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**MENTAL HEALTH (PATIENTS' ACCOUNTS)
AMENDMENT BILL, 1985**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)

This Bill is cognate with the Public Hospitals (Amendment) Bill, 1985.

The object of this Bill is to amend the Mental Health Act, 1983, so as to extend the provisions of section 144 of that Act (which provides for the pooling for investment purposes of money standing to the credit of patients' accounts in hospitals) to hospitals conducted by the Minister and mentioned in the Fifth Schedule to the Public Hospitals Act, 1929, whether or not any such hospital is a hospital to which the Mental Health Act, 1983, applies.

