

**PENSIONERS' RATE REMISSIONS ASSISTANCE**

No. 100 of 1974

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AN ACT to grant financial assistance to municipal councils in respect of rates and certain charges remitted to pensioners and to amend the Local Government Act 1962.

[19 December 1974]

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 This Act may be cited as the *Pensioners' Rate Remissions Assistance Act 1974*. Short title.

Interpretation.

2 In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears, " pensioner " means a pensioner as defined by the *National Health Act 1953-1973* of the Commonwealth—

- (a) who is eligible to receive medical services provided under Part IV of that Act; and
- (b) who satisfies the prescribed conditions.

Powers of municipality to remit charges.

3—(1) This section applies to such charges as may be prescribed being charges levied or payable in respect of the ownership or occupation of land.

(2) A municipality may, in such cases and to such extent as may be prescribed, remit a charge to which this section applies that is payable by a pensioner.

Financial assistance to municipalities.

4—(1) There is payable to a municipality by way of financial assistance, in respect of rates and charges levied in respect of a financial year after 30th June 1974, an amount equal to one-half of the rates and charges remitted by the municipality to a pensioner in respect of land owned by the pensioner and occupied by him as his principal dwelling-house.

(2) The financial assistance payable under subsection (1) shall, subject to section 5, be paid after the end of the financial year in respect of which it is payable upon submission by a municipality to the Treasurer of a claim in such form as the Treasurer may approve.

Advances.

5 The Treasurer in his absolute discretion may, upon production of such documentary or other evidence as he may require of the amount of rates and charges remitted by a municipality to pensioners, make such advances as he may determine on account of the financial assistance payable in respect of those rates and charges.

Appropriation.

6 Amounts payable to municipalities under this Act are payable out of the Consolidated Revenue which, to the necessary extent, is appropriated accordingly.

Regulations.

7 The Governor may make regulations for the purposes of this Act.

- 8** Section 244 of the *Local Government Act 1962* is amended— Amendments
of *Local
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Act 1962.*
- (a) by transposing the word “ or ” from the end of paragraph (b) to the end of paragraph (c) of subsection (3); and
- (b) by adding after paragraph (c) of that subsection the following paragraph:—
- “(d) an allowance under the *Tuberculosis Act 1948*,”.