INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

**No. 15 of 1923.**

An Act to amend sections seventeen, twenty-two, twenty-four, twenty-six, thirty-one, forty-five, and forty-seven of the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act* 1908-1920.

[Assented to 1st September, 1923.]

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 *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act* 1923.

(2.) The *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act* 1908-1920 is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act* 1908-1923.

**Commencement.**

**2.** This Act shall commence on a date to be fixed by proclamation

**Conditions as to grant of pension.**

**3.** Section seventeen of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from paragraph (*e*) thereof the words “Three hundred and ten” and inserting in their stead the words “Four hundred”.

**Conditions for grant of invalid pensions.**

**4.** Section twenty-two of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end of sub-section (2.) thereof the words “or has resided in Australia continuously for twenty years”.

**Limit of pension.**

**5.** Section twenty-four of the Principal Act is amended—

(*a*)by omitting from sub-section (1.) thereof the words “Thirty-nine pounds” (wherever occurring) and inserting in their stead the words “Forty-five pounds ten shillings”; and

(*b*)by omitting from sub-section (1.) thereof the words “Sixty-five pounds” and inserting in their stead the words “Seventy-eight pounds”.

**Computation of income.**

**6.** Section twenty-six of the Principal Act is amended by omitting therefrom the words “Ten shillings” and inserting in their stead the words “Twelve shillings and sixpence”.

**Recommendation by magistrate.**

**7.** Section thirty-one of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (2.) thereof the words “two shillings” and inserting in their stead the words “three shillings”.

**Pensioners entering asylums or hospitals.**

**8.** Section forty-five of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following proviso:—

“Provided that when a pensioner has remained an inmate of a hospital for a period of twenty-eight days he shall, upon the expiration of that period and so long thereafter as he remains an inmate, be entitled to receive a pension at the rate of three shillings per week.”.

**9.** Section forty-seven of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead:—

**Benevolent Asylum inmates.**

“47. If a successful claimant of a pension is an inmate of a benevolent asylum he shall not, so long as he remains an inmate of such asylum, be entitled to receive a full pension but shall be entitled to receive a pension at the rate of three shillings per week.”.