

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

This Bill is cognate with the Industrial Relations (Child Employment) Bill 2006.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the Workers Compensation Act 1987 to provide for a 10 percent increase in the amount of permanent impairment compensation benefits payable under that Act.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on 1 January 2007.

Clause 3 is a formal provision that gives effect to the amendments to the Workers Compensation Act 1987 set out in Schedule 1.

Clause 4 provides for the repeal of the proposed Act on the day following the day on which the proposed Act commences. Once the amendments have commenced the proposed Act will be spent and section 30 of the Interpretation Act 1987 provides that the repeal of an amending Act does not affect the amendments made by that Act.

Schedule 1 Amendments

Schedule 1 [1]–[8] amend section 66 (2) of the Workers Compensation Act 1987 to give effect to the object of the proposed Act as set out in the Overview above.

Schedule 1 [9] substitutes two examples to section 66 (2A) of the Workers Compensation Act 1987 as a consequence of the amendments above.

Schedule 1 [10]–[12] make amendments to Schedule 6 (Savings, transitional and other provisions) to the Workers Compensation Act 1987. Schedule 1 [11] inserts proposed clause 21 (a savings and transitional provision) into Part 6 of that Schedule.

Schedule 1 [12] provides for the making of savings and transitional regulations as a consequence of the amendments to the Workers Compensation Act 1987 made by the proposed Act. Schedule 1 [10] is a consequential amendment.