inspector or other officer acting under him".
12	By omitting the words "Department of Public Health" and substituting therefor the word "Minister".
59	By omitting from subsection (7) the word "Department" and substituting therefor the words "Public Service".
61	By omitting from subsection (2) the words "by or on behalf of the Department of Public Health" and substituting therefor the words "by the Director or any inspector or other officer acting under him".

AMENDMENTS OF THE *HOSPITALS ACT 1918.*

Section amended.	How amended.
55	By omitting from subsection (1) the words "Secretary of the Department of Public Health" and substituting therefor the word "Director".

AMENDMENTS OF THE *TUBERCULOSIS ACT 1949.*

Section amended.	How amended.
2	By omitting the definition of "Department".
5	By omitting from subsection (3) the words "officer of the Department" and substituting therefor the words "person authorized by the Director to issue such certificates".
12	By omitting from subsection (1) the word "Department" and substituting therefor the words "Public Service".