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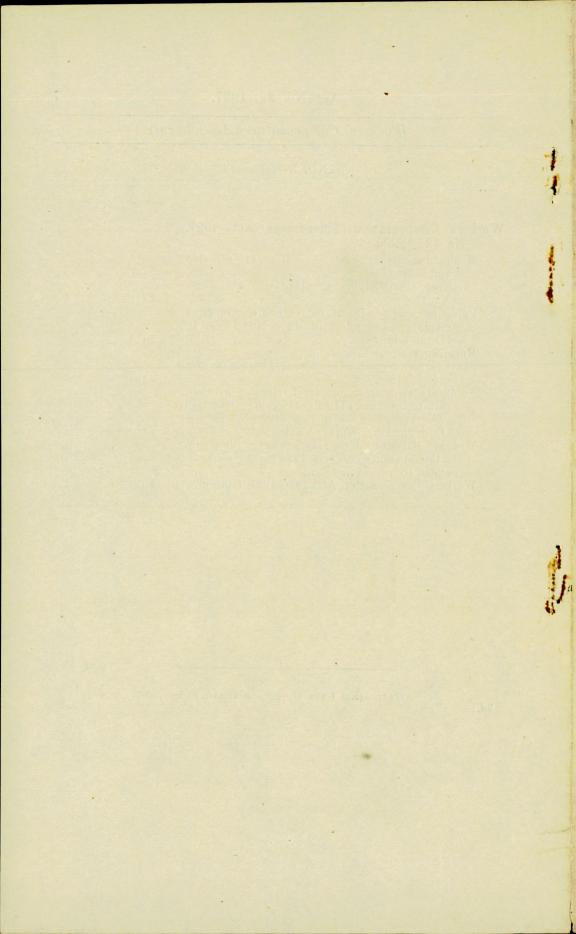
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WORKERS' COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

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Page 3, clause 4, line 20. After "State" insert "or municipal or shire council"
Page 4, clause 5, line 32. Omit "seven" insert "fourteen"

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

S. G. BOYDELL,

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assem'ly. Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 1 March, 1927.

The LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL has this day agreed to this Bill with Amendments.

W. L. S. COOPER, Clerk of the Parliaments.

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Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, 7th March, 1927.



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20		employer to furnish the same and the employer	11
		has refused or neglected to do so";	
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		and inserting in lieu thereof the following	
• •		subsections :	
25		(3) The worker shall notify the employer	ai ai
15-		without undue delay that he has obtained	
		treatment, and the cost of such treatment to	
		the employer shall be limited to fifty pounds	
		unless the Commission otherwise directs.	
30		(4) If the worker obtains medical treatment	1
		for himself the employer shall be entitled to	
		have the worker examined by a medical man	
		selected by the employer in consultation with	
		the worker's medical attendant.	
35	(b)	by inserting at the end thereof the following	

new subsections :--

 (7) The treasurer of any public hospital or Public infirmary which is in part supported by grants hospital treatment.
 from the public revenue or when the hospital or infirmary is wholly so supported any officer appointed by the Minister for Health may recover

recover from the employer the cost of any hospital treatment provided for his injured worker in any case where the employer has been notified in the manner and within the time prescribed by the regulations of the fact that the worker has received or is receiving such treatment at the hospital.

(8) If the employer pays the cost of any treatment referred to in this section to the person or institution supplying the treatment, the worker shall not be entitled to be paid anything in respect thereof.

4. Section twenty of the Principal Act is amended Further by inserting at the end thereof the following new sub- of Act No. 15 15 section :-1926, s. 20.

(2) No deposit shall be payable in the case of (Deposit) any such employer who is a Government depart-New ss. (2). meet, or any Minister, trust, commission, or board exercising executive or administrative functions on behalf of the Government of the State or municipal or shire council, if the Commission certifies that such deposit is not necessary.

5. The Principal Act is further amended by inserting Further next after section fifty-three the following new section :- Act No. 15, 1926.

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(2) Any such notice shall state the reason for such refusal.

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liability to pay compensation under the Act shall be taken to be admitted, and the Commission shall, upon application made by the worker concerned and without further notice to the employer, make such order or award to which the worker is entitled.

(4) The failure to give notice as aforesaid of any such refusal to pay compensation shall not be a bar to contesting proceedings brought for the enforcement of the order or award if it is found by the Commission that the failure was occasioned by mistake, absence from the State, or other reasonable cause.

(5) If the employer against whom any such cf. C.L.P. order or award as aforesaid has been made alleges Act, 1899, within six months after the making of such order or award that he had at the time of the making of the order or award, and still has, a substantial ground of defence on the merits (either wholly or in part), then after due notice being given to the worker concerned, and security being entered into for the payment to the worker of all costs by him sustained, the Commission may cause the merits so alleged to be inquired into, and may rescind, alter, or amend the order or award previously made as it deems fit.

(6) All costs and expenses reasonably incurred by the worker consequent upon a notice of refusal to pay compensation having been given, shall be awarded to the worker if the Commission finds that such notice was given without substantial reason therefor.

6. The Principal Act is further amended by inserting Further at the end of subsection two of section fifty-seven the amendment of Act No. 15, 1926, s. 57 (2)

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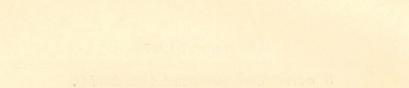
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This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

S. G. BOYDELL, Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 1 March, 1927.



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GEORGII V REGIS.

Act No. , 1927.

An Act to amend the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926; and for purposes connected therewith.

B^E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of 5 the same, as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Workers' Citation and Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1927," and shall be ^{construction}. construed with the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926, in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

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(2) The Principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926– 1927.

2. Section six of the Principal Act is amended as Amendment of 5 follows:-5 foll

(a) by inserting at the end of the definition of ("Worker.") "worker" the following words :---" or

> (e) an officer of a Friendly Society whose remuneration from such Friendly Society does not exceed one hundred pounds per year; or

- (f) an officer of a religious or other voluntary association who is elected by the members and employed by the association upon duties outside his ordinary working hours, so far as the employment by such association is concerned, provided his remuneration from the association does not exceed one hundred pounds per year."
- (b) by inserting in paragraph (a) of subsection (Contracting, three after the word "threshing" the word subcontracting.) "chaff-cutting";
- (c) by omitting from paragraph (a) of subsection (Ruralwork.) five the words "or, though employing workers actually performs any part of the work himself, the contractor and any worker so employed shall for the purposes of this Act be deemed to be workers employed by the principal" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "and actually performs parts of the work himself, the contractor shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be a worker employed by the principal";
- (d) by omitting from paragraph (b) of the same subsection the words "'Timber' includes sleepers, piles, poles, girders, logs, or pit timber" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "'Timber' means sleepers, piles, poles, girders, logs, or pit timber, but does not include timber intended for fuel";

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Workers' Compensation (Amendment). (e) by omitting from subsection seven the words (Share-"and every worker, whether a member of the farmers.) share-farmer's family or not, employed by any share-farmer "; (f) by inserting at the end of subsection ten the following words :-"This subsection shall not apply in the case (Jockey.) of a racing club or association having its headquarters in a town with a population not exceeding three thousand persons where the race meetings are held within a radius of five miles of such town and the profits derived from the racing club or association's operations are applied to charitable purposes." 3. Section ten of the Principal Act is amended-Further (a) by omitting from subsection four the words amendment of Act No. 15, "but he shall not be entitled to recover any 1926, s. 10(4). amount expended by him for such treatment (Medical benefits.) or services unless he has requested the employer to furnish the same and the employer has refused or neglected to do so"; (b) by inserting at the end thereof the following new subsections :--(7) The treasurer of any public hospital or Public infirmary which is in part supported by grants hospital . from the public revenue or when the hospital or infirmary is wholly so supported any officer appointed by the Minister for Health may recover from the employer the cost of any hospital treatment provided for his injured worker in any case where the employer has been notified in the manner and within the time prescribed by the regulations of the fact that the worker has received or is receiving

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