

HOSPITALS.

2° Elizabeth II., No. XVI.

No. 16 of 1953.

AN ACT to amend the Hospitals Act, 1927-1948.

[Assented to 20th November, 1953.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Hospitals Act Amendment Act, 1953.*

Short title
and citation.

(2) In this Act the Hospitals Act, 1927-1948, Act No. 23 of 1927 as amended by Act No. 9 of 1948,

is referred to as the principal Act.

(3) The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Hospitals Act, 1927-1953.

Section 17
amended.

2. Section seventeen of the principal Act is amended by adding a subsection as follows:—

(5) Where a Board borrows money under the powers conferred by this section, the Treasurer of the State may guarantee the repayment of the amount so borrowed from time to time.

Section 17A
added.

3. The principal Act is amended by adding after section seventeen the following section:—

17A. (1) The payment of all moneys payable by the Treasurer of the State under a guarantee given by him under the authority of this Act, is hereby guaranteed by the State.

(2) All sums required by the Treasurer for fulfilling a guarantee so given, shall be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which is hereby to the necessary extent appropriated accordingly.

Section 31A
added.

4. The principal Act is amended by adding after section thirty-one a section as follows:—

31A. (1) Notwithstanding section thirty-three of this Act, where a master, seaman, apprentice or other member of the crew of a ship—

(a) who has received a hurt or injury or contracted disease in the service of the ship; or

(b) who is suffering from any illness, not being venereal disease or an illness due to his own wilful act or default or to his own misbehaviour,

is by reason thereof admitted to a public hospital, and the owner of the ship is by law required to defray the expense of providing hospital service for him in respect of the hurt, injury, disease, or illness, the owner and the

agent of the owner are jointly and severally liable to pay to the Board the prescribed fees for any hospital service granted in or by the hospital to the master, seaman, apprentice, or member in respect of the hurt, injury, disease or illness.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, where the master, seaman, apprentice, or other member of the crew of a ship is admitted to a public hospital by reason of a personal injury by accident for which he is entitled to compensation under the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act, 1912-1952, the provisions of that Act apply to the fees for the hospital service granted in or by the hospital in respect of the personal injury.
