**SOCIAL SERVICES ACT (No. 2) 1974.**

**No. 23 of 1974**

An Act relating to Social Services.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen, the Senate and the House of Representatives of Australia, as follows:—

Short title **and citation**

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Social Services Act (No. 2)

(2).The Social Services Act 1947-1973, as amended by the Social Services Act 1974, is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3) Section 1 of the Social Services Act 1974 is amended by omitting sub-section (3).

(4) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the Social Services Act 1947-1974.

Commencement

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

Rate of age **or invalid** pension guardian allowance **payable to an unmarried person**

**3.** Section 28 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting from paragraph (a) of sub-section (1a) the words “One thousand three hundred and fifty-two dollars” and substituting the figures “$1,612”; and

(b) by omitting from paragraph (b) of sub-section (1a) the words an “One thousand one hundred and eighty-three dollars” and substituting figures “$1,339”.

Transitional blind inmates of

**4.** Section 30D of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (2) the words “One hundred and fifty-six dollars” and substituting the figures “$78”.

**Inmates of benevolent homes**.

**5.** Section 50 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a). by omitting from paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) the words “Four hundred and forty-two dollars” and substituting the figures “$520”; and

(b) by omitting from paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) the words “Four hundred and ninety-four dollars” and substituting the figures “$572”.

**Inmates of benevolent home**

**6.** Section 80 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting from paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) the words “Four hundred and forty-two dollars” and substituting the figures “$520”; and

(b) by omitting from paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) the words “Four hundred and ninety-four dollars” and substituting the figures “$572”.

**Rate of unemployment and sickness benefit**.

**7.** Section 112 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting from paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) the words “Twenty-six dollars” and substituting the figures “$31”;

(b) by omitting from paragraph (b) of sub-section (1) the words “Twenty-two dollars seventy-five cents” and substituting the figures “$25.75”;

(c) by omitting from sub-section (2) the words “Twenty-two dollars seventy-five cents” (wherever occurring) and substituting the figures “$25.75”;

(d) by omitting from sub-section (4) the words “Twenty-six dollars” (wherever occurring) and substituting the figures “$31”; and

(e) by omitting from sub-section (4a) the words “Forty-five dollars fifty cents” (wherever occurring) and substituting the figures “$51.50”.

Application of amendments.

**8.** (1) In so far as an amendment made by this Act affects instalments of pensions or allowances under the Social Services Act 1947-1974, the amendment applies in relation to an instalment of a pension or allowance falling due on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent, if that day is a pension pay-day, or, if it is not, on the first pension pay-day after the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent, and to all subsequent instalments.

(2) In so far as an amendment made by this Act affects instalments of service pensions under the Repatriation Act 1920-1974, the amendment applies in relation to an instalment of a service pension falling due on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent, if that day is a service pension pay-day, or, if it is not, on the first service pension pay-day after that day, and to all subsequent instalments.

(3) In so far as an amendment made by this Act affects instalments of unemployment or sickness benefit, the amendment applies in relation to an instalment of benefit payable in respect of a period that commen­ced during the period of 6 days immediately before the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent and in relation to an instalment of benefit payable in respect of a period that commences on or after that day.