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NATIONAL SECURITY (SUPPLEMENTARY) REGULATIONS.

STATE OF VICTORIA.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ORDER.

WHEREAS by Regulation 35 of the National Security (Supplementary) Regulations it is provided that notwithstanding anything contained in the law of the State or any provisions governing any friendly society or branch thereof the Premier of any State may, by Order published in the *Government Gazette* of the State, make provision for and in relation to the postponement or cancellation of the holding of any meeting or conference or of any election or of the making of any appointment, the continuance in any office of any friendly society or branch thereof of any officer, the manner in which provisions governing any friendly society or branch thereof may be amended or added to or any provision thereof repealed, and the payments to be made during the present war to the funds of any friendly society or branch thereof by the members thereof:

Now therefore I, Albert Arthur Dunstan, Premier of the State of Victoria, do hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Friendly Societies Order (Victoria), and shall come into operation on publication in the *Victoria Government Gazette*.

2. (1) The committee of management or other governing body (however designated) of any friendly society registered under the Friendly Societies Acts of the State of Victoria may by resolution—

- (a) postpone, for a period not extending beyond two years after the coming into operation of this Order, or cancel the holding of any meeting conference or election or the making of any appointment by under or pursuant to the said Acts or the constitution or rules of the said society or any branch thereof;
- (b) continue in any office of the said society (including membership of any committee trustees or other body) for a period, not extending beyond two years after the coming into operation of this Order, any person holding or occupying that office for the time being;
- (c) during the present war amend add to or repeal any provision in the constitution or rules or other provisions (however designated) governing the said society or branch thereof;
- (d) rescind any such previous resolution.

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(2) The committee of management or other governing body (however designated) of any branch of any friendly society registered under the said Acts may by resolution, but subject to the consent in writing of the committee of management or other governing body (however designated) of the friendly society, continue in any office of the said branch (including membership of any committee trustees or other body) for a period, not extending beyond two years after the coming into operation of this Order, any person holding or occupying that office for the time being, and subject to the like consent may by resolution rescind any such previous resolution.

(3) No such amendment addition or repeal shall be valid unless the same has been submitted to and registered by the Registrar of Friendly Societies as an amendment of the rules under the said Acts.

(4) The Registrar of Friendly Societies may refuse to register any such amendment addition or repeal as such an amendment—

- (a) if he is not satisfied that it has been rendered necessary as the result of the operation of this Order or by other circumstances arising out of the present war; or
- (b) if he is of opinion that the amendment addition or repeal involves such a fundamental alteration to the constitution rules or other provisions governing the society or branch as renders it desirable that it should be made in accordance with the said Acts and the rules of the society or branch.

(5) This Order and the exercise of powers under this Order shall take effect notwithstanding anything in the said Acts or the constitution or rules or other provisions governing any friendly society or branch thereof, but nothing in this section shall prevent the Registrar of Friendly Societies from requiring, in respect of any amendment addition or repeal pursuant to this Order, compliance with such provisions of the said Acts as he specifies.

A. A. DUNSTAN,
Premier of the State of Victoria.

Dated the tenth day of March, 1942.

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