

MENTAL TREATMENT ACT— AMENDMENT.

10° GEO. V., No. IV.

No. 16 of 1919.

AN ACT to amend the Mental Treatment Act, 1917.

[Assented to 25th October, 1919.]

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 *Mental Treatment Act Amendment Act, 1919.* Short title.

2. The Mental Treatment Act, 1917, is hereby amended by the addition of a section, as follows:— Addition of new section to principal Act.

3. (1.) Every person received into a hospital, reception house, or licensed house, or received to board or lodge or taken charge or care of pursuant to this Act shall (so long as he continues an inmate of such hospital or house or to be so boarded, lodged, or taken charge or care of) be deemed to be an incapable person within the meaning of the Lunacy Act, 1903, and the provisions of that Act shall apply to and in respect of him and his estate accordingly. Administration and management of estates.

(2.) The master may, subject to any order or direction of the court and to the rules of the court—

(a) undertake the general care, protection, and management of the estate of any such person:

(b) supervise and enforce the performance of the obligations and duties of any person appointed to undertake the care and management of the estate:

(c) exercise the powers of a committee of the estate and do all such things with reference to the estate as he might do or might be ordered, authorised, or directed to do if he were appointed committee thereof.