

WORKERS' COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Clause 2 increases from £2,750 a year to £3,250 a year the salary of the present Judge of the Compensation Court. The increase is to take effect from 13 February 1959.

Clause 3 re-enacts in an amended form the provisions of section 44 of the principal Act relating to the Registrars and officers of the Compensation Court. Instead of there being a Registrar for each industrial district, the new section enables as many Registrars and Deputy Registrars to be appointed as may be necessary, and will enable more than one registry of the Court to be established in any industrial district where this is considered desirable.

Clause 4 re-enacts in an amended form the provisions of section 85 (7) of the principal Act relating to the insurance of workers employed by several employers. The clause repeats the existing provision that, where two or more persons are the employers of any worker or workers, the statement of wages may be made by one of the employers on behalf of all of them or may be made jointly by all of them. The clause also includes a new provision that where an employer is a partnership the statement of wages must be made in the name of the partnership and must show the names of all the partners. An insurer is not to be deemed to have contracted to indemnify the partnership except on the delivery of that statement of wages.

Clause 5 authorises the Workers' Compensation Board to expend in any year not more than £100 for purposes not otherwise authorised.

Hon. Mr Hackett

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Workers' Compensation Act 1956

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same,
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1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Workers' Compensation Amendment Act 1959, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Workers' Compensation Act 1956 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

10 **2. Salary of Judge**—(1) Section forty-two of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to subsection one the following proviso:

15 "Provided that, while the person holding office as the Judge of the Compensation Court on the thirteenth day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, continues to hold that office,

his salary shall be at the rate of three thousand two hundred and fifty pounds a year."

(2) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the thirteenth day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

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3. Registrars and officers of Court—The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing section forty-four, and substituting the following section:

"44. There shall from time to time be appointed under the Public Service Act 1912 such Registrars, Deputy Registrars, clerks, and other officers of the Compensation Court as may be required. Any such office may be held either separately or in conjunction with any other office in the Public Service."

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4. Insurance of workers employed by several persons or by partnership—Section eighty-five of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection seven, and substituting the following subsections:

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"(7) Where two or more persons are the employers of the same worker or workers, it shall be a sufficient compliance with the provisions of this section if one of them makes a statement on behalf of himself and the other or others or if they make a joint statement.

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"(7A) Every employer, being a partnership, shall deliver any statement required to be delivered under this Part of this Act in the name of the partnership and showing therein the names of all the partners, and no authorised insurer shall be deemed to have contracted to indemnify any such partnership otherwise than on the delivery of a statement of wages made accordingly."

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5. Unauthorised expenditure of Workers' Compensation Board—Section one hundred and eight of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:

"(5) The Board may in any financial year, out of its income available for general purposes, expend for purposes not authorised by any Act or law for the time being in force any sum or sums not amounting in the aggregate to more than one hundred pounds."

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