

5. It is made clear by *section 6* of the Bill that, while it covers homes where persons suffering from mental infirmity or a mental handicap may be kept, it will not authorise the reception and care of persons of unsound mind in contravention of the Mental Treatment Acts. Section 250 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, makes it an offence to receive and detain, or to undertake for payment, the care and control of a person who is, or is alleged to be, of unsound mind otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of the Mental Treatment Acts (that is, generally speaking, in institutions recognised under those Acts and under the conditions specified in them).

6. It is provided that Regulations made under the Act will be submitted to both Houses of the Oireachtas, who will have power to annul them (*section 7*) and that the Act, which will be cited with the Health Acts, 1947 to 1960, will come into operation on such day as the Minister for Health may appoint by order (*section 8*).

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