

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

No. 39 of 1975.

AN ACT to amend the Friendly Societies Act,
1894-1964.

[Assented to 11th September, 1975.]

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

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Friendly Societies Act Amendment Act, 1975*.

Short title
and
citation.

(2) In this Act the Friendly Societies Act, 1894-1964, is referred to as the principal Act.

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authorised
5th August,
1974.

(3) The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Friendly Societies Act, 1894-1975.

Section 4
amended.

2. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by adding after the definition "Meeting" a new definition as follows—

"Member" means a person admitted to membership in accordance with the rules of a registered society. .

Section 7
repealed and
re-enacted.

3. Section 7 of the principal Act is repealed and re-enacted with amendments as follows—

Objects for
which
societies
may be
registered
under this
Act.

7. (1) Societies may be registered under this Act to provide by voluntary subscriptions of or levies upon the members thereof, with or without the aid of donations:—

- (a) for the relief or maintenance of members, their husbands, wives, parents, step-parents, children, step-children, adopted children, or kindred, in infancy, over the age of sixty years, in widowhood, sickness, or other infirmity, bodily or mental, or any natural state of which the probability may be calculated by way of average;
- (b) for providing medical attendance for, and for dispensing medicines to, any persons mentioned in paragraph (a) of this subsection;
- (c) for insuring money to be paid on the death of such persons or for defraying the expenses of the burial of such persons, subject to the restrictions hereinafter contained;
- (d) for the endowment of members or nominees of members at any age;
- (e) for the relief or maintenance of the members when on travel in search of employment, or when in distressed

circumstances, or in case of ship-wreck, or loss or damage of or to boats or nets;

- (f) for the insurance against fire to any amount not exceeding forty dollars of the tools or implements of the trade or calling of any member;
- (g) for purchasing land and erecting buildings, either on such purchased land or on any land heretofore or hereafter granted by the Crown for that purpose, to provide homes for aged or distressed members;
- (h) for purchasing land and buildings, or purchasing land and constructing buildings thereon, to provide hospitals for the accommodation and treatment of any persons mentioned in paragraph (a) of this subsection, including the furnishing and equipping of those hospitals;
- (i) for the purchase or use of land and buildings for the establishment, management and maintenance of holiday accommodation and ancillary facilities for the use of members and their families and the families of deceased members, and such other persons as the rules of the society may specify; and
- (j) for guaranteeing the performance of their duties by officers and servants of the society or any branch thereof.

(2) A society which contracts with any person for the assurance of a gross sum exceeding six thousand dollars shall not be registered under this Act.

(3) A society which contracts with any person to make any payment exceeding the sum of five hundred dollars in any of the events referred to in paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of this section may lend money to such person upon the security of the interest of that person in that contract upon the condition that—

- (a) in the case of a contract for money to be paid on the death of a person, the amount of not less than two hundred dollars out of the moneys payable under the contract shall not be made a security for the loan; and
- (b) the amount and conditions of the proposed loan are approved by the Registrar after receipt of a report from the Actuary.

(4) Any of the matters referred to in paragraph (h) or paragraph (i) of subsection (1) of this section may be undertaken jointly or in co-operation with any other friendly society.

Section 12
amended.

4. Section 12 of the principal Act is amended, as to paragraph (e) of subsection (1), by adding after the passage “Act,” in line six, the passage “or at such lesser interval as may be prescribed in relation to any matter,”.

Section 14A
amended.

5. Section 14A of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the paragraph designation “(2)”, in line three of paragraph (d) of subsection (1), the passage “(b) of subsection (1)”.
