HOSPITAL BENEFITS.

**No. 34 of 1947.**

An Act to amend the *Hospital Benefits Act* 1945.

[Assented to 12th June, 1947.]

BE it enacted by the King’s Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

**Short title and citation.**

**1.**—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Hospital Benefits Act* 1947.

(2.) The *Hospital Benefits Act* 1945, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Hospital Benefits Act* 1945-1947.

**Commencement.**

**2.** This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

**Patients in private hospitals or in hospitals outside Australia.**

**3.** Section four of the *Hospital Benefits Act* 1945 is amended by omitting the words “patients in private hospitals as defined by the regulations” and inserting in their stead the following paragraphs:—

“(*a*) patients in private hospitals as defined by the regulations; and

(*b*)persons who are residents of Australia, as defined by the regulations, and who are temporarily absent from Australia, and such spouses, children or other dependants of any such residents of Australia as are prescribed.”.

**Regulations.**

**4.** Section eight of the *Hospital Benefits Act* 1945 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:—

“(2.) Regulations made for the purposes of paragraph (*b*) of section four of this Act may be expressed to be deemed to have come into operation on a date specified in the regulations not being earlier than the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, and regulations so expressed shall be deemed to have had effect on and from the date so specified.”.