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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Coal-mines Act, 1925.

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BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1930, and shall be read with and form part of the Coal-mines Act, 1925 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title and commencement.

2. (1) All wages owing to persons employed in or about any mine shall be payable weekly, and, if the majority so desire and request, payment shall be made either at the mine or at some place not more than two miles distant therefrom. Wages payable weekly and at or near mine.

(2) This section is in substitution of section seventy-four of the principal Act, which is hereby repealed. Repeal.

3. Every working-place where rock-drills are used shall, if any Inspector so directs, be furnished with an adequate water-blast or other suitable appliance for laying the dust, smoke, or gases, and no person employed underground shall be permitted to return to any end, rise, or other close place until and unless the air has become reasonably free from dust, smoke, or noxious fumes. Water-blast to be used if Inspector so requires.

4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in section one hundred and thirty of the principal Act, there shall be fortnightly inspections by two representatives appointed by the miners employed in any mine, and such miners' inspectors shall be paid by the Mines Department the rate of wages at which they are usually employed. All other inspections pursuant to section one hundred and thirty of the principal Act shall be paid by miners as heretofore. Miners' inspectors to be paid by Department.