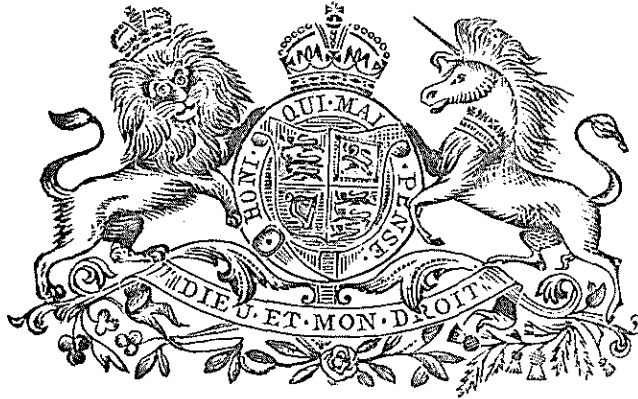


WESTERN AUSTRALIA.



ANNO QUINTO

GEORGII QUINTI REGIS,

XIII.

No. 13 of 1914.

AN ACT to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1894.

[Assented to 8th September, 1914.]

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 *Friendly Societies Act Amendment Act*, 1914, and shall be read and construed as one Act with the Friendly Societies Act, 1894 (hereinafter called the "principal Act"), and shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by proclamation.

Short title and commencement.

2. Notwithstanding anything in the principal Act or in the rules of any society it shall, subject to this Act, be lawful for the committee of management of any society to suspend (wholly or partially), at any time and from time to time, the liability of any member to make all or any contributions required by the principal Act or the rules of the society, for such period as to such committee shall seem fit: Provided that the suspension—

Liability to make contributions may be suspended in the case of necessitous members.

(a) shall only be granted to a member being, and as long as he is, unemployed owing to the War, and in the opinion of the committee in necessitous circumstances,

or to a member being, and as long as he is, on active service in the naval or military forces of the Crown;

(b) shall not have effect unless and until it is confirmed by the Registrar;

(c) may at any time be removed by the committee or the Registrar notwithstanding that the period fixed for its expiry has not elapsed.

Effect of suspension.

3. (1.) During any such suspension the member in whose favour it has been granted shall not be called upon to make any contribution in respect of which it has been granted; but after the end or determination of the suspension he shall, except in so far as the society by resolution passed at a general meeting of the members otherwise determines, be liable to pay all such contributions as would have become payable by him but for the suspension at and in such time and manner and in such instalments as the committee may decide.

(2.) Notwithstanding any suspension, the member affected shall be entitled to all such benefits which he would have been entitled to if he had paid his contributions.

Power of Registrar to direct levies.

4. (1.) The Registrar may at any time and from time to time direct that any society which has granted any suspension under this Act shall impose such levy on those of its members who have not been granted any suspension as shall be deemed by the Registrar to be necessary to maintain the stability of the society.

(2.) Such levy when imposed shall be deemed to have been duly and legally made under the rules of the society and in accordance with the principal Act and shall be enforceable accordingly, and failure to pay the same shall have the same effect as failure to pay any ordinary contribution due by a member.

(3.) Failure on the part of any society to impose any levy pursuant to the direction of the Registrar shall be a ground for cancellation or suspension of the registry of the society as if it were mentioned as such ground in section ten of the principal Act.

Interpretation.

5. In this Act, subject to the context—

“Society” means a registered society and includes a registered branch;

“War” means the present War existing in Europe.

Duration of Section 2.

6. Section two of this Act and any suspension granted thereunder shall cease to operate on a day to be fixed by proclamation published in the *Gazette* after the termination of the War.