



WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

ANNO QUADRAGESIMO TERTIO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. XV.

AN ACT to amend The Registration Ordinance, 19th Victoria, No. 12.

[Assented to, 3rd September, 1879.]

WHEREAS it has been deemed advisable to ascertain as far as possible the causes of death of persons: Be it therefore 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:—

1 WITH respect to books for the registry of deaths, and forms for certified copies thereof respectively, and to the particulars of every death as mentioned in the 9th section of the said Registration Ordinance, the following provisions shall have effect:—

- (1.) The Registrar General shall, from time to time, furnish to every district registrar printed forms of certificates of cause of death by a duly qualified medical practitioner, and every district registrar shall furnish such forms gratis to any such practitioner residing or practising in such district registrar's district:

Certificates of causes of death to be signed by medical practitioners.

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- (2.) In case of the death of any person who has been attended in his last illness by any such practitioner, that practitioner shall sign and give to some person required by the said Ordinance to give information concerning the death, or to any magistrate, a certificate stating to the best of his knowledge and belief the cause of death; and such person, upon giving information concerning the death or giving notice of the death, or the said magistrate, shall forthwith deliver that certificate to the district registrar; and the cause of death as stated in that certificate shall be entered in the registrar's register, with the name of the certifying practitioner:
- (3.) Where an inquest is held on the body of any deceased person a medical certificate of the cause of death need not be given to the district registrar, but the notification of the verdict of the jury or the opinion of the magistrate or coroner, as mentioned in the 26th section of the said Ordinance, shall be sufficient.

If any person or magistrate to whom a medical certificate is given by such medical practitioner in pursuance hereof, fails to deliver that certificate to the district registrar, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Forty shillings, on a summary conviction before a Justice or Justices of the Peace in petty sessions.

Act to be incorporated with Ordinance.

2 THIS Act shall be incorporated with and be read as part of the said Ordinance.

Short Title.

3 THE short title of this Act shall be "The Registration Ordinance Amendment Act."

In the name and on behalf of the Queen I hereby assent to this Act.

H. ST. GEORGE ORD, Governor.