

Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 1999

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend workers compensation legislation to defer (for a period not exceeding 12 months) the coming into operation of arrangements for the private underwriting of workers compensation insurance. Under legislation currently in force, private underwriting would have come into operation on 1 October 1999.

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 a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.

Clause 3 is a formal provision giving effect to the amendments to the *Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998* set out in Schedule 1.

Clause 4 is a formal provision giving effect to the amendments to the *Workers Compensation Act 1987* set out in Schedule 2.

Clause 5 is a formal provision giving effect to the amendment to the *Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Act 1998* set out in Schedule 3.

Schedules 1 and 2 amend the *Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998* and the *Workers Compensation Act 1987* to defer the commencement of private underwriting of workers compensation insurance to 4 pm on 1 October 2000 or on an earlier date appointed by proclamation.

Schedule 3 amends the *Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Act 1998* to defer for the same period the repeal of Division 6 of Part 4 of the *Workers Compensation Act 1987*. That Division deals with the Uninsured Liability and Indemnity Scheme, and was to be repealed on 1 October 1999.