SUPPLIED FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE

CHAPTER 29.

An Act to amend Part I. of the National Insurance Act, 1911. [16th March 1915.]

A.D. 1915.

BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Reduction of benefits in the case of persons entitled to pensions in respect of total disablement. 1 & 2 Geo. 5. c. 55.

1.—(1) When upon his discharge there has, whether before or after the passing of this Act, been granted to any person to whom section forty-six of the National Insurance Act, 1911, applied at the time of his discharge, a pension in respect of total disablement suffered in consequence of the present war, the amount of any sickness or disablement benefit to which he may be entitled in respect of his insurance under the said Act shall as from such date as may be prescribed be reduced, so long as he continues in receipt of such pension, by five shillings a week, notwithstanding anything in the said Act to the contrary.

(2) The society, committee, or other body by which the sickness and disablement benefits of any such person are administered may, pending the settlement of his claim for pension, pay him benefit at the unreduced rate, and where benefit at the unreduced rate has been paid pending such settlement or has been paid between the prescribed date and the passing of this Act the amount of the difference between the benefit at the unreduced rate and at the reduced rate for such period shall be treated as an advance, and shall, without prejudice to any other method of recovery, be recoverable by deductions from or suspension of any benefits which may subsequently become payable to the person in question, or may, if the Admiralty or Army Council think fit, be repaid by them out of any arrears in their hands of the pension due to that person.

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Extension of s. 11 of principal Act to certain pensions, &c. 4 & 5 Geo. 5. c. 30. 5 Geo. 5. c. 18. 5 Geo. 5. c. 24.

2. Where any pension grant or allowance has been granted to any insured person in pursuance of the Injuries in War (Compensation) Act, 1914, or the Injuries in War (Compensation) Act, 1914 (Session 2), or the Injuries in War (Compensation) Act, 1915, or any similar Act which may hereafter be passed and with respect to which regulations made by the Insurance Commissioners with the consent of the Treasury provide that this section shall apply, then as from the prescribed date such pension, grant or allowance shall, for the purposes of section eleven of the National Insurance Act, 1911, be treated as if it were compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906.

6 Edw. 7. c. 58.

Amendment of s. 46 of principal Act.

3.—(1) In paragraph (*b*) of subsection (2) of section forty-six of the National Insurance Act, 1911, which relates to the insurance of persons in the naval and military service of the Crown, for the words "who within six months" there shall be substituted the words "who within the prescribed period, not being more than six months."

(2) For paragraph (iv) of the same subsection the following paragraph shall be substituted:—

"(iv) There shall be credited to the approved society of which he is a member a sum equal to fourpence for each weekly contribution paid, and an equal sum shall be treated as having been expended on benefits, and the proper proportion thereof shall accordingly be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament."

(3) For paragraph (*b*) of subsection (3) of the same section, the following paragraph shall be substituted:—

"(*b*) There shall be credited to the Navy and Army Insurance Fund a sum equal to fourpence for each weekly contribution paid in respect of every seaman, marine, or soldier who has not joined an approved society, and an equal sum shall be treated as having been expended on benefits, and the proper proportion thereof shall accordingly be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament."

(4) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall be deemed to have had effect as from the sixth day of July nineteen hundred and fourteen, and such financial adjustments as may consequently be necessary shall be made by the Insurance Commissioners.

Short title and construction.

4.—(1) This Act may be cited as the National Insurance (Part I. Amendment) Act, 1915; and the National Insurance

Acts, 1911 to 1914, the National Insurance (Part II. Amendment) Act, 1915, and this Act may be cited together as the National Insurance Acts, 1911 to 1915. A.D. 1915. 5 Geo. 5. c. 27.

(2) This Act shall be construed as one with Part I. of the National Insurance Act, 1911.

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