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## Ambulance Transport Service (Amendment) Bill, 1922.

### EXPLANATORY NOTE.

THIS Bill amends the Ambulance Transport Service Act, 1919 (Act No. 5 of 1919), in several particulars, and is a Bill introduced at the instance of the Voluntary Board who have been administering the Act since it came into operation.

The principal amendments included in the Bill are :—

- (1) Provision for the nomination of "contributors" by the parties to schemes of industrial collections, and the promotion of undertakings for raising funds.
- (2) The addition to the Board of two direct representatives of the New South Wales District of Saint John Ambulance Brigade (Overseas), the organisation which is principally concerned with the administration of first-aid and teaching of ambulance work (other than transport). It is expected that a fuller measure of co-operation and control and an increased efficiency will result if the amendment is made.
- (3) An alteration in the provision as to the Central District. In the Act the Metropolitan Traffic Area is fixed as the Central District. It has been found that this would be too large an area, and would interfere too much with existing organisations which have been energetically and successfully carried on within that area; and it is thought by the Board that better results can be obtained by smaller districts serving particular areas and operating in connection with various local bodies, a general supervisory control being reposed in the Board.
- (4) The omission of section twenty of the Act, which provides for a levy on the funds of each district of 10 per cent. This has been found to be impracticable.
- (5) The better control of collections for ambulance purposes. It has been reported that in certain cases doubt exists as to whether funds collected have been applied to the purposes for which they were collected. Moreover, certain cases of fraudulent collections by unauthorised persons have been from time to time reported to the Board.
- (6) The prevention of the carrying on of ambulance services for gain except in cases sanctioned by the Board.







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## A BILL

To amend the Ambulance Transport Service Act, 1919, the Truck Act, 1900, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

[SIR JOSEPH CARRUTHERS;—9 November, 1922.]

**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:—

**1.** This Act may be cited as the "Ambulance Transport Service (Amendment) Act, 1922," and shall be read and construed with the Ambulance Transport Service Act, 1919, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act.

Short title.



Amendment  
of Principal  
Act, s. 2.

**2.** The Principal Act is amended by omitting from section two the definition of "contributor" and inserting in lieu thereof the following definition:—

"Contributor" means and includes—

- (a) a life member; 5
- (b) any person who contributes to the funds of the board or of a district committee a sum of not less than ten shillings annually so long as he continues to so contribute;
- (c) any person nominated by— 10
  - (i) the parties who for the time being are contributors to the funds of a district committee under a scheme agreed upon by any employer and his employees and approved by the 15 district committee, and hereafter referred to as an "industrial contribution scheme";
  - (ii) the promoters of any undertaking for raising funds for a district committee. 20

*Ibid.*

**3.** The Principal Act is further amended by inserting after the definition of "life member" in section two the following definition:—

"Public appeal" means any appeal made to the general public or to public bodies, business 25 firms, or private individuals, whether by writing or through the press or by personal canvassing, and includes the raising of funds by means of art unions, carnivals, bazaars, or fancy fairs. 30

*Ibid.* s. 5.

**4.** The Principal Act is further amended by adding at the end of section five the following new paragraph:—

- (d) The officer-in-charge of the New South Wales District of the Saint John Ambulance Brigade 35 (Overseas) and one member of the district staff of such brigade to be nominated by such officer-in-charge.

*Ibid.* s. 12.

**5.** The Principal Act is further amended by omitting from section twelve all words following the words 40 "Central District" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "and shall include within its area the City of Sydney."



**6.** The Principal Act is further amended by adding the following new sections after section fourteen :—

Amendment of  
Principal Act.  
New sections.

5 14A. The parties to any industrial contribution scheme and the promoters of any undertaking for raising funds for a district committee may, in the manner prescribed, nominate contributors in accordance with the following provisions :—

Contributors  
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(b) Where the sum contributed exceeds fifty pounds but does not exceed one hundred pounds—two contributors.

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20 14B. The provisions of the Truck Act, 1900, or of any Act amending the same, shall not apply to any industrial contribution scheme.

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**7.** The Principal Act is further amended by omitting section sixteen and inserting the following section in 25 lieu thereof :—

*Ibid.* s. 16.

30 16. (1) All real and personal property which is vested in and held by any person in trust for or on behalf of any of the ambulance brigades mentioned in section four of this Act, or for ambulance transport purposes, or is vested in and held by any district committee, is hereby transferred to and vested in the board.

Vesting of  
property in  
the board.

35 (2) Upon the appointment and delimitation of a district in pursuance of section twelve of this Act, and thereafter from time to time, the board may set apart any portion of the property vested in it under this section for the use of that district. Such property shall be under the control and management of the district committee.

**8.**



Amendment  
of Principal  
Act, s. 19.

**8.** The Principal Act is further amended by the omission from section nineteen of the words "subject to the next succeeding section."

*Ibid.* s. 20.

**9.** The Principal Act is further amended by the omission of section twenty. 5

*Ibid.* s. 21.

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*Ibid.*

New sections.

Collection of  
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**11.** The Principal Act is further amended by inserting after section twenty-one the following new sections:—

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Using ambu-  
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21B. It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct a public ambulance transport service for gain in any area which has not been appointed and delimited as a district, except with the sanction of the board. 25

Offences and  
penalties.

21c. Any person who commits a breach of any of the provisions of the last three preceding sections shall be guilty of an offence, and shall upon conviction before a police or stipendiary magistrate, or two or more justices of the peace, be liable to a penalty of not less than *one* pound and not exceeding *five* pounds. 30



*This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY for its concurrence.*

W. L. S. COOPER,  
*Clerk of the Parliaments.*

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 20th November, 1922.*

## New South Wales.



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## GEORGII V REGIS.

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