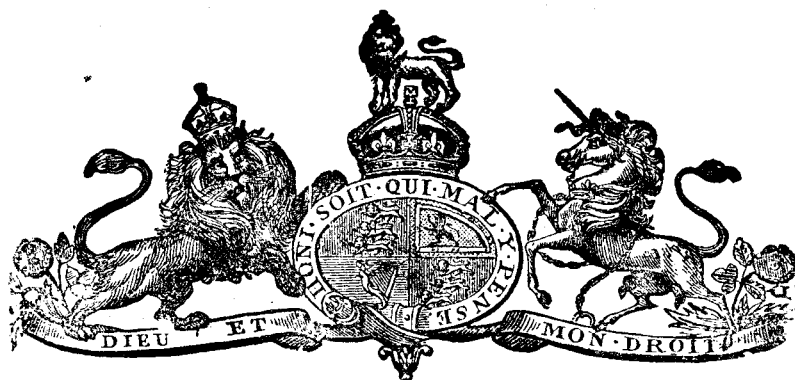


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AN ACT to alter the Official Designation of
"The New Norfolk Hospital for the Insane,"
to amend "The Insane Persons' Hospitals
Act," and for other purposes.

A.D.
1915.

[28 October, 1915.]

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 Mental Diseases Hospitals Act, 1915," and shall be incorporated and read as one with "The Insane Persons' Hospitals Act" (in this Act referred to as the Principal Act), and every Act amending the same.

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2 From and after the commencement of this Act the hospital proclaimed under the Principal Act by the name of "The New Norfolk Hospital for the Insane" shall for all purposes be designated "The New Norfolk Mental Diseases Hospital."

3 The words "The Insane Persons' Hospitals Act," occurring in Section Fifty-two of the Principal Act and in Form Eight in the schedule thereto, are hereby omitted therefrom, and the words "The Mental Diseases Hospitals Act" substituted therefor.

4 The words "Hospital for the Insane" wherever occurring in any Act or regulation are hereby omitted therefrom, and the words "Mental Diseases Hospital" substituted therefor.

5 References in any Act, proclamation, by-law, regulation, instrument, proceeding, document, or writing to—

i. "The New Norfolk Hospital for the Insane" or the "Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk," shall be construed as references to "The New Norfolk Mental Diseases Hospital":

ii. "The Insane Persons' Hospitals Act" shall be construed as references to "The Mental Diseases Hospitals Act."

6 After Section Thirteen of the Principal Act, the following section is inserted:—

"13a Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Act, if the Surgeon-Superintendent or other the Medical Officer in charge for the time being of any hospital, and a medical practitioner shall, by personal observation or examination, satisfy themselves that a person brought to such hospital for medical treatment—

i. Is by reason of his violent behaviour difficult to control: or

ii. Is in their opinion suffering from mental defect or mental incapacity—

and shall sign a certificate to that effect and also stating that they are satisfied that it is expedient for the welfare of such person or for the public safety that such person should be placed under care and control, it shall be lawful for the said Surgeon-Superintendent or other the Medical Officer in charge as aforesaid, to receive and temporarily detain or cause to be temporarily detained such person in any part of such hospital for any period or periods of time not exceeding in the aggregate Forty-eight hours:

Provided that any such detention shall not as regards any case falling within the provisions of Section Thirteen of this Act, prevent or prejudice the operation of such provisions."