

MENTAL TREATMENT.

4° and 5° GEO. VI., No. XL.

No. 40 of 1940.

AN ACT to make provision in the Mental Treatment Act, 1927, for the reception of insane patients in certain cases into hospitals and reception houses for purposes of treatment.

[Assented to 30th December, 1940.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Mental Treatment Act Amendment Act, 1940*, and shall be read as one with the Mental Treatment Act, 1927 (No. 13 of 1927), hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

New section.

2. A section is inserted in the principal Act after section four, as follows:—

Insane patients may be received into hospitals and reception houses in certain cases.

4A. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in either section three or section four of this Act, every hospital established and every reception house constituted under this Act shall be a place within the meaning and for the purposes of subsection (1) of section ninety-eight of the Lunacy Act, 1920, to which a patient to whom the said subsection applies may be sent or taken for the benefit of his health under such subsection, and, where any such patient is so sent or taken to any hospital or reception house aforesaid, he may be received or admitted into the same and may be treated therein for the benefit of his health accordingly.

Citation of principal Act as amended.

3. The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the *Mental Treatment Act, 1927-1940*.