No. 15 of 1942.

An Act to amend the Housing Improvement Act, 1940, so as to provide for the housing of widows of members of the naval, military, and air forces and the mercantile marine, and for other purposes.

[Assented to 5th November, 1942.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Housing Improvement Act Amendment Act, 1942".

   (2) The Housing Improvement Act, 1940, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Housing Improvement Act, 1940-1942".

   (3) The Housing Improvement Act, 1940, is hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

2. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by inserting Amendment of s. 4 of principal Act—
   Interpretation.

   "Minister" means the Minister of the Crown to whom for the time being the administration of this Act is committed by the Governor:

3. Section 11 of the principal Act is repealed and the following sections are enacted and inserted in the principal Act Amendment of s. 11 of principal Act—
in lieu thereof:
11. All real and personal property of the housing authority shall be held by the housing authority for and on behalf of the Crown.

11a. Any member, officer, or employee of the housing authority shall not, as such, be subject to the Public Service Act, 1936-1941.

11b. The housing authority shall within fourteen days after making any decision for any capital expenditure from any moneys of the housing authority, furnish the Minister with a copy of that decision.

11c. (1) The housing authority shall furnish the Minister with such reports, documents, papers, and minutes as may be required by Parliament pursuant to any Act or pursuant to any resolution of either House of Parliament.

(2) The housing authority shall also furnish the Minister with all information on any business of the housing authority as may be required by him.

4. Section 16 of the principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following subsection (the preceding portion of the said section being read as subsection (1) thereof):

(2) The housing authority shall not borrow any money pursuant to this Act or mortgage or charge any of its property or give any of its property as security for any loan except with the consent in writing of the Minister.

5. The following section is enacted and inserted in the principal Act after section 44 thereof:

44a. (1) The housing authority may on such terms and for such periods and subject to such covenants and conditions as the housing authority thinks fit, let or lease any house maintained by it under this Act to the widow of any person who is or has been a member of any naval, military or air force of the Commonwealth or of any other part of His Majesty's Dominions or who is or has been the master or a member of the crew of any British ship and who dies from wounds inflicted, accident occurring or disease contracted whilst on service with any such force or on any such ship during any war in which His Majesty is engaged if, in the opinion of the housing authority, the widow is a person of limited means and is unable to secure suitable housing accommodation other than under this Act.

(2) The provisions of subsection (2) of section 44 shall not apply to any such letting or leasing.
6. Section 54 of the principal Act is amended—
   (a) by adding at the end of subsection (1) thereof the following paragraph:
   
   (c) fix the date (which shall be a date not earlier than the date of the publication of the notice in the Gazette) from which the notice shall come into force.

   (b) by striking out subsection (2) thereof and by inserting in lieu thereof the following subsection:

   (2) Every such notice shall come into force from the date specified in the notice.

7. Section 55 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the words “publication of the said notice” in the eighth line thereof and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “date specified in the said notice (which shall be a date not earlier than the date of the publication of the notice in the Gazette)”.

8. Section 57 of the principal Act is amended by adding at the end of subsection (1) thereof the following passage:

   Any notice published as aforesaid shall come into force from the date specified in the notice (which shall be a date not earlier than the date of the publication of the notice in the Gazette).

9. Section 58 of the principal Act is amended by adding at the end of subsection (1) thereof the following passage:

   Any notice published as aforesaid shall come into force from the date specified in the notice (which shall be a date not earlier than the date of the publication of the notice in the Gazette).

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

C. M. BARCLAY-HARVEY.