

## COAL MINES AMENDMENT BILL

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*Clause 2:* Subsection (2) of section 7 of the principal Act provides that no coal prospecting licence shall be granted over a larger area of land than 2,000 acres. Section 31 of the Coal Act 1948 provides that a coal-mining right (which includes a coal prospecting licence) shall be granted over such area as may, with the approval of the Minister, be fixed by the Warden or Commissioner. The amendment proposed removes this apparent contradiction.

*Clause 3:* Section 23 of the Coal Mines Amendment Act 1953 provides that retiring allowances may be paid out of the Coal Mining Districts Welfare and Research Fund to persons employed in the coal-mining industry. Doubts have arisen as to whether any such allowances may be paid to persons retiring before the date of the commencement of that Act. This clause provides that the allowances may be paid to persons who retired before that date.

*Hon. Mr Hackett*

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### ANALYSIS

Title	2. Coal prospecting licences
1. Short Title	3. Coal Mining Districts Welfare and Research Fund

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### A BILL INTITULED

#### **An Act to amend the Coal Mines Act 1925**

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

1. **Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Coal Mines Amendment Act 1960, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Coal Mines Act 1925 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).
- 10 2. **Coal prospecting licences**—(1) Subsection (2) of section 7 of the principal Act is hereby repealed.  
(2) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and sixty.
- 15 3. **Coal Mining Districts Welfare and Research Fund**—  
(1) Section 23 of the Coal Mines Amendment Act 1953 is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:  
“(3) Retiring allowances under paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of this section may be paid to persons who at any time have been employed in the coal-mining industry,  
20 whether those persons retired before or after the commencement of this Part of this Act.”  
(2) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

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