

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.



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No 75 of 1912.

AN ACT to amend the Workers' Homes Act, 1911.

[Assented to 30th December, 1912.]

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 *Workers' Homes Act Amendment Act, 1912*, and shall be read as one with the *Workers' Homes Act, 1911*, hereinafter referred to as the principal Act. Short title.

2. Section three of the principal Act is amended by adding to the interpretation of the term "dwelling-house" the following words:— Amendment of Sec. 3.

"The term also includes any shop or business premises being a portion of or attached to the dwelling-house."  
and by striking out from the interpretation of the term "worker" the word "three" in the fourth line of such definition, and inserting the word "four."

3. (1.) Section six of the principal Act is repealed, and a section is inserted in place thereof as follows:— Amendment of Sec. 6.

6. (1.) The funds necessary for the effectual execution of this Act shall be such moneys as may from time to time be appropriated by Parliament for the purpose. Funds.

(2.) All such moneys shall be placed to the credit of an account at the Treasury, to be called the Workers' Homes Fund, and applied to the purposes of this Act; and such account may be operated upon in the prescribed manner.

(3.) The interest on and contributions, at a rate to be prescribed by the Colonial Treasurer, to the sinking fund for the redemption of moneys appropriated by Parliament to the purposes of this Act shall be paid by the Board to the Colonial Treasurer half-yearly, and applied by the Colonial Treasurer to recoup the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of such interest and contributions.

Amendment of  
Sec. 11.

4. Section eleven of the principal Act is amended by adding to the proviso the following words:—

“or any instalment of not less than ten pounds.”

Amendment of  
Sec. 12.

5. Section twelve of the principal Act is repealed, and a section is inserted in place thereof as follows:—

Applications.

12. (1.) The Board may declare any land open for selection for the purposes of this Part of this Act, and may receive applications for workers' dwellings before or after the erection of dwelling-houses.

(2.) Every application shall be in the prescribed form and shall contain the prescribed particulars.

(3.) Every applicant shall—

(a.) satisfy the Board that he is a worker within the meaning of this Act, and that he is not the owner of any dwelling-house in Western Australia; and

(b.) pay to the Board with his application a fee of five shillings.

(4.) If an application is approved, the applicant shall, within a time to be stated in the notice of approval, deposit with the Board the sum of five pounds, and such deposit shall be placed to the credit of the applicant and applied in part payment of the purchase money for the dwelling-house.

(5.) If such deposit is not duly made, the Board may cancel the application.

(6.) If an applicant whose application has been approved shall not, when required by the Board so to do, accept a lease of the worker's dwelling and execute a counterpart thereof, the Board may cancel the application and forfeit the deposit.

6. A section is inserted in the principal Act as follows:—

Applications in respect of specific allotments.

13A. (1.) Any worker may, by an application in the prescribed form, request the Board—

- (a.) to purchase an allotment of land specified in the application ;
- (b.) to dedicate such land to the purposes of this Act ;
- (c.) to erect a worker's dwelling thereon ; and
- (d.) to grant a lease thereof to the applicant under this Part of this Act.

(2.) The applicant shall—

- (a.) satisfy the Board that he is a worker within the meaning of this Act, and that he is not the owner of any dwelling-house in Western Australia ;
- (b.) deposit with the Board the sum of five pounds ; and
- (c.) pay to the Board a fee of five shillings and the prescribed fee for the valuation of the land.

(3.) If the application is approved, the deposit shall be placed to the credit of the applicant and applied in part payment of the cost of the dwelling-house ; but if the application is not approved, the deposit shall be repaid to the applicant.

(4.) If the applicant shall not, when required by the Board so to do, accept a lease of the worker's dwelling and execute a counterpart thereof, the Board may cancel the application and forfeit the deposit, and declare the land and dwelling-house open for selection under this part of this Act.

7. Section twenty-three of the principal Act is amended by omitting subsection two thereof, and inserting in place thereof the following:—

Amendment of Sec. 23.

(2.) The Minister may, under and subject to this Part of this Act, erect a dwelling-house on any such land and dispose of the same as a worker's dwelling :

Provided that the person by whom the land was surrendered shall have the right to apply for the worker's dwelling to be erected thereon in preference to any other person, for a period of one month next following the surrender.

Amendment of  
Sec. 24.

8. Section twenty-four, subsection one, paragraph (c) of the principal Act is amended by the insertion after the word "mortgage" of the words "or liability."

Amendment of Sec.  
29.

9. Section twenty-nine of the principal Act is amended by omitting the words "and being either ten pounds or a multiple of ten pounds" in paragraph (h.).

Amendment of Sec.  
39.

10. Section thirty-nine of the principal Act is repealed, and a section is inserted in place thereof, as follows:—

Fine for delayed  
payments.

39. If any payment required by this Act to be made by a lessee or borrower is not paid within fourteen days after its due date, the lessee or borrower shall be liable to a fine of one penny per pound or portion of a pound thereof for every month or portion of a month during which the payment required to be made remains unpaid after the expiration of such fourteen days.

Amendment of  
Sec. 43.

11. Section forty-three of the principal Act is amended by inserting after the word "land," in line two thereof, the words "leased by the Crown including land."

Amendment of  
Sec. 50.

12. Section fifty of the principal Act is repealed, and a section is inserted in place thereof as follows:—

Regulations.

(50.) "The Governor may from time to time make regulations prescribing forms and the fees to be paid for any valuation, inspection, report, plan, or specification, and generally for the objects and purposes of this Act."

Repeal of Schedule.

13. The Schedule to the principal Act is hereby repealed.

Manner of showing  
amendments.

14. All copies of the principal Act hereafter printed by the Government Printer shall be printed as amended by this Act, under the supervision of the Clerk of Parliaments, and reference shall be made in the margin of the principal Act to the sections of this Act by which such amendments are made.