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.

H. ROBBINS, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 2 December, 1948.

### New South Wales.



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# GEORGII VI REGIS.

## Act No. 1948.

An Act to increase the amounts payable by way of compensation under the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926-1947, and the Workers' Compensation (Silicosis) Act, 1942-1946; for this and other purposes to amend the said Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

B<sup>E</sup> 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 the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Workers' Short title, Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1948." citation and commence-ment.

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- (2) The Workers' Compensation Act, 1926, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926-1948.
- (3) This Act shall commence upon a day to be 5 appointed by the Governor and notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.
  - 2. (1) The Workers' Compensation Act, 1926-1947, Amendment is amended—

(a) by omitting from paragraph (a) of the definition Sec. 6. of "Worker" in subsection one of section six (Defini-10 the words "seven hundred and fifty pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "one thousand two hundred and fifty pounds";

No. 15, 1926.

(b) by omitting paragraph (a) of subsection three Sec. 7. of section seven;

employers to workers for injuries—

- (c) (i) by omitting from paragraph (a) of subsec- Sec. 8. tion one of section eight the words "four (Compenhundred pounds" and by inserting in lieu sation payments. thereof the words "five hundred pounds"; (Death).)
- (ii) by omitting from the same paragraph the 20 words "eight hundred pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "one thousand pounds";
- (iii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words "two hundred pounds" and by 25 inserting in lieu thereof the words "three hundred pounds";
  - (iv) by omitting from paragraph (b) of the same subsection the words "twenty-five pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "fifty pounds";
    - (v) by omitting from subsection three of the same section the words "four hundred pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "five hundred pounds";

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(d) (i) by omitting from paragraph (a) of subsec- Sec. 9. tion one of section nine the words "sixty-six (Total or and two-thirds per centum" and by incapacity.) inserting in lieu thereof the words "seventyfive per centum"; 5 (ii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words "three pounds ten shillings" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "four pounds"; (iii) by omitting from the same paragraph the 10 words "two pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "three pounds"; (iv) by omitting from subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) of the same subsection the words "one pound five shillings" and by inserting 15 in lieu thereof the words "one pound ten shillings"; (v) by omitting from subparagraph (i) of paragraph (c) of the same subsection the words "one pound five shillings" and by inserting 20 in lieu thereof the words "one pound ten shillings"; (vi) by omitting from subsection two of the same section the words "six pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "seven 25 pounds"; (vii) by omitting from subsection three of the same section the words "one thousand pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "one thousand two hundred and 30 fifty pounds"; (viii) by omitting from subsection four of the same section the words "forty-five shillings" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "fifty-five shillings"; 35 (ix) by omitting from the same subsection the

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- (iii) by omitting from subsection six of the same section the words "one thousand pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "one thousand two hundred and fifty pounds";
- (iv) by inserting in the same subsection after the word "compensation" where firstly occurring the words "under this section";
- (v) by omitting the table set forth at the end of the same section and by inserting in lieu thereof the following table:—

#### TABLE.

	Nature of Injury.		Amount payable.			
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	nand, or five fingers of either hand	875	0	0		
	Loss of a leg	950	0	0		
0-	Loss of the lower part of a leg	800	0	0		
25	Loss of a foot	750	13.77	0		
	Loss of sight of one eye, with serious	.00	U	U		
	diminution of the sight of the other	050	0	0		
	*Loss of sight of one eye	950	0	0		
	Loss of hearing	500	0	0		
30	Complete deafness of one ear	800	0	0		
00	Loss of a thumb	400	0	0		
	Loss of a thumb	375	0	0		
	Loss of a forefinger	250	0	0		
	Loss of joint of a thumb	200	0	0.		
	Loss of little finger, middle finger, or					
35	ring finger	150	0	0		
	Loss of a toe or the joint of a finger	120		0		
	Loss of a joint of a toe	90				
	Loss of great toe			0		
	Loss of joint of forefinger or of joint	250	U	U		
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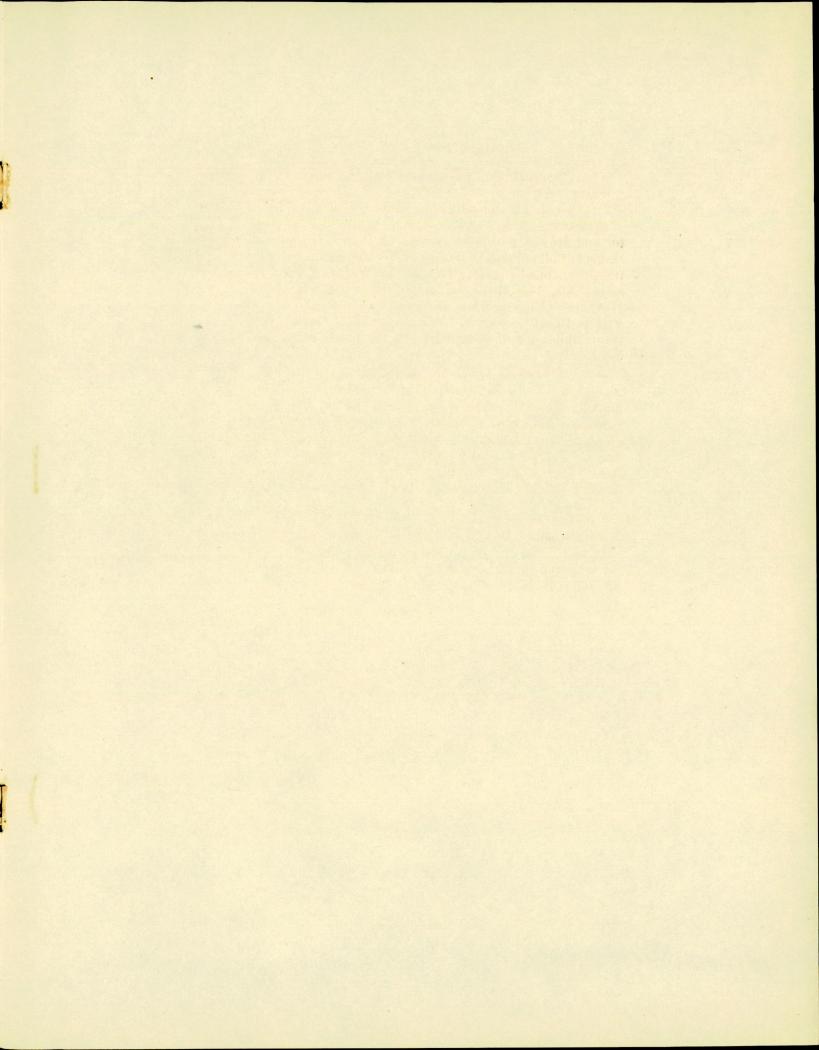
(2) (a) The amendments made by paragraph (d) Increased of subsection one of this section shall be deemed to extend payments to, and from the commencement of this Act, apply in retroactive. respect of all persons in receipt of weekly payments under Act No. 20, 5 the provisions of section nine of the Workers' Compen- (6). sation Act, 1926-1947, and under the provisions of the Workers' Compensation (Silicosis) Act, 1942-1946, as well as to all persons becoming entitled to weekly payments under any of such provisions after such commence-10 ment.

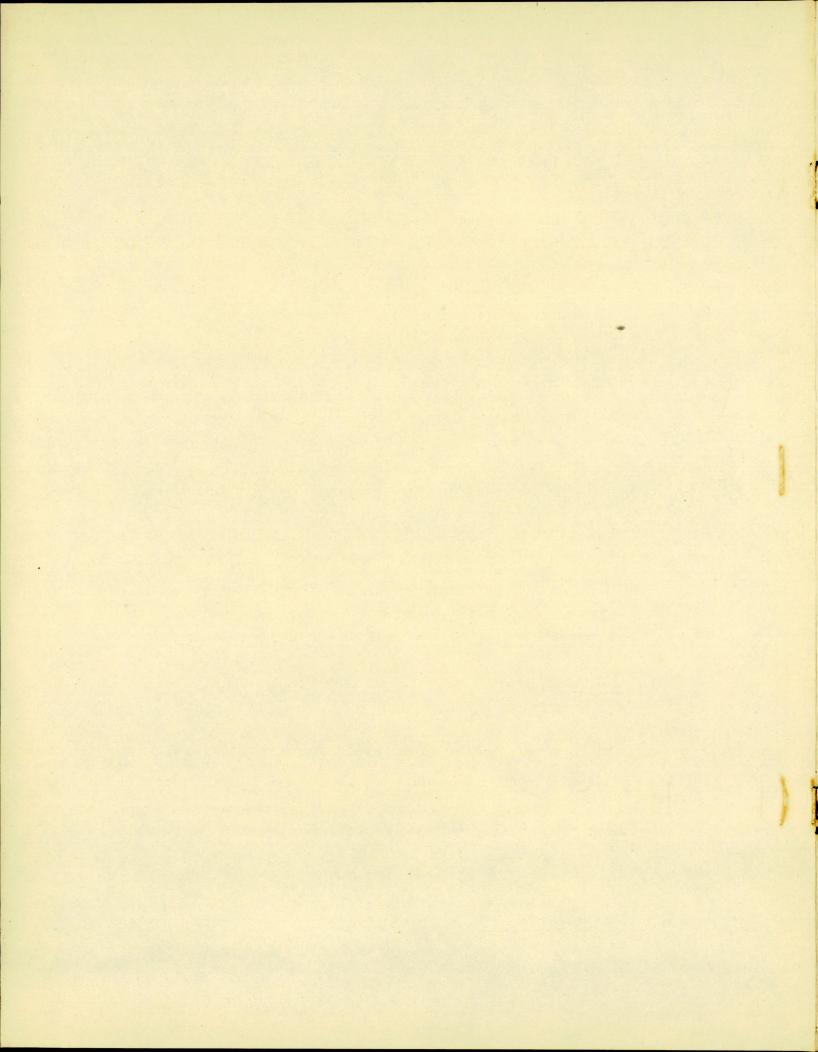
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which such person becomes entitled by virtue of any

amendment made by this section.





# A BILL

To increase the amounts payable by way of compensation under the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926-1947, and the Workers' Compensation (Silicosis) Act, 1942-1946; for this and other purposes to amend the said Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

[Mr. Finnan; -30 November, 1948.]

BE 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' Short title, citation and commence94385 322—
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- (2) The Workers' Compensation Act, 1926, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926-1948.
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  - 2. (1) The Workers' Compensation Act, 1926-1947, Amendment is amended—

No. 15, 1926.

- (a) by omitting from paragraph (a) of the definition Sec. 6. of "Worker" in subsection one of section six (Defini-10 the words "seven hundred and fifty pounds" and tions.) by inserting in lieu thereof the words "one thousand two hundred and fifty pounds";
- (b) by omitting paragraph (a) of subsection three Sec. 7. of section seven; 15

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- (ii) by omitting from the same paragraph the 20 words "eight hundred pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "one thousand pounds";
  - (iii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words "two hundred pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "three hundred pounds";
    - (iv) by omitting from paragraph (b) of the same subsection the words "twenty-five pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "fifty pounds";
      - (v) by omitting from subsection three of the same section the words "four hundred pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "five hundred pounds";

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20	(v) by omitting from subparagraph (i) of paragraph (c) of the same subsection the words "one pound five shillings" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "one pound ten shillings";	
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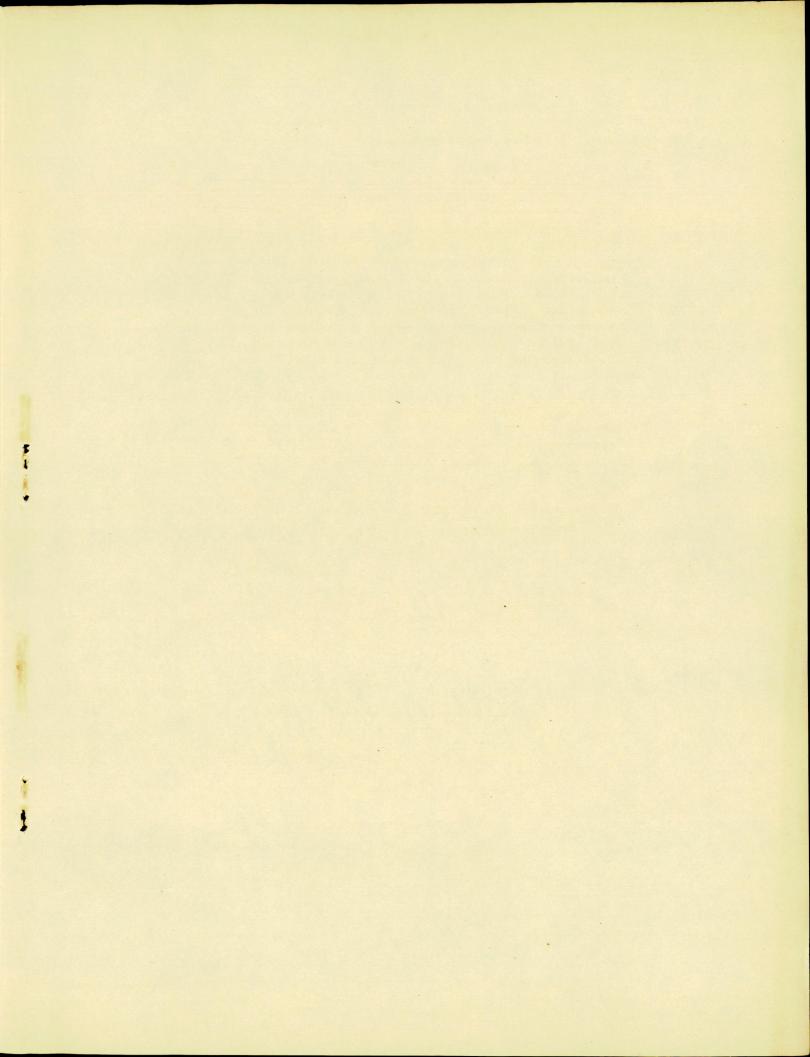
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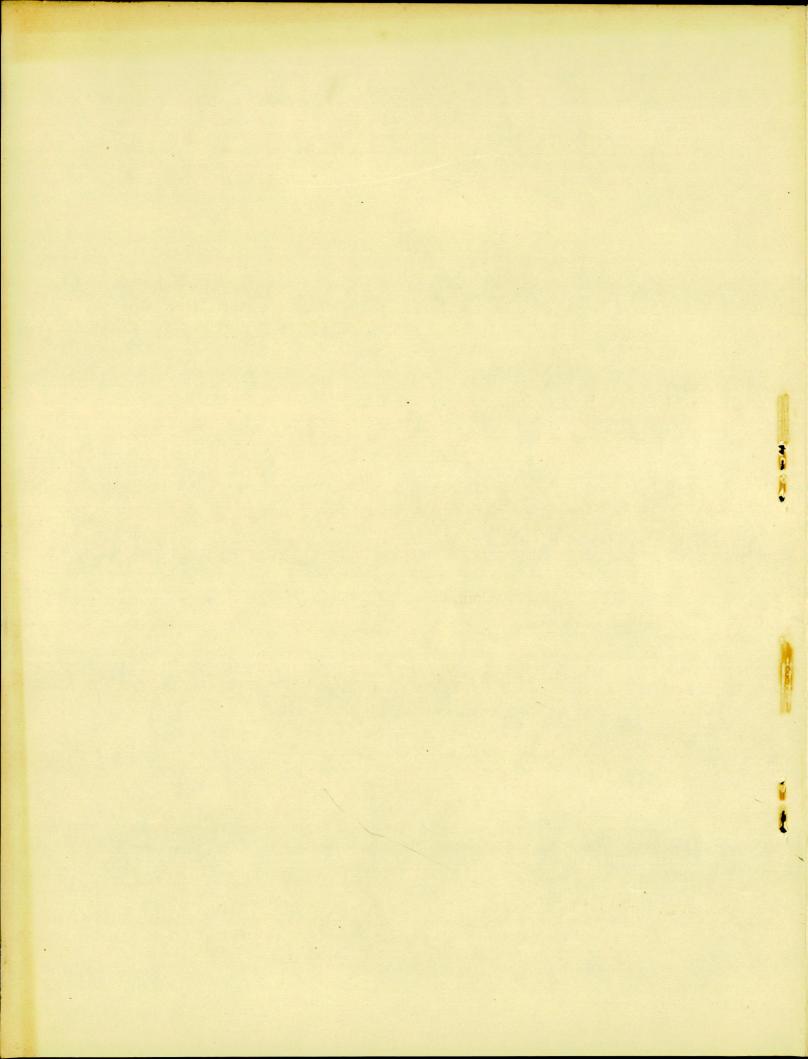
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(b) Any policy of insurance against liability Subsisting under the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926, or any Ibid, s. 2 amendment of that Act, being maintained in force at the (7). commencement of this Act shall be deemed to insure the 15 employer and always to have insured the employer against any additional liability to which he may become liable during the currency of the policy under any

amendment of the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926-1947, made by this section. Where a person is in receipt 20 of compensation at the commencement of this Act and such compensation is payable by an insurer such insurer shall be liable to pay any additional compensation to which such person becomes entitled by virtue of any amendment made by this section.





## New South Wales.



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### Act No. 40, 1948.

An Act to increase the amounts payable by way of compensation under the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926-1947, Workers' Compensation (Silicosis) Act, 1942-1946; for this and other purposes to amend the said Acts; and for purposes connected therewith. [Assented to, 16th December, 1948.

BE 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 the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Workers' Short title, Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1948."

citation and commence-(2) ment.

- (2) The Workers' Compensation Act, 1926, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926-1948.
- (3) This Act shall commence upon a day to be appointed by the Governor and notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.

Amendment of Act No. 15, 1926. (1) The amended—

2. (1) The Workers' Compensation Act, 1926-1947, s amended—

Sec. 6. (Definitions.) (a) by omitting from paragraph (a) of the definition of "Worker" in subsection one of section six the words "seven hundred and fifty pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "one thousand two hundred and fifty pounds";

(b) by omitting paragraph (a) of subsection three of section seven;

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- (c) (i) by omitting from paragraph (a) of subsection one of section eight the words "four hundred pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "five hundred pounds";
  - (ii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words "eight hundred pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "one thousand pounds";
  - (iii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words "two hundred pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "three hundred pounds";
  - (iv) by omitting from paragraph (b) of the same subsection the words "twenty-five pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "fifty pounds";
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- (ii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words "three pounds ten shillings" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "four pounds":
- (iii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words "two pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "three pounds":
- (iv) by omitting from subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) of the same subsection the words "one pound five shillings" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "one pound ten shillings";
- (v) by omitting from subparagraph (i) of paragraph (c) of the same subsection the words "one pound five shillings" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "one pound ten shillings":
- (vi) by omitting from subsection two of the same section the words "six pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "seven pounds":
- (vii) by omitting from subsection three of the same section the words "one thousand pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "one thousand two hundred and fifty pounds";
- (viii) by omitting from subsection four of the same section the words "forty-five shillings" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "fifty-five shillings":
- (ix) by omitting from the same subsection the words "sixty-six and two-thirds centum" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "seventy-five per centum";

- (x) by omitting from the same subsection the words "thirty shillings" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "forty shillings";
- (xi) by omitting from subsection five of the same section the words "three pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "four pounds";
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- (e) (i) by omitting from paragraph (a) of subsection three of section ten the words "ten shillings and sixpence" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "eighteen shillings";
  - (ii) by omitting from paragraph (b) of the same subsection the words "three shillings and sixpence" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "five shillings";
  - (iii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words "one pound four shillings and sixpence" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "one pound fifteen shillings";
  - (iv) by omitting from paragraph (c) of the same subsection the words "twenty-five pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "fifty pounds";
  - (v) by omitting from paragraph (b) of subsection four of the same section the words "twenty-five pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "fifty pounds";
- (f) (i) by omitting from subsection two of section sixteen the words "shall be deducted" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "shall not be deducted":
  - (ii) by omitting from the same subsection the words "But such deduction, to the extent to which it would reduce the sum payable

Sec. 10. (Medical and hospital treatment, etc.)

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to the worker upon such an election to an amount less than one-half of the amount payable in respect of the injury, as indicated in the second column of the table, shall not be made";

- (iii) by omitting from subsection six of the same section the words "one thousand pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "one thousand two hundred and fifty pounds";
- (iv) by inserting in the same subsection after the word "compensation" where firstly occurring the words "under this section";
- (v) by omitting the table set forth at the end of the same section and by inserting in lieu thereof the following table:—

#### TABLE.

Nature of Injury.		Amount payable.		
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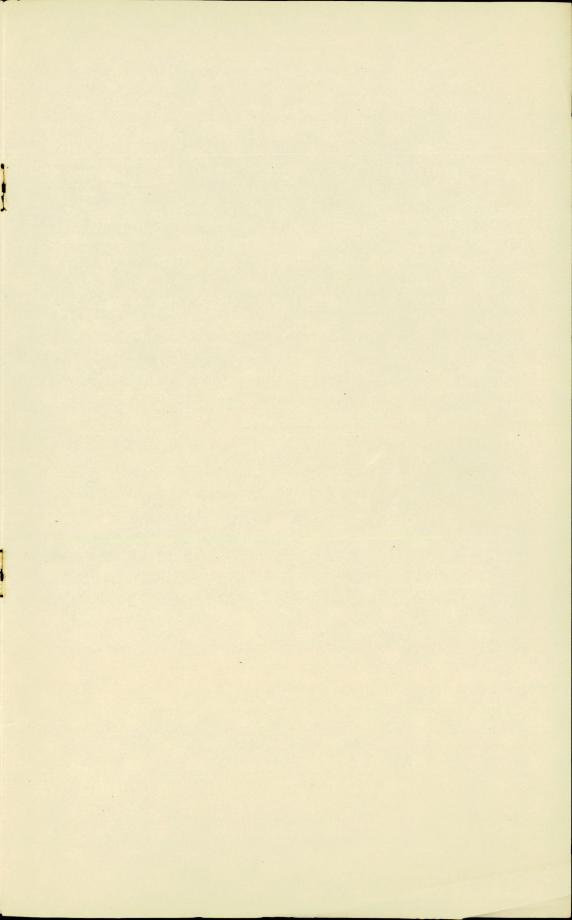
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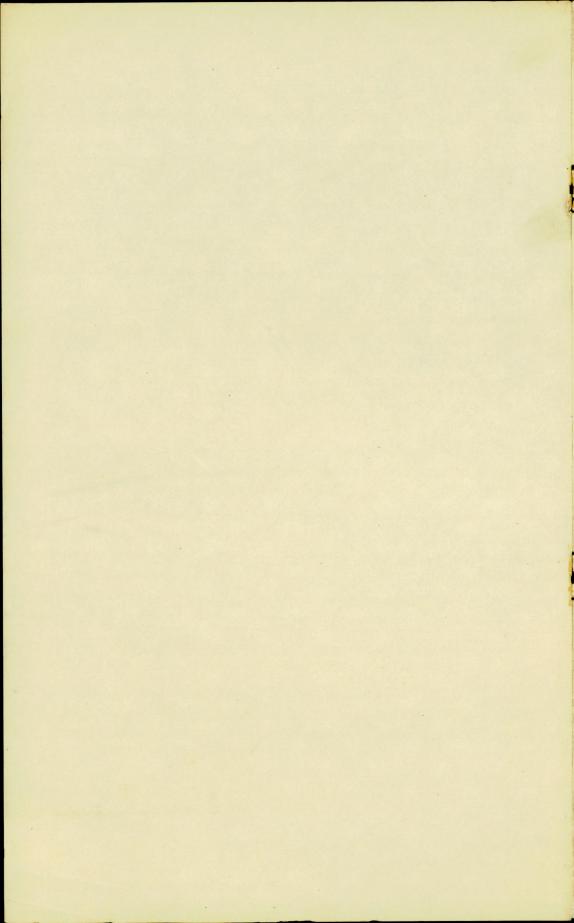
Increased weekly payments retroactive. Act No. 20, 1945, s. 2 (6). (2) (a) The amendments made by paragraph (d) of subsection one of this section shall be deemed to extend to, and from the commencement of this Act, apply in respect of all persons in receipt of weekly payments under the provisions of section nine of the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926-1947, and under the provisions of the Workers' Compensation (Silicosis) Act, 1942-1946, as well as to all persons becoming entitled to weekly payments under any of such provisions after such commencement.

Subsisting policies. *Ibid*, s. 2 (7).

(b) Any policy of insurance against liability under the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926, or any amendment of that Act, being maintained in force at the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to insure the employer and always to have insured the employer against any additional liability to which he may become liable during the currency of the policy under any amendment of the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926-1947, made by this section. Where a person is in receipt of compensation at the commencement of this Act and such compensation is payable by an insurer such insurer shall be liable to pay any additional compensation to which such person becomes entitled by virtue of any amendment made by this section.

By Authority: Alfred Henry Pettifer, Government Printer, Sydney, 1949. [3d.]





I certify that this Public Bill, which originated in the Legis-LATIVE ASSEMBLY, has finally passed the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

H. ROBBINS,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 9 December, 1948.

## New South Wales.



ANNO TERTIO DECIMO

### Act No. 40, 1948.

An Act to increase the amounts payable by way compensation under the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926-1947, and the Workers' Compensation (Silicosis) Act, 1942-1946; for this and other purposes to amend the said Acts; and for purposes connected therewith. [Assented to, 16th December, 1948.

BE 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 the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Workers' Short title, Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1948."

citation and commence-(2) ment.

I have examined this Bill, and find it to correspond in all respects with the Bill as finally passed by both Houses.

> G. BOOTH, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly.

- (2) The Workers' Compensation Act, 1926, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926-1948.
- (3) This Act shall commence upon a day to be appointed by the Governor and notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.

Amendment of Act, 1926-1947, No. 15, 1926. is amended— Workers' Compensation Act, 1926-1947,

Sec. 6. (Definitions.)

- (a) by omitting from paragraph (a) of the definition of "Worker" in subsection one of section six the words "seven hundred and fifty pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "one thousand two hundred and fifty pounds";
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- (c) (i) by omitting from paragraph (a) of subsection one of section eight the words "four hundred pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "five hundred pounds":
  - (ii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words "eight hundred pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "one thousand pounds";
  - (iii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words "two hundred pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "three hundred pounds";
  - (iv) by omitting from paragraph (b) of the same subsection the words "twenty-five pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "fifty pounds";
  - (v) by omitting from subsection three of the same section the words "four hundred pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "five hundred pounds";

- (d) (i) by omitting from paragraph (a) of subsection subsection one of section nine the words "sixty-six (Total or partial and two-thirds per centum" and by incapacity.) inserting in lieu thereof the words "seventy-five per centum";
  - (ii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words "three pounds ten shillings" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "four pounds";
  - (iii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words "two pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "three pounds";
  - (iv) by omitting from subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) of the same subsection the words "one pound five shillings" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "one pound ten shillings";
  - (v) by omitting from subparagraph (i) of paragraph (c) of the same subsection the words "one pound five shillings" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "one pound ten shillings":
  - (vi) by omitting from subsection two of the same section the words "six pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "seven pounds";
  - (vii) by omitting from subsection three of the same section the words "one thousand pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "one thousand two hundred and fifty pounds";
  - (viii) by omitting from subsection four of the same section the words "forty-five shillings" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "fifty-five shillings";
  - (ix) by omitting from the same subsection the words "sixty-six and two-thirds per centum" and by inserting in lieu thereof the

words "seventy-five per centum";

- (x) by omitting from the same subsection the words "thirty shillings" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "forty shillings";
- (xi) by omitting from subsection five of the same section the words "three pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "four pounds":
- (xii) by omitting from the same subsection the words "sixty-six and two-thirds per centum" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "seventy-five per centum";
- (xiii) by omitting from the same subsection the words "two pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "three pounds";
- (e) (i) by omitting from paragraph (a) of subsection three of section ten the words "ten shillings and sixpence" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "eighteen shillings":
  - (ii) by omitting from paragraph (b) of the same subsection the words "three shillings and sixpence" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "five shillings";
  - (iii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words "one pound four shillings and sixpence" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "one pound fifteen shillings";
  - (iv) by omitting from paragraph (c) of the same subsection the words "twenty-five pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "fifty pounds";
  - (v) by omitting from paragraph (b) of subsection four of the same section the words "twenty-five pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "fifty pounds";
- (f) (i) by omitting from subsection two of section sixteen the words "shall be deducted" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "shall not be deducted";
  - (ii) by omitting from the same subsection the words "But such deduction, to the extent to which it would reduce the sum payable

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to the worker upon such an election to an amount less than one-half of the amount payable in respect of the injury, as indicated in the second column of the table, shall not be made";

- (iii) by omitting from subsection six of the same section the words "one thousand pounds" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "one thousand two hundred and fifty pounds";
- (iv) by inserting in the same subsection after the word "compensation" where firstly occurring the words "under this section";
- (v) by omitting the table set forth at the end of the same section and by inserting in lieu thereof the following table:—

#### TABLE.

Nature of Injury.	Ar	nou		
Loss of either arm, or of the greater	£			
part thereof	1,000			
Loss of lower part of either arm, either	2,000			
hand, or five fingers of either hand	875	0	0	
Loss of a leg	950	-	0	
Loss of the lower part of a leg	800	0	0	
Loss of a foot	750	0	0	
Loss of sight of one eye, with serious	150	U	U	
diminution of the sight of the other	050	0	0	
*Loss of sight of one are	950	0	0	
*Loss of sight of one eye	500	0	0	
Loss of hearing	800	0	0	
Complete deafness of one ear	400	0	0	
Loss of a thumb	375	0	0	
Loss of a forefinger	250	0	0	
Loss of joint of a thumb	200	0	0	
Loss of little finger, middle finger, or	200	0		
ring finger	150	0	0	
Loss of a toe or the joint of a finger	120	0	0	
Loss of a joint of a toe			-	
Togg of amount of a toe	90	-	0	
Loss of great toe	250	0	0	
Loss of joint of forefinger or of joint				
of great toe	150	0	0	
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<sup>\*</sup> For the partial loss of sight of one eye there shall be payable such percentage of the amount that would be payable for the total loss of the sight thereof as is equal to the percentage of the diminution of sight.

Increased weekly payments retroactive. Act No. 20, 1945, s. 2 (6). (2) (a) The amendments made by paragraph (d) of subsection one of this section shall be deemed to extend to, and from the commencement of this Act, apply in respect of all persons in receipt of weekly payments under the provisions of section nine of the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926-1947, and under the provisions of the Workers' Compensation (Silicosis) Act, 1942-1946, as well as to all persons becoming entitled to weekly payments under any of such provisions after such commencement.

Subsisting policies. *Ibid*, s. 2

(7).

(b) Any policy of insurance against liability under the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926, or any amendment of that Act, being maintained in force at the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to insure the employer and always to have insured the employer against any additional liability to which he may become liable during the currency of the policy under any amendment of the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926-1947, made by this section. Where a person is in receipt of compensation at the commencement of this Act and such compensation is payable by an insurer such insurer shall be liable to pay any additional compensation to which such person becomes entitled by virtue of any amendment made by this section.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty I assent to this Act.

J. NORTHCOTT, Governor.

Government House, Sydney, 16th December, 1948.

