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[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1917.

A BILL

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Friendly Societies (Soldiers' Contributions) Act, 1916."

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2. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any Act relating to Friendly Societies, or of any rules of a Friendly Society, contributions to the sickness or funeral fund of any such society shall not be made by a member of the Australian Imperial Forces; and no payment shall be made out of such funds to or in respect of any such member.

The above provisions shall apply only during the present war.

(2) Such member shall, after the conclusion of the present war, be entitled to resume making his contributions to such funds, and payments may be made thereout to and respect of him. Rules shall be made for that purpose.

3. Until the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, or until the termination of the present war, whichever date is the later, the adult male members of a friendly society who are not members of the Australian Imperial Forces shall pay to the funeral fund of the society such contributions as will in the opinion of the Registrar of Friendly Societies be equivalent to the revenue payable to the funeral fund which the society will lose through the operation of this Act. Such contributions shall be paid at the times and at the rate to be fixed from time to time by the said Registrar.
