

## LABOUR DEPARTMENT AMENDMENT BILL

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill makes amendments to the law relating to the duties of the Department of Labour.

Its main aim is to introduce a constructive and co-operative approach to the industrial environment by giving the Department of Labour more scope to assist that environment through the definition of additional duties in certain areas, which are not defined in the present law, but which will prevent, overcome or reverse conflict.

*Clause 1* relates to the Short Title.

*Clause 2* amends section 9 of the Labour Department Act 1954 relating to the duties of the department.

New provisions are:

- (a) Subsection (g) authorises the department to assist the Federation of Labour and other interested unions to implement desirable amalgamations.
  - (b) Subsection (h) makes provision for concerted research with interested authorities in the general area of modernising techniques and expediting settlement of disputes as far as possible at the point of origin.
  - (c) Subsection (i) authorises the department to establish centres for employer-employee education and training.
  - (d) Subsection (j) authorises the department to extend the Industrial Conciliation and Mediation Services to expedite resolution of conflict.
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*Hon. Mr Faulkner*

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### ANALYSIS

Title

- 1. Short Title
- 2. Duties of department

### A BILL INTITULED

#### **An Act to amend the Labour Department Act 1954**

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

**1. Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Labour Department Amendment Act 1978, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Labour Department Act 1954 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

- 10 **2. Duties of department**—Section 9 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsections:
- (g) To take such steps as are necessary to assist and encourage the amalgamation of unions:
  - 15 (h) To undertake concerted research into techniques for settling industrial disputes:
  - (i) To establish centres for employer-employee education and training:
  - (j) To ensure that industrial conciliation and mediation services are developed to their fullest extent.

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