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No. 1409.

An Act to provide for Contributions by Municipal Corporations and District Councils for Public Hospitals, and for other purposes.

[Assented to, November 27th, 1919].

**B**E it Enacted by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows :

1. This Act may be cited as the "Rating for Hospital Purposes Act, 1919." Short title.

2. In this Act—

Interpretation.

"Council" means any Municipal or District Council :

"District" means a District as defined by the District Councils Act, 1914, or a Municipality : No. 1182 of 1914.

"Inspector-General" means the Inspector-General of Hospitals appointed under the Mental Defectives Act, 1913 : No. 1122 of 1913.

"Public hospital" means any hospital or proposed hospital in respect of which the Governor declares that this Act shall apply.

3. This Act shall apply in respect of every hospital or proposed hospital in respect of which the Governor, by notice in the *Government Gazette*, declares that this Act shall apply.

Governor may declare hospitals to which Act to apply.

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Inspector-General  
of Hospitals  
may require  
contribution.

4. (1) Where, in the opinion of the Inspector-General, any District, or any portion of a District, is served by any public hospital already erected or will be served by any public hospital proposed to be erected, he may, with the consent of the Minister by notice to the Council of such District, declare such his opinion and require the Council to contribute any sum or sums of money for the purposes of such hospital or proposed hospital in accordance with such notice.

(2) Such notice shall also be published in the *Government Gazette*.

(3) Such notice shall specify—

(a) the hospital by which the District, or portion thereof, is declared to be served, and in respect of which such contribution is required ;

(b) if portion only of a District is declared to be served by such hospital, such portion ;

(c) the amount of the contribution required from such Council, and if payable in instalments, the amount of such instalments ;

(d) the time or times before which, and the manner in which, such contribution or instalments are payable ;

(e) whether such contribution is payable periodically or in respect of any particular period ; and

(f) such other matters as are prescribed.

(4) The Inspector-General may from time to time revoke or vary any such notice.

Council to contribute  
sum required by  
Inspector-General.

5. (1) Upon the receipt of such notice the Council shall, in accordance with such notice, pay to the Inspector-General, for the purposes of such hospital, the contribution required of it.

(2) Such contribution may be paid by the Council out of its revenue, or out of the proceeds of a special rate declared and levied by the Council for that purpose, or partly by one means and partly by the other.

(3) For the purpose of raising the money to pay such contribution the Council may, without the consent of the ratepayers, declare a special rate on the ratable property within the District : Provided that where, by the notice given under section 4, it is declared that portion only of a District is served by a public hospital, such special rate shall be declared and levied only on the ratable property within that portion of the District which is specified in such notice. Such special rate shall be in addition to any special rate authorised to be declared and levied by a Council under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1890, or the District Councils Act, 1914, as the case may be, and the amount of such special rate shall not be taken into consideration in determining whether the limit up to which a Council may rate has been reached.

(4) Except

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(4) Except in so far as inconsistent with this Act, all the provisions of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1890, or of the District Councils Act, 1914, as the case may be, shall apply to and in respect of the declaring, levying, and recovery of the said special rate. No. 497 of 1890.  
No. 1182 of 1914.

(5) The payment of the contribution as required by this section shall—

(a) in the case of a Municipal Council, be deemed to be a duty imposed upon it by the Municipal Corporations Act, 1890; No. 497 of 1890.  
and

(b) in the case of a District Council, be deemed to be a duty imposed upon it by the District Councils Act, 1914. No. 1182 of 1914.

(6) The amount of any contribution required from any Council which is for the time being unpaid may be deducted by the Commissioner of Crown Lands from any subsidy or grant payable to such Council, and any amount so deducted may be paid to the Inspector-General on account of the Council from whose subsidy or grant such amount was deducted.

6. Any contribution payable under this Act may be recovered by action in any court of competent jurisdiction as a debt due to the Inspector-General. How contribution recoverable.

7. The Inspector-General shall hold all moneys paid to him under this Act to the use and benefit of the public hospitals in respect of which such moneys were respectively contributed, and shall deal with such moneys in manner prescribed. Application of moneys.

8. The Governor may make regulations for any of the purposes required, permitted, or contemplated by this Act, or which may be necessary or convenient for carrying out any of the provisions of this Act or for better effecting the objects and purposes of this Act. Governor may make regulations.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

H. L. GALWAY, Governor.