PUBLIC HOSPITALS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1980

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[MR K. J. STEWART—26 March, 1980.]

BE it enacted by the Queen'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:—

- 5 1. This Act may be cited as the "Public Hospitals Short (Amendment) Act, 1980".
 - **2.** (1) This section and section 1 shall commence on the date Commence of assent to this Act.
- (2) Except as provided in subsection (1), this Act shall 10 commence on such day as may be appointed by the Governor in respect thereof and as may be notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.
 - 3. The Public Hospitals Act, 1929, is amended in the manner Amendment of Act No. 8, 1929.

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- (1) (a) Section 29k, definition of "arbitrator"—After "29L (1)", insert "or (3)".
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(c) Section 29k, definition of "visiting medical officer"—

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Omit "section 29M" wherever occurring, insert instead "section 29M (1)".

(b) Section 29L (3)—

20 After section 29L (2), insert:—

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(3) (a) Section 29M (1)—

5 After "his appointment", insert "under section 29L (1)".

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

A. R. CUTLER, Governor.

Government House, Sydney, 1st May, 1980. JOHN J. D. A. J. J.

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