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This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to
the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives,

29th September, 1925.

Hon. Sir M. Pomare.

HOSPITALS AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1909. Title.

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

1. (1.) This Act may be cited as the Hospitals and Charitable
Institutions Amendment Act, 1925, and shall be read together with
and deemed part of the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act,
10 1909 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title and commencement.

(2.) This Act shall come into force on the first day of April,
nineteen hundred and twenty-six.

2. Section sixty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by
adding to subsection two the following proviso:—
15 . “Provided that no person shall be qualified to become or to
continue to be a member of any such committee who would be
disqualified by virtue of section nineteen or section twenty hereof
from becoming or continuing to be a member of a Board.” Disqualification of members of committees of management appointed under section 64 of principal Act.

3. If in any of the hospital districts constituted by the Hospitals
20 and Charitable Institutions Amendment Act, 1919, there is at any
time a contributory local authority other than a County Council
named in section three of that Act, the Governor-General may, by
Order in Council, provide with respect to such hospital district
either,— Providing for representation of new contributory districts in hospital districts constituted by Amendment Act, 1919.

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(a.) As from a date to be specified in the Order in Council in that behalf, that the County Council, being the Hospital Board for the hospital district, shall cease to be the Hospital Board ; and in such case a Hospital Board shall be elected as provided in the principal Act, and shall come into office on the date on which the County Council ceases to be the Hospital Board ; or

(b.) As from a date to be specified in that behalf in the Order in Council, that one or more representatives of the contributory district other than the county shall be elected in the manner provided by the principal Act, and shall be added to the County Council in its capacity as the Hospital Board.

Correction of reference.

4. Section ten of the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Amendment Act, 1920 (No. 2), is hereby amended as from the passing of that Act by omitting from subsection five the words "section forty-six," and substituting the words "section forty-two."

Permitting Board to arrange with contributory local authorities as to dates of payment of contributions.

5. Section eight of the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Amendment Act, 1923, is hereby amended by repealing subsection two, and substituting the following subsection :—

"(2.) The said amount shall be payable to the Board by equal instalments being not more than twelve or less than four, as the Board may from time to time determine, and every such instalment shall be due on the day fixed by the Board for the payment thereof. The Board shall give to the contributory local authority not less than fourteen days' notice in writing of the due date of each instalment."

Restricting application of section 72 of principal Act (providing for recovery by Hospital Boards of cost of relief afforded to residents of other hospital districts).

6. (1.) Section seventy-two of the principal Act shall not apply in respect of any relief granted after the passing of this Act, except as between the Boards of contiguous hospital districts.

(2.) It shall be the duty of every Hospital Board that has granted relief in any case to which section seventy-two of the principal Act applies, so soon as practicable thereafter, to notify the particulars of its claim to the Board from which it is entitled to recover the cost of that relief, and if in the opinion of the Minister there has in any case been unreasonable delay in giving notice as aforesaid he may, by notice in writing delivered to each of the Boards concerned, determine that the cost of such relief shall as between those Boards cease in whole or in part to be recoverable.

(3.) If in any case to which the said section seventy-two applies the Board liable to pay the cost of such relief is of opinion that the cost is unreasonably high or that unnecessary relief has been afforded, it may appeal to the Minister who may, by notice in writing delivered to each of the Boards concerned, determine the portion of the cost that may be recovered as between the Boards, and his determination shall be final.

(4.) Where after the passing of this Act application for relief is made to a Board by or on behalf of a person resident in the district of another Board, the last-mentioned Board shall not be liable for the cost of such relief unless—

(a.) It has consented to the grant of such relief ; or

(b.) It is shown to the satisfaction of the Minister that the relief afforded was urgently required.

(5.) Section seventy-two of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows :—

Miscellaneous amendments of Section 72.

- (a.) By omitting from subsection one the words "one year," and substituting the words "three months":
- 5 (b.) By omitting from the same subsection the words "two years," and substituting the words, "one year":
- (c.) By omitting from subsection two the words "five years," and substituting the words "two years":
- 10 (d.) By adding to subsection *three* the words "It shall be the duty of the Board by which any such relief was granted to afford to the Board liable to pay the cost of such relief all reasonable assistance to enable that Board to recover such cost from the person relieved or from any other person liable therefor, and if it fails so to do the Minister may determine, either wholly or in part, its right to recover from such other Board the cost of such relief."
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