
Poor Houses Discipline

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No. 8

An Act for the better regulation of and maintenance of
Discipline in the Government Poor Houses.

[Assented to 21st September, 1882.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the better regulation of and maintenance of Discipline in the Government Poor Houses: Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia and its Dependencies, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Governor in Council to declare 'Poor Houses'

1. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council from time to time to declare any institution wholly maintained at the public expense, for the purposes of relieving the poor of the Colony, to be a Poor House within the meaning of this Act.

Power to make regulations

2. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council from time to time to make, and when made to alter, add to, and repeal rules and regulations for the purpose of maintaining a proper discipline in any Poor House, and for the proper control and management of the inmates thereof. The said rules and regulations shall be published in the 'Government Gazette,' and after such publication the same shall be admissible as evidence for all purposes.

Penalty for breach thereof

3. It shall be lawful for any Justice or Justices of the Peace before whom any inmate of a Poor House shall be convicted of a breach of any of the said rules and regulations to order such inmate to be kept in solitary confinement and to be put upon a diet of bread and water only, for a period not exceeding three days.

Short title

4. This Act may be cited as 'The Poor Houses Discipline Act, 1882.'

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