

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1917.

A BILL

To provide for the registration in New South Wales of marriages abroad of members of the Australian Imperial Forces ; and for purposes consequent 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. This Act may be cited as the "Soldiers' Marriages Registration Act, 1917."

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2. The Registrar-General shall keep a register for the purposes of this Act.

3. The Registrar-General, on proof to his satisfaction of the marriage abroad of a member of the Australian Imperial Forces contracted during the present war or within six months thereafter shall, on application being made by the prescribed person, enter in such register the prescribed particulars of such marriage.

4. Any person may, on paying the prescribed fee, inspect and copy any entry in such register.

5. Any person who procures or attempts to procure the entry of a marriage, or of any particulars relating thereto, in the register kept under this Act by making, or producing, or causing to be made, or produced any false or fraudulent representation or declaration either verbally or in writing, and any person who aids or assists therein shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and shall, on conviction, be liable to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding *twelve* months.

6. (1) The Governor may make regulations for carrying out the provisions of this Act, and in particular—

- (a) prescribing the manner in which the register shall be kept and the particulars to be entered therein ;
- (b) prescribing the persons who may make applications under this Act, and the manner of making and the forms of such applications ;
- (c) prescribing what may be accepted as proof of a marriage and of other facts to be established before such marriage may be registered under this Act ;
- (d) fixing the fees for inspecting and copying entries in the register.

(2) Such regulations shall be published in the Gazette and be laid before Parliament within a reasonable time. If either House of Parliament within fifteen sitting days after such regulations have been laid before it passes a resolution disallowing any regulation, such regulation shall thereupon cease to have effect.
