

NOTIFIABLE DISABILITIES BILL, 1963.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

THE objects of this Bill are—

- (a) to provide for the notification of certain disabilities which affect physical or mental well-being and which are recognisable at birth or subsequently;
- (b) to provide for the registration of notifiable disabilities.

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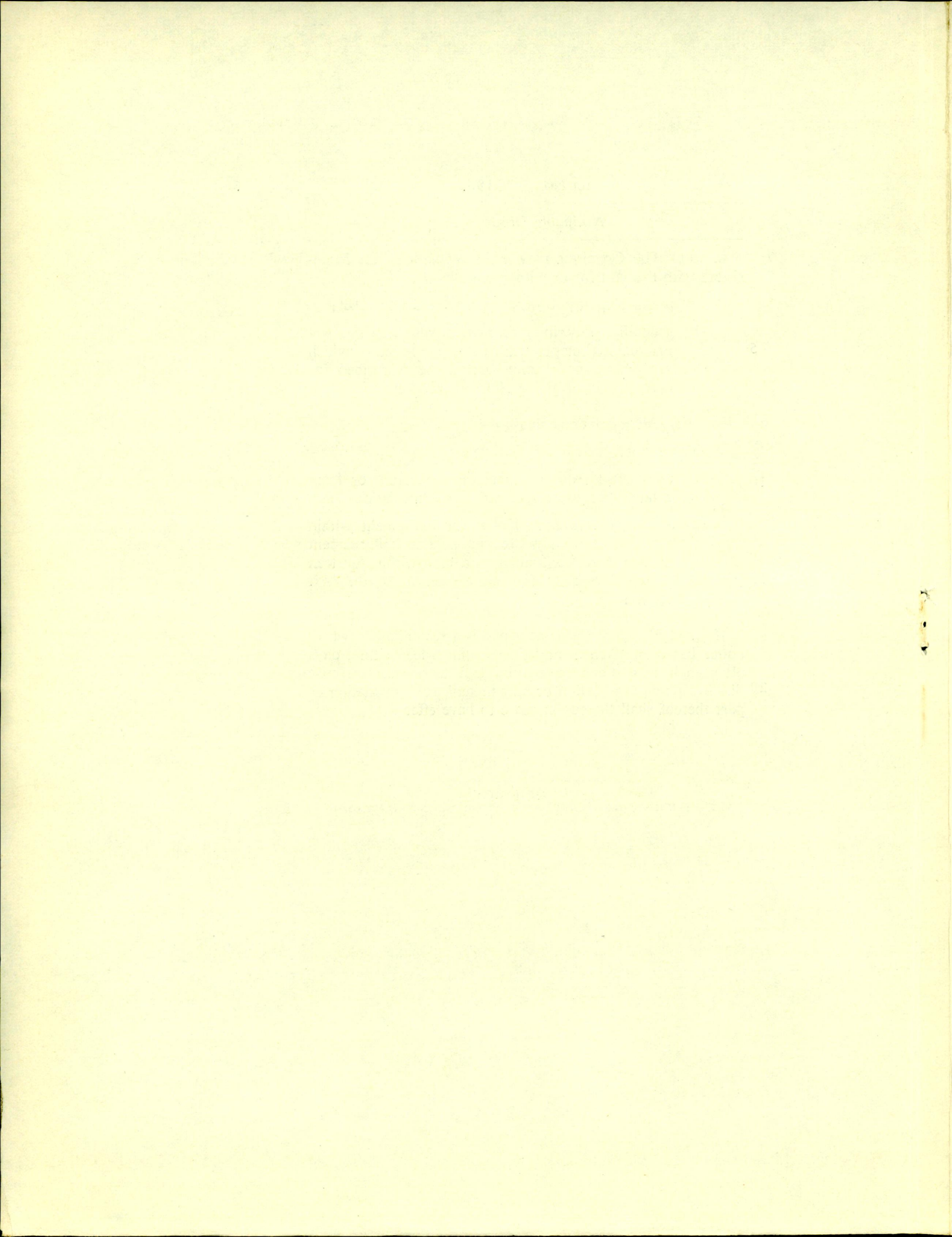
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