No. 37 of 1950.

An Act to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1919-1946.

[Assented to 30th November, 1950.]

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 "Friendly Societies Act Amendment Act, 1950".

(2) The Friendly Societies Act, 1919-1946, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Friendly Societies Act, 1919-1950".

(3) The Friendly Societies Act, 1919-1946, is hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

2. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting after the word "relief" in the first line of paragraph II. of subsection (1) thereof the word "or";

(b) by striking out the words "or endowment" in the first line of paragraph II. of subsection (1) thereof;

(c) by inserting after paragraph II. of subsection (1) thereof the following paragraph:

   IIa. For the endowment at any age of the members, their wives, or children:

(d) by inserting after paragraph IIa. of subsection (1) thereof the following paragraph:

   IIb. For providing payments to legally qualified medical practitioners towards the cost of
medical attendance and treatment of members, their husbands, wives, widows, children, fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, widowed mothers of deceased members, and wards of members (being orphans), or for reimbursing to members payments so made by them or for making payments to members for the purpose of being so paid by them:

3. Section 7a of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out the word “or” at the end of subparagraph (a) of paragraph I. of subsection (1) thereof and by striking out subparagraphs (b) and (c) of paragraph I. of subsection (1) thereof;

(b) by inserting after the word “dependents” in the sixth line of paragraph II. of subsection (1) thereof the words “or for reimbursing to members payments so made by them or for making payments to members for the purpose of being so paid by them”;

(c) by striking out subparagraph (b) of paragraph II. of subsection (1) thereof.

4. Section 10 of the principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following subsections:

(6) A society may from time to time reprint the general laws or rules of the society so that the reprint gives effect to all rescissions of any of the laws or rules and incorporates therein all the alterations and variations thereof. Any such reprint may be submitted to the Public Actuary, who, if satisfied that the reprint is a correct reprint of the general laws or rules of the society, may indorse a certificate upon the reprint to that effect. The society may thereupon, without fee, deposit with the Public Actuary six copies of the reprint signed by the secretary of the society and the reprint shall then be deemed to have been registered by the Public Actuary and subsection (4b) of this section shall apply with respect thereof.

(7) If at any time the Chief Secretary is satisfied that it is desirable that general laws or rules should be made by a society (whether for the purpose of making new laws or rules or for rescinding, altering or varying any existing laws or rules) and that it is not practicable for a meeting of the society to be held for the purpose of making the laws or rules, the Chief Secretary may, on the recommendation of the Public Actuary, by
notice in writing authorize the committee of management of the society to make such general laws or rules or, as the case may be, to rescind, alter or vary such laws or rules as are specified in the notice.

The committee of management shall thereupon be deemed to be empowered, on behalf of the society, to make general laws or rules or to rescind, alter or vary the laws or rules to the extent authorized by the notice and, subject to the following provisions of this subsection, all laws and rules when so made shall, on compliance with the preceding provisions of this section, be deemed to be general laws and rules of the society.

If pursuant to this section any general laws or rules are made by the committee of management of a society, the laws or rules shall be submitted for approval at the first annual general meeting of the society held after the making of the laws or rules.

If the laws or rules are not so submitted or if at the meeting a resolution approving the laws or rules is not carried, then the laws or rules shall, as from the time the general meeting is concluded, be deemed to have been rescinded.

5. Section 27a of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting before the word “A” in the first line thereof the words “Notwithstanding the provisions of section 27”;

(b) by inserting after paragraph v. of subsection (1) thereof the following paragraph:—

vi. Any purpose for which the society may, pursuant to this Act, apply any of its moneys and which is approved by the Public Actuary.

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

C. W. M. NORRIE, Governor.