



National Assistance Act 1948

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PART II

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE.

Re-establishment Centres and Reception Centres.

18 Accommodation in reception centres in special cases.

- (1) This section applies to reception centres (hereinafter referred to as "designated reception centres") designated by the Minister of National Insurance for the purposes of this section on the application of the Board.
- (2) Where a person seeks lodging in a designated reception centre and it appears to the Board, or if the centre is being provided by a local authority to the local authority, that the said person persistently resorts to reception centres when capable of maintaining himself, the Board or local authority may direct that he shall only be received into the centre subject to the conditions specified in subsection (4) of this section.
- (3) On a direction being given under the last foregoing subsection the person to whom it relates may require that the matter shall be referred to the Appeal Tribunal, and if he so requires—
 - (a) the direction shall not have effect until the matter has been determined by the Tribunal, and
 - (b) on any such reference the Tribunal may either quash the direction or order that during such period as may be specified in the order he shall only be admitted to a designated reception centre subject to the conditions specified in the next following subsection.
- (4) The conditions hereinbefore referred to are—
 - (a) that the person in question shall remain at the centre for at least such period from the time he entered it, not exceeding forty-eight hours, as the Board or the local authority providing the centre may require, and

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- (b) that while the person in question is at the centre he shall do such suitable-work within the curtilage thereof as the Board or local authority may require.
- (5) A person received into a centre subject to the said conditions shall, if he fails to comply therewith, be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month.