STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1961 No. 468

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE

The National Assistance (Numbers in Homes) Regulations, 1961

Made - - - -	15*th March*, 1961
Laid before Parliament	21*st March*, 1961
Coming into Operation	28*th March*, 1961

The Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 40 of the National Assistance Act, 1948(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, Commencement and Interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Assistance (Numbers in Homes) Regulations, 1961, and shall come into operation on the twenty-eighth day of March, 1961.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to an interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Limitation of Numbers of Persons in Homes

2.—(1) A registration authority may make it a condition of the registration under section 37 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, of any disabled persons' or old persons' home that the number of persons or persons of any description who may be received into the home shall not exceed such number as may be specified in the certificate of registration.

(2) In the case of any disabled persons' or old persons' home which has been registered prior to the date of the coming into operation of these regulations, the registration authority may notify the person registered in respect of the home that, on and after a date not earlier than thirty days from the service of the notice, no persons, or no persons of any description, shall be received into the home so that the total number accommodated in the home exceeds the number specified in the notice.

(3) A registration authority may, upon the application of any person registered in respect of any disabled persons' or old persons' home or otherwise, vary the number of persons or persons of any description specified under this regulation for that home by giving to the person so registered notice of the variation in the like manner as is mentioned in paragraph (2) of this regulation.

(4) A notice under paragraph (2) or (3) of this regulation shall not prohibit the retention in the home of persons accommodated in the home in excess of the permitted number at the time when the notice has effect.

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 29. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Offences

3. Any person who receives persons or persons of any description into a disabled persons' or old persons' home in contravention of any condition or requirement imposed under these regulations shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this fifteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

(L.S.) *J. Enoch Powell,*
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations enable local authorities responsible for the registration of disabled persons' and old persons' homes under section 37 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, to fix the number of persons or persons of any particular description who may be received into the home.