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No. , 1918.

A BILL

To provide for the disposal of certain moneys and property left by patients in hospitals; for that purpose to amend the law relating to hospitals and to the limitations of actions; to amend the Sydney Hospital Act of 1881 and the Prince Alfred Hospital Act, 1902, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequential thereon or incidental thereto.

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. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Public Hos- Short title.
pitals (Unclaimed Property) Act, 1918."

(2) This Act shall apply to all hospitals which are Application.
in receipt of a subsidy or assistance from the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

The provisions of any Act relating to hospitals generally, or to any specific hospital, in so far as they are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are repealed.

(3) Sections seventeen of the Sydney Hospital Repeal.
Act of 1881 and eighteen of the Prince Alfred Hospital Act, 1902, are repealed.

2. All moneys and other personal property of a Unclaimed
patient who has died in or left any hospital, which property.
moneys or other personal property are in the custody of the governing body of the hospital, shall, if not claimed within a reasonable time by or on behalf of the person entitled thereto, become the property of such governing body.

Such moneys and any moneys the proceeds of the conversion of such other personal property shall form a distinct and separate fund to be called the "Samaritan Fund," which fund shall be managed and disposed of, in such manner as by the by-laws of the hospital is provided, for the benefit of necessitous outgoing patients.
