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AN ACT to make provision for Increasing and Improving Accommodation for Tourists in this State, and to authorise the granting of Loans for the purpose of Erecting, Extending or Improving Hotels and Guest Houses. [20 December, 1945.]

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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 This Act may be cited as the *Tourist Accommodation Loans Act* 1945. Short title.

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Interpre-
tation.

2 In this Act, the expressions "hotel" and "guest house" have the meanings respectively assigned to them by the *Licensing Act 1932** and the *Guest Houses Registration Act 1937†*.

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Accommoda-
tion Loans
Committee.

3—(1) For the purposes of this Act there shall be a Committee, to be known as the Tourist Accommodation Loans Committee (in this Act referred to as "the Committee"), consisting of the Director of the Tasmanian Government Tourist Bureau, who shall be the Chairman of the Committee, and two members appointed by the Governor.

(2) The Committee shall have the powers and functions conferred on it by this Act.

(3) The members of the Committee (other than the Chairman) shall be appointed for such term, not exceeding three years, as the Governor determines.

(4) The members of the Committee shall be paid such travelling and other expenses as may be prescribed.

(5) The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Committee at which he is present, and in the absence of the Chairman from any meeting, the members present shall appoint one of their number to preside at the meeting.

(6) A member of the Committee (other than the Chairman) may appoint a person to act as his deputy in the event of his absence from any meeting of the Committee, and the deputy shall, while so acting, have and exercise all the powers and functions of the member.

(7) At any meeting of the Committee, two members shall form a quorum.

(8) All questions before the Committee shall be determined by a majority of votes, and the Chairman shall have a deliberative vote.

(9) Subject to this Act, the Committee may regulate its own procedure.

(10) A vacancy in the office of a member of the Committee shall not invalidate the proceedings of the Committee.

(11) The Committee may, with the consent of the Director of the Tasmanian Government Tourist Bureau, appoint an officer of the Bureau to be the Secretary of the Committee, and the Director may make available to the Committee the services of any officer of the Bureau, and any office accommodation, which may be required for the purposes of this Act.

(12) All expenses of administration of this Act shall be met out of moneys provided by Parliament for the purposes of the Tasmanian Government Tourist Bureau.

* 23 Geo. V. No. 55. See Reprint of Statutes, Vol. IV., p. 843, as amended by 1 Geo. VI. No. 40 and 7 Geo. VI. No. 38.
† 1 Geo. VI. No. 57, as amended by 2 Geo. VI. No. 11.

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4 For the purposes of increasing and improving the accommodation available in this State for tourists, the Minister may, subject to this Act, on the recommendation of the Committee, make loans to suitable persons, in order to enable those persons to erect, extend, or improve, hotels and guest houses.

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Power to Minister to make loans for erecting, extending, or improving hotels and guest houses.

Conditions of loan.

5 Subject to this Act, a loan under this Act shall be made upon such terms and conditions, and upon such security, and shall be repayable within such period, as the Minister, on the recommendation of the Committee, in each case determines.

Provided that in no case shall the rate of interest on any loan made under this Act be less than the rate of interest to be charged to borrowers under section twenty-eight of the *Homes Act 1935*.

6—(1) The Treasurer may borrow any sums not exceeding £150,000 for the purposes of this Act.

Financial provisions.

(2) The moneys so borrowed shall be placed to the credit of an account in the Treasury called the "Tourist Accommodation Loan Account".

(3) All interest payable in respect of the moneys so borrowed shall be charged to, and paid by the Treasurer out of, the Consolidated Revenue.

(4) There shall also be kept in the Treasury an account called the "Tourist Accommodation Working Account" (in this section referred to as the "Working Account").

(5) All loans made under this Act shall be charged to the Working Account, and all interest and repayments in respect of loans made and other moneys received under this Act shall be credited to the Working Account.

(6) The Working Account shall be debited with interest at the State rate (as defined by section twenty-four of the *Hydro-Electric Commission Act 1944**) on the daily balance standing to the debit of the Working Account.

(7) The Minister shall cause a profit and loss account to be kept in respect of all transactions under this Act.

(8) Whenever in any financial year the profit and loss account so kept for the immediately preceding financial year shows—

- (a) a credit balance, the amount thereof shall be paid to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue;
- (b) a debit balance, the Treasurer shall pay the amount thereof out of the Consolidated Revenue (without any further appropriation than this section) to the credit of the profit and loss account.

7 As soon as practicable after the end of each financial year the Minister shall cause the profit and loss account kept under section six, together with an annual report on the operations under this Act, to be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

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Regulations.

8 The Governor may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing all matters or things which by this Act are required or permitted to be prescribed, or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act, and in particular for prescribing—

- (a) the form of application for loans under this Act;
- (b) the persons to whom loans may be made under this Act;
- (c) the management, maintenance, and conduct of hotels and guest houses in respect of which loans have been made under this Act;
- (d) the inspection of hotels and guest houses in respect of which loans have been made under this Act;
- (e) the furnishing of information by proprietors of hotels and guest houses in respect of which loans have been made under this Act; and
- (f) the conditions upon which loans in respect of any hotels or guest houses or of any specified class of hotels or guest houses may be made under this Act, or may be repaid, called up, or recovered.