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THE SAMOAN MEDICAL LEVY ORDINANCE, 1923.

Western Samoa.

No. 14, 1923.



An Ordinance

made by the Administrator of the Territory of Western Samoa, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of that Territory, and in pursuance of the Samoa Act, 1921.

Preamble

Whereas the Samoan population of Western Samoa has signified through their faipules their desire to make an offering towards the cost of the Government Medical service for Samoans to be collected by means of a levy as hereinafter provided;

Now therefore this Ordinance is made by the Administrator of the Territory of Western Samoa, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of that Territory, and in pursuance of the Samoa Act, 1921.

Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as The Samoan Medical Levy Ordinance, 1923.

Definition of "Samoan"

2. In this Ordinance "Samoan" means a Samoan as defined in Section 3 of the Samoa Act, 1921.

Levy of 20s payable by male Samoans over 17 years of age

3. (1) There shall be levied upon and payable by each male Samoan resident of Western Samoa being of or over the age of seventeen a levy of twenty shillings for the use of the Government of Western Samoa towards the cost of the free medical treatment of Samoans, this levy to be paid each year on a date to be decided upon by the Administrator and published in the "Savali."

Sum levied to be a debt due to Crown

(2) Any sum levied and payable under this clause shall be a debt due to the Crown and shall be recoverable by the Treasurer of Western Samoa in his official name.

4. (1) The Administrator may from time to time by tulafono published in the "Savali" make regulations prescribing the method of collection of the aforesaid levy. Administrator may make regulations re collection of levy

(2) Any such regulations may provide for a fine not exceeding £2 for any breach thereof by a Samoan.

5. The Administrator may from time to time make regulations prescribing the limitations of the free medical treatment of Samoans and subject to such regulations and to the provisions of Clause 6 hereof no charge shall hereafter be made for medical treatment of Samoans by the Government of Western Samoa. Administrator may make regulations re limitations of free medical treatment

6. Nothing in this Ordinance shall affect the liability to which any European may become subject at common law or under the Samoa Maintenance and Affiliation Order 1920, in respect of the medical treatment of any Samoan woman or child. Liability of Europeans not affected in respect of Samoan women or children

Assented to this 13th day of
December, 1923.

[L.S.] J. W. HUTCHEN,
Acting Administrator.