

**FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) ACT.**

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**Act No. 6, 1951.**

An Act to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1912-1948, in certain respects; and for <sup>George VI.</sup> <sup>No. 6, 1951.</sup> purposes connected therewith. [Assented to, 31st May, 1951.]

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**Friendly Societies (Amendment) Act.**

No. 6, 1951.

**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title,  
citation,  
and  
commence-  
ment.

**1.** (1) This Act may be cited as the "Friendly Societies (Amendment) Act, 1951".

(2) The Friendly Societies Act, 1912, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the Friendly Societies Act, 1912-1951.

(3) This Act shall be deemed to have commenced upon the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-one.

Amendment  
of Act No.  
46, 1912.

**2.** The Friendly Societies Act, 1912-1948, is amended:—

Sec. 10.  
(Compulsory  
registration  
of certain  
societies.)

(a) by inserting in paragraph (b) of subsection one of section ten after the words "deceased members" the words "or reimbursing in whole or in part to members or widows or widowed mothers of deceased members payments made by them for any such purposes";

Sec. 81.  
(Subvention  
after 30th  
June,  
1932.)

(b) (i) by inserting in subsection one of section eighty-one after the word "medicine" the words "and the benefits of reimbursement for medical attendance and medicine";

(ii) by inserting at the end of the same subsection the following paragraphs:—

Where the regulations:—

(a) prescribe that an amount other than an amount equal to the total contributions chargeable under the rules of a society to provide the benefits of medical attendance and medicine and the benefits of reimbursement for medical attendance and medicine or either of such benefits shall be payable

payable to an applicant society such prescribed amount shall be the amount payable under this subsection for such benefits or either of them, as the case may be; No. 6, 1951.

- (b) provide that no amount shall be payable under this subsection in respect of contributions chargeable under the rules of the society to provide the benefits of medical attendance and medicine and the benefits of reimbursement for medical attendance and medicine or either of such benefits in respect of such classes of persons referred to in this subsection as may be prescribed no amount shall be so payable in respect of such prescribed classes.

In this section "reimbursement for medical attendance and medicine" means the reimbursement in whole or in part to members or widows or widowed mothers of deceased members of payments made by them for any of the purposes set forth in paragraph (b) of subsection one of section ten of this Act.

- (iii) by omitting from subsection two of the same section the words "an amount equal to twenty-five per centum of the total contributions chargeable under the rules of such society for the benefits of medical attendance and medicine in respect of all male members aged sixty-five years and over, all female members aged sixty years and over, and all widows and widowed mothers of deceased members where such widows or widowed mothers are aged sixty years and over during the last preceding year for which payment had been made under this Act" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words

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words "such amount not exceeding twenty-five per centum as the Minister may from time to time determine of the total contributions chargeable under the rules of such society for the benefits of medical attendance and medicine and the benefits of reimbursement for medical attendance and medicine in respect of those persons in respect of whom payment has been made during the last preceding year under subsection one of this section";

- (iv) by inserting in subsection three of the same section after the words "section shall" where firstly occurring the words "subject to subsection (3A) of this section";
- (v) by inserting next after the same subsection the following new subsection:—

(3A) Payments under this section in respect of contributions chargeable under the rules of a society to provide the benefits of reimbursement for medical attendance and medicine shall be made only in respect of:—

(a) a member of a society—

(i) who was a member of that society or any other society on the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two; and

(ii) who was contributing for or eligible to receive sickness benefits or a funeral donation on that date and who at the date of application for subvention had completed fifteen years continuous membership in respect of sickness benefits or a funeral donation; or

(iii)

- (iii) who was contributing for or <sup>No. 6, 1951.</sup>  
eligible to receive the  
benefits of medical atten-  
dance and medicine on that  
date and who at the date of  
application for subvention  
had completed in the aggre-  
gate fifteen years contin-  
uous membership in respect  
of such benefits and the  
benefits of reimbursement  
for medical attendance and  
medicine;
- (b) the widow or widowed mother of a  
deceased member who was a  
member of the society or any other  
society on the thirtieth day of June,  
one thousand nine hundred and  
thirty-two, if she is eligible under  
the rules of the society for the  
benefits of reimbursement for  
medical attendance and medicine;
- (c) the widow or widowed mother of  
a deceased member if she was at  
the thirtieth day of June, one  
thousand nine hundred and thirty-  
two, eligible for the benefits of  
medical attendance and medicine  
or a funeral donation in accordance  
with the rules of the society.
- (vi) by inserting at the end of the same section  
the following new subsection:—
- (5) Regulations may be made under this  
Act:—
- (a) prescribing that an amount other  
than an amount equal to the total  
of contributions chargeable under  
the rules of a society to provide the  
benefits of medical attendance and  
medicine and the benefits of reim-  
bursement for medical attendance  
and

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and medicine or either of such benefits shall be payable to an applicant society;

- (b) prescribing the manner in which such amount shall be determined;
- (c) providing that no amount shall be payable under subsection one of this section in respect of contributions chargeable under the rules of a society to provide the benefits of medical attendance and medicine and the benefits of reimbursement for medical attendance and medicine or either of such benefits in respect of such classes of persons referred to in that subsection as may be prescribed.

The classes so prescribed may be by reference to persons who are entitled to any benefits under any scheme of the Commonwealth relating to medical services or by reference to other specified persons.

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