

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1916.

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 "Right to Work Act, 1916."

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2. In this Act—

“Local authority” means—

- (a) the council of the city of Sydney or of a municipality or shire as to the area of such city, municipality, or shire;
- (b) a member of the police force appointed by the Governor in that behalf as to any police district or part of a police district outside such city and outside any municipality or shire.

3. This Act shall apply to male persons of or over the age of _____ years.

4. Any person who has for the next preceding two months resided in the area of a local authority, and who is then unemployed, may, in the manner prescribed, apply to such authority for work. .

The said authority shall, on being satisfied of the truth of the matters stated in the application, enter the name and the prescribed particulars of and concerning the said person in a register.

Persons whose names are so registered shall be classified according to their physical and industrial capacity for work.

5. It shall be the duty of a local authority to provide or find work for every person whose name is on the register of such authority, or to provide maintenance, should necessity exist, for every person so registered, and for those depending on that person for the necessaries of life.

Such work shall, so far as practicable, be suitable to the said person, and shall be paid for at the rate customary in the locality for the class of work :

Provided that a refusal or neglect by an unemployed person to accept reasonable work or employment or to continue any work or employment provided or found him upon the conditions aforesaid shall release the local authority from any obligation under this section with respect to such person :

Provided also that a local authority shall not supply persons to work for employers during times of industrial disputes in which such employers are involved.

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6. Any money required for the carrying out by a local authority of the provisions of this Act shall—

- (a) where the local authority is a council of a municipality or shire be provided out of its general fund ;
- (b) where the local authority is a member of the police force, be paid out of moneys voted by Parliament.

7. The council of a municipality or shire may by resolution delegate to its mayor or president the powers and duties of the council under this Act, subject to such conditions and reservations as may be therein provided ; and thereupon the said mayor or president shall be subject to the provisions of this Act, in the place of the council. Where no such resolution is passed, the mayor or president shall promptly bring all applications under this Act before the council, and shall carry out the resolutions passed by the council.
