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### An Act to amend the Mental Health Act 1911

[18 September 1958]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

**1. Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Mental Health Amendment Act 1958, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Mental Health Act 1911 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

**2. Admission of minors to institutions in ordinary way**—  
(1) The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section twenty-six, the following section:

“27. Nothing in this Part of this Act shall be construed to prevent the admission or reception of any person under the age of twenty-one years into an institution under this Act, and his detention therein, in all respects as if he were an adult:

“Provided that no person who is under the age of sixteen years shall be admitted to or detained in any institution as a voluntary boarder under Part V of this Act.”

(2) Section thirty-nine of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in subsection one, after the words “any person”, the words “who is not less than sixteen years of age”.

(3) Section three of the Mental Health Amendment Act 1935 is hereby consequentially repealed.

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**3. Section 8 of Mental Health Amendment Act 1950 amended**—Section eight of the Mental Health Amendment Act 1950 is hereby amended by inserting, after subsection two, the following subsection:

“(2A) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council,—

“(a) Declare that the whole or any part of any area referred to in Part I or Part II of the Second Schedule to this Act shall cease to be a public institution or, as the case may require, part of a public institution:

“(b) Revoke or amend in such manner as he thinks fit any portion of the said Part I or the said Part II and any Order in Council or Proclamation referred to in either of those Parts.”

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