

CROWN LANDS, RETURNED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT AND CLOSER SETTLE- MENT (AMENDMENT) ACT.

Act No. 14, 1945.

An Act to extend for a further period certain provisions of the Crown Lands (Amendment) Act, 1932; to make further provision as to revision of certain indebtedness of discharged soldiers to the Crown; to provide for variation of the amount upon which the annual rent for a settlement purchase lease or a group purchase lease is based; to alter the constitution of closer settlement advisory boards; for these and other purposes to amend the Crown Lands (Amendment) Act, 1932, the Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, 1916, and the Closer Settlement Acts; and for purposes connected therewith. [Assented to, 3rd April, 1945.]

George VI.
No. 14, 1945.

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 New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the “Crown Lands, Returned Soldiers Settlement and Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1945.”

2. (1) The Crown Lands (Amendment) Act, 1932, as amended by subsequent Acts, is amended by omitting from section three the words “twelve years” wherever occurring and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “fifteen years”.

Amendment
of Act No.
69, 1932.
Sec. 3.
(Reduction
of interest
and annual
rental.)

(2)

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(2) This section shall be deemed to have commenced on the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and forty-four.

Amendment
of Act No.
21, 1916.
Sec. 21.
(Power of
Minister
to waive or
remit
certain
indebted-
ness.)

3. (1) The Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, 1916, as amended by subsequent Acts, is amended by inserting in paragraph (a) of subsection one of section twenty-one after the word "allowances" the words "or in respect of premiums paid by the Crown for insurance against loss by fire."

(2) This section shall be deemed to have commenced on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and forty-five.

Amendment
of Act No.
38, 1943.
Sec. 3.
(Annual
rent.)

4. The Closer Settlement Amendment (Conversion) Act, 1943, is amended—

(a) by inserting in paragraph (b) of subsection one of section three after the word "advanced" the following proviso:—

"Provided that where an amount representing the value of all improvements effected out of an advance made as aforesaid for the purpose of clearing, fencing, draining, water supply, grading and general improvement of the land or for the erection of buildings thereon was included in the capital value of a soldiers' group purchase the sum so advanced shall not be deductible nor be deemed ever to have been deductible from the amount of the fair market value of the land as so determined;"

New sec.
3A.

(b) by inserting next after section three the following new section:—

Certain
debts to
Crown may
be taken
into
account for
purposes
of
calculating
annual
rent.

3A. The Minister may with the consent of the applicant for or holder of a settlement purchase lease or group purchase lease increase the amount upon which the annual rent is calculated in accordance with section three of this Act by adding thereto amounts equivalent to the whole or part of the interest or principal moneys due or to become due to the Crown in respect of advances made in pursuance of the Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, 1916, as amended by subsequent

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subsequent Acts, or for sustenance or other allowances, or in respect of premiums paid by the Crown for insurance against loss by fire, and payment of such moneys shall as to the whole or part, as the case may require, thereupon be waived.

As from the date upon which such moneys are added in accordance with the foregoing provisions the annual rent of the settlement purchase lease or group purchase lease shall be two and one-half per centum of the amount calculated in accordance with section three of this Act and the amounts added thereto in accordance with the provisions of this section.

5. (1) The Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1907, as amended by subsequent Acts, is amended by omitting subsections two and three of section two and by inserting in lieu thereof the following new subsections:—

Amendment
of Act No.
12, 1907.
Sec. 2.

(2) The Governor may appoint a Chairman of Closer Settlement Advisory Boards.

(Constitu-
tion of
advisory
boards.)

(3) Each advisory board shall comprise the Chairman of Closer Settlement Advisory Boards and two other members appointed by the Governor.

(4) In case of the absence or illness of the Chairman or any other member of any such board the Governor may appoint a deputy who, during such absence or illness, shall have and may exercise and discharge all the powers, authorities, duties and functions of such chairman or member, as the case may be.

(2) This section shall commence upon a day to be appointed by the Governor and notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.

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