

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

H. ROBBINS,

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 16 May, 1951.*

## New South Wales.



ANNO QUINTO DECIMO

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Act No. , 1951.

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1912-1948, in certain respects; and for  
purposes connected therewith.

**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty,  
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Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of  
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1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Friendly  
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(2) The Friendly Societies Act, 1912, as amended  
by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the  
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Short title,  
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*Friendly Societies (Amendment).*

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

2. The Friendly Societies Act, 1912-1948, is  
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Amendment  
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(a) by inserting in paragraph (b) of subsection one  
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(b) (i) by inserting in subsection one of section  
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words "and the benefits of reimbursement  
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(ii) by inserting at the end of the same subsec-  
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Where the regulations:—

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(v) by inserting next after the same subsection the following new subsection:—

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20 (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

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## FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1951.

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE.

THE object of this Bill is to meet the position created by the proposed termination of contracts between medical practitioners and friendly societies with respect to the provision of medical attention to members at a flat rate of contribution and the proposed provision of reimbursement of members for payments made by them for medical attendance and medicine.

To this end the Bill is designed:—

- (a) to make the reimbursement of payments made by members for medical attendance and medicine a purpose for which a friendly society may be established;
- (b) to enable subvention payments to be made to friendly societies in respect of contributions paid by aged members to such societies to provide for the benefits of reimbursement to such members of payments made by them for medical attendance and medicine;
- (c) to enable regulations to be made limiting the amount which may be paid by way of subvention in respect of benefits of medical attendance and medicine and the benefits of reimbursement for medical attendance and medicine and the persons in respect of whom such subvention may be paid.







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- (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 "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

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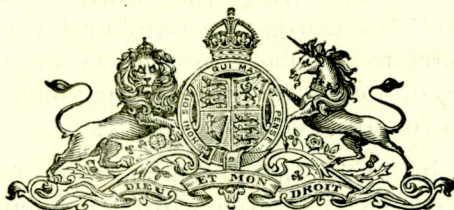








New South Wales.



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Act No. 6, 1951.

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By Authority:

A. H. PETTIFER, Government Printer, Sydney, 1951.











I certify that this PUBLIC BILL, which originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, has finally passed the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of NEW SOUTH WALES.

H. ROBBINS,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 17 May, 1951.

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I have examined this Bill, and find it to correspond in all respects with the Bill as finally passed by both Houses.

G. BOOTH,  
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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 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;

(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



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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 "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



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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) who was contributing for or eligible to receive the benefits of medical attendance and medicine on that date and who at the date of application for subvention had



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had completed in the aggregate fifteen years continuous 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 reimbursement for medical attendance and medicine or either of such benefits shall be payable to an applicant society;

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- (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.

*In the name and on behalf of His Majesty I assent to this Act.*

J. NORTHCOTT,

*Governor.*

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 31st May, 1951.*







