

*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.*

R. E. WARD,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 27 November, 1975.*

## New South Wales



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Act No.           , 1975.

An Act to amend the Mines Rescue Act, 1925, to make further provisions with respect to payments to the Mines Rescue Board by proprietors of colliery holdings, to provide for the establishment and administration of staff superannuation schemes by district committees, and for certain other purposes; and to validate certain matters.

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*Mines Rescue (Amendment).*

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1. This Act may be cited as the "Mines Rescue Short title. (Amendment) Act, 1975".

10 2. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2), (3) and (4), this Act shall commence on the date of assent to this Act. Commencement.

(2) Section 3 shall, in its application to a provision of Schedule 1, commence or be deemed to have commenced on the day on which that provision commences or is deemed to have commenced, as the case may require.

15 (3) Schedule 1 (3) (a) shall be deemed to have commenced on 1st July, 1972.

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20 3. The Mines Rescue Act, 1925, is amended in the manner set forth in Schedule 1. Amendment of Act No. 3, 1925.

25 4. Any act, matter or thing done or commenced or omitted to be done before the date of assent to this Act which would, if that act, matter or thing were done or commenced or omitted to be done after that date, be authorised by the Mines Rescue Act, 1925, as amended by Schedule 1 (2) (b) and (c), shall be valid and shall have the same force and effect as if that act, matter or thing were done or commenced or omitted to be done after that date. Validation.

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Sec. 3.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINES RESCUE ACT, 1925.

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Omit “thirtieth day of June”, insert instead  
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Omit “Valuation of Land Act, 1916, or the  
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“Local Government Act, 1919, or, where no  
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under the Valuation of Land Act, 1916”.

(b) Section 6 (3), (4)—

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Omit the subsections, insert instead :—

(3) The sum payable under subsection (2) by  
a proprietor of a colliery holding in respect of any  
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(a) shall be based—

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(i) on the unimproved capital value of  
that colliery holding as in force on  
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(ii) if no unimproved capital value has  
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be based on that other basis.

(4) Any sum payable under subsection (2) in  
respect of any year shall be due and payable—

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year or on the expiration of the period of  
28 days after a notice under subsection (5)  
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pursuant to, or deemed to be authorised by, section  
13B.

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At the end of section 11, insert :—

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(5) Section 13B—

After section 13A, insert :—

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20 (2) Where, before the date of assent to the Mines Rescue (Amendment) Act, 1975, a committee established, or established and administered, a staff superannuation scheme or staff superannuation schemes for superintendents, assistant superintendents or instructors appointed by that committee—

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**MINES RESCUE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1975**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

THE objects of this Bill are—

- (a) to make further provisions with respect to payment of contributions to the Mines Rescue Board by proprietors of colliery holdings;
- (b) to provide for the establishment and administration of staff superannuation schemes for superintendents, assistant superintendents and instructors appointed by district committees; and
- (c) to make other provisions of a minor, consequential or ancillary nature.

The Bill contains the following provisions:—

Clause 1. Short title.

Clause 2. Commencement.

Clause 3 amends the Mines Rescue Act, 1925, in the manner set forth in Schedule 1.

Clause 4. Validation.

Schedule 1 (1) provides that the Mines Rescue Board shall furnish its annual statements of account on the 31st December in each year, instead of 30th June.

Schedule 1 (2) (a) amends the definition of “unimproved capital value” in relation to a colliery holding so as to provide that that value shall be the unimproved capital value as determined under the Local Government Act, 1919, or, where there is no such value, the unimproved value as determined under the Valuation of Land Act, 1916.

Schedule 1 (2) (b) provides that—

- (a) the sums payable to the Mines Rescue Board under the Act shall be based on the first unimproved capital value of a colliery holding determined after the date used as a basis for calculating the payment, if there is no unimproved capital value in force on that date; and
- (b) instead of sums payable in respect of any year being payable on the expiration of a period of 28 days after the service of a notice, they shall be payable—
  - (i) on the expiration of that period or on 28th January in that year, whichever is the later; or
  - (ii) if a further notice is served in place of an incorrect notice, on the expiration of a period of 28 days after the service of that further notice.

Schedule 1 (2) (c) enables the Mines Rescue Board to determine a rate of interest not exceeding 15 per cent per annum in respect of overdue payments, instead of the present maximum rate of 10 per cent per annum.

Schedule 1 (3) (a) corrects a reference to a subsection.

Schedule 1 (3) (b) authorises a district committee to apply the Mines Rescue Station Fund towards the costs of staff superannuation schemes referred to in item (5).

Schedule 1 (4) gives members and employees of district committees protection from personal liability in respect of matters or things done, and contracts entered into, bona fide for the purpose of executing the Act.

Schedule 1 (5) authorises district committees, with the approval of the Mines Rescue Board, to establish and administer staff superannuation schemes for superintendents, assistant superintendents and instructors and provides for the validation of existing schemes.

Schedule 1 (6) (a). Correction of wording.

Schedule 1 (6), by paragraphs (b) and (c), applies section 41 of the Interpretation Act, 1897, to regulations under the Mines Rescue Act, 1925.

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No. , 1975.

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# A BILL

To amend the Mines Rescue Act, 1925, to make further provisions with respect to payments to the Mines Rescue Board by proprietors of colliery holdings, to provide for the establishment and administration of staff superannuation schemes by district committees, and for certain other purposes; and to validate certain matters.

[MR FREUDENSTEIN—25 November, 1975.]

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*Mines Rescue (Amendment).*

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**B**E it enacted by the Queen'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  
5 follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Mines Rescue Short title.  
(Amendment) Act, 1975".

2. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2), (3) and Commence-  
ment.  
(4), this Act shall commence on the date of assent to this  
10 Act.

(2) Section 3 shall, in its application to a provision  
of Schedule 1, commence or be deemed to have commenced  
on the day on which that provision commences or is deemed  
to have commenced, as the case may require.

15 (3) Schedule 1 (3) (a) shall be deemed to have  
commenced on 1st July, 1972.

(4) Schedule 1 (6) (a) shall be deemed to have  
commenced on 7th June, 1963.

3. The Mines Rescue Act, 1925, is amended in the Amendment  
of Act No.  
3, 1925.  
20 manner set forth in Schedule 1.

4. Any act, matter or thing done or commenced or Validation.  
omitted to be done before the date of assent to this Act which  
would, if that act, matter or thing were done or commenced  
or omitted to be done after that date, be authorised by the  
25 Mines Rescue Act, 1925, as amended by Schedule 1 (2) (b)  
and (c), shall be valid and shall have the same force and  
effect as if that act, matter or thing were done or commenced  
or omitted to be done after that date.

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SCHEDULE

*Mines Rescue (Amendment).*

SCHEDULE 1.

Sec. 3.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINES RESCUE ACT, 1925.

(1) Section 4H (1)—

5 Omit “thirtieth day of June”, insert instead  
“thirty-first day of December”.

(2) (a) Section 6 (1), definition of “unimproved capital value”—

10 Omit “Valuation of Land Act, 1916, or the  
Local Government Act, 1919”, insert instead  
“Local Government Act, 1919, or, where no  
such value is so determined, the unimproved  
value of the colliery holding as determined  
under the Valuation of Land Act, 1916”.

(b) Section 6 (3), (4)—

15 Omit the subsections, insert instead :—

(3) The sum payable under subsection (2) by  
a proprietor of a colliery holding in respect of any  
year—

(a) shall be based—

20 (i) on the unimproved capital value of  
that colliery holding as in force on  
the thirtieth day of June in the pre-  
ceding year; or

25 (ii) if no unimproved capital value has  
been determined for that colliery  
holding by the thirtieth day of June  
in the preceding year—on the first  
unimproved capital value of that  
colliery holding that is determined  
30 after that day; or

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*Mines Rescue (Amendment).*

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SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINES RESCUE ACT, 1925—  
*continued.*

5 (b) where some other basis is prescribed—shall  
be based on that other basis.

(4) Any sum payable under subsection (2) in  
respect of any year shall be due and payable—

10 (a) on the twenty-eighth day of January in that  
year or on the expiration of the period of  
28 days after a notice under subsection (5)  
has been served in accordance with subsec-  
tion (6) in respect of that sum, whichever  
is the later; or

15 (b) where any such notice has been served in  
respect of that sum in the place of a  
previous notice that did not specify the  
correct amount of the sum payable—on the  
expiration of the period of 28 days after  
20 any such replacement notice has been served  
in accordance with subsection (6).

(c) Section 6 (7)—

Omit the subsection, insert instead :—

25 (7) Interest, at such rate, not exceeding 15 per  
centum per annum, as may be determined by the  
Board from time to time for the purpose of this  
subsection, shall be paid by the proprietor of a  
colliery holding on a sum payable under subsec-  
tion (2) that has not been paid on the date it  
30 becomes due and payable in respect of the period  
from that date until the date of payment of that  
sum.

SCHEDULE

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*Mines Rescue (Amendment).*

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SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINES RESCUE ACT, 1925—  
*continued.*

(3) (a) Section 7 (1)—

5 Omit “(5)”, insert instead “(6)”.

(b) Section 7 (5A)—

After section 7 (5), insert :—

10 (5A) The committee may apply the fund towards  
the costs of staff superannuation schemes established  
pursuant to, or deemed to be authorised by, section  
13B.

(4) Section 11 (2)—

At the end of section 11, insert :—

15 (2) No matter or thing done, and no contract  
entered into, by—

(a) a committee;

(b) any member of a committee;

(c) any person appointed under this Act by a  
committee;

20 (d) any person selected pursuant to section 14  
(2) for the purpose of acting with a  
permanent rescue corps; or

SCHEDULE

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*Mines Rescue (Amendment).*

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SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINES RESCUE ACT, 1925—  
*continued.*

5 (e) any other person acting under the direction  
of a committee,

shall, if the matter or thing was done, or the contract  
was entered into, bona fide for the purpose of  
executing this Act, subject a member of the  
committee or any person referred to in paragraph  
10 (c), (d) or (e) personally to any action, liability,  
claim or demand.

(5) Section 13B—

After section 13A, insert :—

15 13B. (1) A committee may, with the approval of the Board, establish and administer, in a manner approved by the Board, a staff superannuation scheme or staff superannuation schemes for persons who are superintendents, assistant superintendents or instructors appointed by that committee.

20 (2) Where, before the date of assent to the Mines Rescue (Amendment) Act, 1975, a committee established, or established and administered, a staff superannuation scheme or staff superannuation schemes for superintendents, assistant superintendents or instructors appointed by that  
25 committee—

(a) that establishment or administration or  
any application of the fund towards the  
costs of that scheme or those schemes shall  
30 be deemed to have been authorised by this  
Act; and

SCHEDULE



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*Mines Rescue (Amendment).*

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SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINES RESCUE ACT, 1925—  
*continued.*

5 (b) that committee shall, at the first available meeting of the Board after the date of assent to the Mines Rescue (Amendment) Act, 1975, seek the approval of the Board to the continuation of that scheme or those schemes.

10 (3) On approval being sought in pursuance of subsection (2) (b) in respect of a staff superannuation scheme, the Board may—

(a) approve of that scheme being continued;

(b) direct that that scheme be discontinued; or

15 (c) direct that that scheme be continued subject to such variations or alterations as the Board may determine.

20 (4) Where the Board has given a direction in pursuance of subsection (3) (b) or (c) and that direction is not complied with within such time as may be allowed by the Board, the staff superannuation scheme in respect of which that direction is given shall be deemed, as from the expiration of that time, not to be authorised by this Act.

25 (5) In this section, “staff superannuation scheme” includes any scheme, plan, fund or arrangement of a kind determined by the Board to be a staff superannuation scheme or to be incidental to or necessary for the establishment or administration of a staff superannuation scheme.

SCHEDULE

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*Mines Rescue (Amendment).*

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SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINES RESCUE ACT, 1925—  
*continued.*

(6) (a) Section 26 (1) (f)—

5           Omit “to prohibit”, insert instead “prohibiting”.

(b) Section 26 (2)—

Omit the subsection, insert instead :—

10           (2) Section 41 of the Interpretation Act, 1897,  
applies in respect of a regulation as if this Act had  
been passed after the commencement of the  
Interpretation (Amendment) Act, 1969.

(c) Section 26 (3), (4)—

Omit the subsections.

New South Wales



ANNO VICESIMO QUARTO

**ELIZABETHÆ II REGINÆ**

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**Act No. 102, 1975.**

An Act to amend the Mines Rescue Act, 1925, to make further provisions with respect to payments to the Mines Rescue Board by proprietors of colliery holdings, to provide for the establishment and administration of staff superannuation schemes by district committees, and for certain other purposes; and to validate certain matters. [Assented to, 18th December, 1975.]

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*Mines Rescue (Amendment).*

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**B**E it enacted by the Queen'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:—

Short title.      **1.** This Act may be cited as the "Mines Rescue (Amendment) Act, 1975".

Commence-  
ment.            **2.** (1) Except as provided in subsections (2), (3) and (4), this Act shall commence on the date of assent to this Act.

(2) Section 3 shall, in its application to a provision of Schedule 1, commence or be deemed to have commenced on the day on which that provision commences or is deemed to have commenced, as the case may require.

(3) Schedule 1 (3) (a) shall be deemed to have commenced on 1st July, 1972.

(4) Schedule 1 (6) (a) shall be deemed to have commenced on 7th June, 1963.

Amendment  
of Act No.  
3, 1925.        **3.** The Mines Rescue Act, 1925, is amended in the manner set forth in Schedule 1.

Validation.     **4.** Any act, matter or thing done or commenced or omitted to be done before the date of assent to this Act which would, if that act, matter or thing were done or commenced or omitted to be done after that date, be authorised by the Mines Rescue Act, 1925, as amended by Schedule 1 (2) (b) and (c), shall be valid and shall have the same force and effect as if that act, matter or thing were done or commenced or omitted to be done after that date.

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*Mines Rescue (Amendment).*

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SCHEDULE 1.

Sec. 3.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINES RESCUE ACT, 1925.

(1) Section 4H (1)—

Omit “thirtieth day of June”, insert instead “thirty-first day of December”.

(2) (a) Section 6 (1), definition of “unimproved capital value”—

Omit “Valuation of Land Act, 1916, or the Local Government Act, 1919”, insert instead “Local Government Act, 1919, or, where no such value is so determined, the unimproved value of the colliery holding as determined under the Valuation of Land Act, 1916”.

(b) Section 6 (3), (4)—

Omit the subsections, insert instead :—

(3) The sum payable under subsection (2) by a proprietor of a colliery holding in respect of any year—

(a) shall be based—

- (i) on the unimproved capital value of that colliery holding as in force on the thirtieth day of June in the preceding year; or
- (ii) if no unimproved capital value has been determined for that colliery holding by the thirtieth day of June in the preceding year—on the first unimproved capital value of that colliery holding that is determined after that day; or

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*Mines Rescue (Amendment).*


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 SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*

 AMENDMENTS TO THE MINES RESCUE ACT, 1925—  
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- (b) where some other basis is prescribed—shall be based on that other basis.
  
- (4) Any sum payable under subsection (2) in respect of any year shall be due and payable—
  - (a) on the twenty-eighth day of January in that year or on the expiration of the period of 28 days after a notice under subsection (5) has been served in accordance with subsection (6) in respect of that sum, whichever is the later; or
  - (b) where any such notice has been served in respect of that sum in the place of a previous notice that did not specify the correct amount of the sum payable—on the expiration of the period of 28 days after any such replacement notice has been served in accordance with subsection (6).
  
- (c) Section 6 (7)—
 

Omit the subsection, insert instead :—

(7) Interest, at such rate, not exceeding 15 per centum per annum, as may be determined by the Board from time to time for the purpose of this subsection, shall be paid by the proprietor of a colliery holding on a sum payable under subsection (2) that has not been paid on the date it becomes due and payable in respect of the period from that date until the date of payment of that sum.

SCHEDULE

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*Mines Rescue (Amendment).*

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SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINES RESCUE ACT, 1925—  
*continued.*

(3) (a) Section 7 (1)—

Omit “(5)”, insert instead “(6)”.

(b) Section 7 (5A)—

After section 7 (5), insert :—

(5A) The committee may apply the fund towards the costs of staff superannuation schemes established pursuant to, or deemed to be authorised by, section 13B.

(4) Section 11 (2)—

At the end of section 11, insert :—

(2) No matter or thing done, and no contract entered into, by—

- (a) a committee ;
- (b) any member of a committee ;
- (c) any person appointed under this Act by a committee ;
- (d) any person selected pursuant to section 14 (2) for the purpose of acting with a permanent rescue corps ; or

SCHEDULE

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*Mines Rescue (Amendment).*


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 SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*

 AMENDMENTS TO THE MINES RESCUE ACT, 1925—  
*continued.*

- (e) any other person acting under the direction of a committee,

shall, if the matter or thing was done, or the contract was entered into, bona fide for the purpose of executing this Act, subject a member of the committee or any person referred to in paragraph (c), (d) or (e) personally to any action, liability, claim or demand.

## (5) Section 13B—

After section 13A, insert :—

13B. (1) A committee may, with the approval of the Board, establish and administer, in a manner approved by the Board, a staff superannuation scheme or staff superannuation schemes for persons who are superintendents, assistant superintendents or instructors appointed by that committee.

(2) Where, before the date of assent to the Mines Rescue (Amendment) Act, 1975, a committee established, or established and administered, a staff superannuation scheme or staff superannuation schemes for superintendents, assistant superintendents or instructors appointed by that committee—

- (a) that establishment or administration or any application of the fund towards the costs of that scheme or those schemes shall be deemed to have been authorised by this Act; and

Staff  
super-  
annuation  
schemes.



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*Mines Rescue (Amendment).*

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**SCHEDULE 1—*continued.***

**AMENDMENTS TO THE MINES RESCUE ACT, 1925—  
*continued.***

(b) that committee shall, at the first available meeting of the Board after the date of assent to the Mines Rescue (Amendment) Act, 1975, seek the approval of the Board to the continuation of that scheme or those schemes.

(3) On approval being sought in pursuance of subsection (2) (b) in respect of a staff superannuation scheme, the Board may—

- (a) approve of that scheme being continued;
- (b) direct that that scheme be discontinued; or
- (c) direct that that scheme be continued subject to such variations or alterations as the Board may determine.

(4) Where the Board has given a direction in pursuance of subsection (3) (b) or (c) and that direction is not complied with within such time as may be allowed by the Board, the staff superannuation scheme in respect of which that direction is given shall be deemed, as from the expiration of that time, not to be authorised by this Act.

(5) In this section, “staff superannuation scheme” includes any scheme, plan, fund or arrangement of a kind determined by the Board to be a staff superannuation scheme or to be incidental to or necessary for the establishment or administration of a staff superannuation scheme.

**SCHEDULE**

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*Mines Rescue (Amendment).*

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SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*AMENDMENTS TO THE MINES RESCUE ACT, 1925—  
*continued.*

## (6) (a) Section 26 (1) (f)—

Omit “to prohibit”, insert instead “prohibiting”.

## (b) Section 26 (2)—

Omit the subsection, insert instead :—

(2) Section 41 of the Interpretation Act, 1897, applies in respect of a regulation as if this Act had been passed after the commencement of the Interpretation (Amendment) Act, 1969.

## (c) Section 26 (3), (4)—

Omit the subsections.

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BY AUTHORITY

D. WEST, GOVERNMENT PRINTER, NEW SOUTH WALES—1976

*I certify that this PUBLIC BILL, which originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, has finally passed the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of NEW SOUTH WALES.*

**R. E. WARD,**  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 9 December, 1975.*

## **New South Wales**



ANNO VICESIMO QUARTO

**ELIZABETHÆ II REGINÆ**

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**Act No. 102, 1975.**

**An Act to amend the Mines Rescue Act, 1925, to make further provisions with respect to payments to the Mines Rescue Board by proprietors of colliery holdings, to provide for the establishment and administration of staff superannuation schemes by district committees, and for certain other purposes; and to validate certain matters. [Assented to, 18th December, 1975.]**

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

**J. H. BROWN,**  
*Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly.*

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*Mines Rescue (Amendment).*

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**B**E it enacted by the Queen'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:—

Short title.      **1.** This Act may be cited as the "Mines Rescue (Amendment) Act, 1975".

Commence-  
ment.            **2.** (1) Except as provided in subsections (2), (3) and (4), this Act shall commence on the date of assent to this Act.

(2) Section 3 shall, in its application to a provision of Schedule 1, commence or be deemed to have commenced on the day on which that provision commences or is deemed to have commenced, as the case may require.

(3) Schedule 1 (3) (a) shall be deemed to have commenced on 1st July, 1972.

(4) Schedule 1 (6) (a) shall be deemed to have commenced on 7th June, 1963.

Amendment  
of Act No.  
3, 1925.        **3.** The Mines Rescue Act, 1925, is amended in the manner set forth in Schedule 1.

Validation.     **4.** Any act, matter or thing done or commenced or omitted to be done before the date of assent to this Act which would, if that act, matter or thing were done or commenced or omitted to be done after that date, be authorised by the Mines Rescue Act, 1925, as amended by Schedule 1 (2) (b) and (c), shall be valid and shall have the same force and effect as if that act, matter or thing were done or commenced or omitted to be done after that date.

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**SCHEDULE**

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*Mines Rescue (Amendment).*

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SCHEDULE 1.

Sec. 3.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINES RESCUE ACT, 1925.

(1) Section 4H (1)—

Omit “thirtieth day of June”, insert instead “thirty-first day of December”.

(2) (a) Section 6 (1), definition of “unimproved capital value”—

Omit “Valuation of Land Act, 1916, or the Local Government Act, 1919”, insert instead “Local Government Act, 1919, or, where no such value is so determined, the unimproved value of the colliery holding as determined under the Valuation of Land Act, 1916”.

(b) Section 6 (3), (4)—

Omit the subsections, insert instead :—

(3) The sum payable under subsection (2) by a proprietor of a colliery holding in respect of any year—

(a) shall be based—

(i) on the unimproved capital value of that colliery holding as in force on the thirtieth day of June in the preceding year; or

(ii) if no unimproved capital value has been determined for that colliery holding by the thirtieth day of June in the preceding year—on the first unimproved capital value of that colliery holding that is determined after that day; or

SCHEDULE

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*Mines Rescue (Amendment).*

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SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*AMENDMENTS TO THE MINES RESCUE ACT, 1925—  
*continued.*

(b) where some other basis is prescribed—shall be based on that other basis.

(4) Any sum payable under subsection (2) in respect of any year shall be due and payable—

(a) on the twenty-eighth day of January in that year or on the expiration of the period of 28 days after a notice under subsection (5) has been served in accordance with subsection (6) in respect of that sum, whichever is the later; or

(b) where any such notice has been served in respect of that sum in the place of a previous notice that did not specify the correct amount of the sum payable—on the expiration of the period of 28 days after any such replacement notice has been served in accordance with subsection (6).

(c) Section 6 (7)—

Omit the subsection, insert instead :—

(7) Interest, at such rate, not exceeding 15 per centum per annum, as may be determined by the Board from time to time for the purpose of this subsection, shall be paid by the proprietor of a colliery holding on a sum payable under subsection (2) that has not been paid on the date it becomes due and payable in respect of the period from that date until the date of payment of that sum.

SCHEDULE

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*Mines Rescue (Amendment).*

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SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINES RESCUE ACT, 1925—  
*continued.*

(3) (a) Section 7 (1)—

Omit “(5)”, insert instead “(6)”.

(b) Section 7 (5A)—

After section 7 (5), insert :—

(5A) The committee may apply the fund towards the costs of staff superannuation schemes established pursuant to, or deemed to be authorised by, section 13B.

(4) Section 11 (2)—

At the end of section 11, insert :—

(2) No matter or thing done, and no contract entered into, by—

- (a) a committee;
- (b) any member of a committee;
- (c) any person appointed under this Act by a committee;
- (d) any person selected pursuant to section 14 (2) for the purpose of acting with a permanent rescue corps; or

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*Mines Rescue (Amendment).*SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*AMENDMENTS TO THE MINES RESCUE ACT, 1925—  
*continued.*

- (e) any other person acting under the direction of a committee,

shall, if the matter or thing was done, or the contract was entered into, bona fide for the purpose of executing this Act, subject a member of the committee or any person referred to in paragraph (c), (d) or (e) personally to any action, liability, claim or demand.

## (5) Section 13B—

After section 13A, insert :—

Staff  
super-  
annuation  
schemes.

13B. (1) A committee may, with the approval of the Board, establish and administer, in a manner approved by the Board, a staff superannuation scheme or staff superannuation schemes for persons who are superintendents, assistant superintendents or instructors appointed by that committee.

(2) Where, before the date of assent to the Mines Rescue (Amendment) Act, 1975, a committee established, or established and administered, a staff superannuation scheme or staff superannuation schemes for superintendents, assistant superintendents or instructors appointed by that committee—

- (a) that establishment or administration or any application of the fund towards the costs of that scheme or those schemes shall be deemed to have been authorised by this Act; and

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*Mines Rescue (Amendment).*

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**SCHEDULE 1—*continued.***

**AMENDMENTS TO THE MINES RESCUE ACT, 1925—  
*continued.***

(b) that committee shall, at the first available meeting of the Board after the date of assent to the Mines Rescue (Amendment) Act, 1975, seek the approval of the Board to the continuation of that scheme or those schemes.

(3) On approval being sought in pursuance of subsection (2) (b) in respect of a staff superannuation scheme, the Board may—

- (a) approve of that scheme being continued;
- (b) direct that that scheme be discontinued; or
- (c) direct that that scheme be continued subject to such variations or alterations as the Board may determine.

(4) Where the Board has given a direction in pursuance of subsection (3) (b) or (c) and that direction is not complied with within such time as may be allowed by the Board, the staff superannuation scheme in respect of which that direction is given shall be deemed, as from the expiration of that time, not to be authorised by this Act.

(5) In this section, “staff superannuation scheme” includes any scheme, plan, fund or arrangement of a kind determined by the Board to be a staff superannuation scheme or to be incidental to or necessary for the establishment or administration of a staff superannuation scheme.

**SCHEDULE**

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*Mines Rescue (Amendment).*

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SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*AMENDMENTS TO THE MINES RESCUE ACT, 1925—  
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## (6) (a) Section 26 (1) (f)—

Omit “to prohibit”, insert instead “prohibiting”.

## (b) Section 26 (2)—

Omit the subsection, insert instead :—

(2) Section 41 of the Interpretation Act, 1897, applies in respect of a regulation as if this Act had been passed after the commencement of the Interpretation (Amendment) Act, 1969.

## (c) Section 26 (3), (4)—

Omit the subsections.

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

L. W. STREET,  
*By Deputation from*  
*His Excellency the Governor.*

*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 18th December, 1975.*