[CONFIDENTIAL.]

No. , 1901.

A BILL

To authorise Life Assurance Companies to distribute certain moneys payable under or in respect of life policies.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Locialstine Consent. 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 "Life Assurance (Administra- short title.

tion) Act, 1901."

2. In this Act "Company" means any person or persons, Definition of corporate or unincorporate, who issue or are liable under policies of "Company." assurance or endowment upon human life within New South Wales, or who grant annuities upon human life within New South Wales, and whether the head office or principal place of business of such person or persons is in New South Wales or elsewhere.

3. Upon the death of any holder of a policy upon his or her Distribution by own life, if no probate of his or her will or letters of administration Company of moneys due on life policies to his or her estate be taken out within three months after his or not exceeding £250. her death, the Company may, if it thinks fit, pay so much of the amount of such policy and all bonuses and other moneys payable in respect thereof as does not exceed two hundred and fifty pounds to the widow or widower or the next of kin, in accordance with the provisions of the law relating to the distribution of the personal estates of intestates; and the receipt of such widow, widower, or next of kin, shall be a valid discharge both at law and in equity for the same.

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