

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.



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GEORGII QUINTI REGIS,

XXIX.

No. 9 of 1917.

AN ACT to facilitate the Treatment of Mental Disorder of recent origin arising from Wounds, Shock, and other causes.

[Assented to 28th March, 1917.]

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

1. This Act may be cited as the *Mental Treatment Act, 1917*, and shall be read as one with the Lunacy Act, 1903. Short title.

2. (1.) Notwithstanding any provisions of the Lunacy Act, 1903, to the contrary—

Power to receive for treatment soldiers suffering from mental disorder.

(a) It shall be lawful, subject to the regulations under this Act, for any person—

(i.) being or having been on naval or military service, whether with His Majesty's Navy or Army, or under the provisions of any Act of the Commonwealth of Australia, during the war in which His Majesty is at present engaged; and

See Vic. No. 2600,
sec. 2.

(ii.) suffering from mental disorder of recent origin arising from wounds, shock, disease, stress, exhaustion, or any other cause, to be received for medical treatment into a hospital for the insane, reception house, or licensed house, without any order or certificate under Part II. of the said Act; and

(b) Any person whether for payment or not (if and so long as he complies with the conditions imposed by regulations under this Act) may receive to board or lodge, or may take the charge or care of any person—

(i.) being or having been on naval or military service, whether with His Majesty's navy or army or under the provisions of any Act of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, during the war in which His Majesty is at present engaged; and

(ii.) suffering from mental disorder of recent origin arising from wounds, shock, disease, stress, exhaustion, or any other cause.

Regulations.

Ibid.

(2.) The Governor may make regulations as to—

(a) the period for which such a person may be so received or taken charge or care of;

(b) the institutions, homes, or houses into or in which such a person may be received or taken charge or care of;

(c) the statements and notices to be furnished with respect to a person so received or taken charge or care of;

(d) the treatment of persons so received or taken charge or care of, and their visitation, inspection, removal to other care, and discharge.

(3.) All such regulations shall be published in the *Government Gazette*, and shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after the making thereof, if Parliament is then sitting, and if Parliament is not then sitting, within fourteen days after the next meeting of Parliament.