ACOUSTIC LABORATORIES.

**No. 15 of 1948.**

An Act relating to Acoustic Laboratories.

[Assented to 15th May, 1948.]

[Date of commencement, 12th June, 1948.]

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.**

**1.** This Act may be cited as the *Acoustic Laboratories Act* 1948.

**Definitions.**

**2.** In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

“the Director-General” means the Director-General of Health;

“this Act” includes the regulations made under this Act.

**Administration:**

**3.** The Director-General shall, subject to any direction of the Minister, have the general administration of this Act.

**Establishment of acoustic laboratories.**

**4.** The Minister may establish, maintain and operate within the Commonwealth acoustic laboratories for scientific investigations, including tests in respect of hearing aids and their application to the needs of individuals, and in respect of problems associated with noise as it affects individuals.

**Control of acoustic laboratories.**

**5.** Acoustic laboratories established under this Act shall, subject to the directions of the Minister, be controlled by the Director-General.

**Regulations.**

**6.** The Governor-General may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing all matters which are by this Act required or permitted to be prescribed, or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed, for carrying out or giving effect to this Act, and in particular—

(*a*) for prescribing the conditions under which acoustic laboratories controlled by the Director-General shall be operated; and

(*b*) for prescribing the terms and conditions under which the services of those laboratories may be made available and the charges which may be made for their services.