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, 13 November, 1975.





ANNO VICESIMO QUARTO ELIZABETHÆ II REGINÆ

Act No. , 1975.

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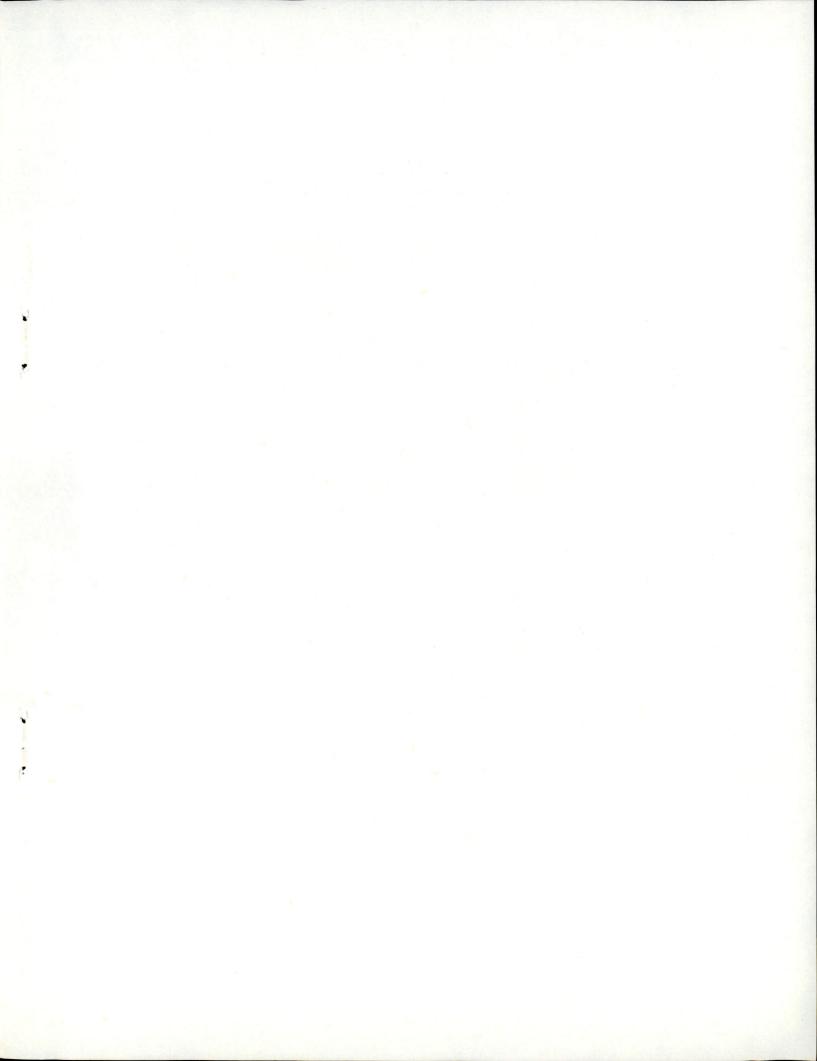
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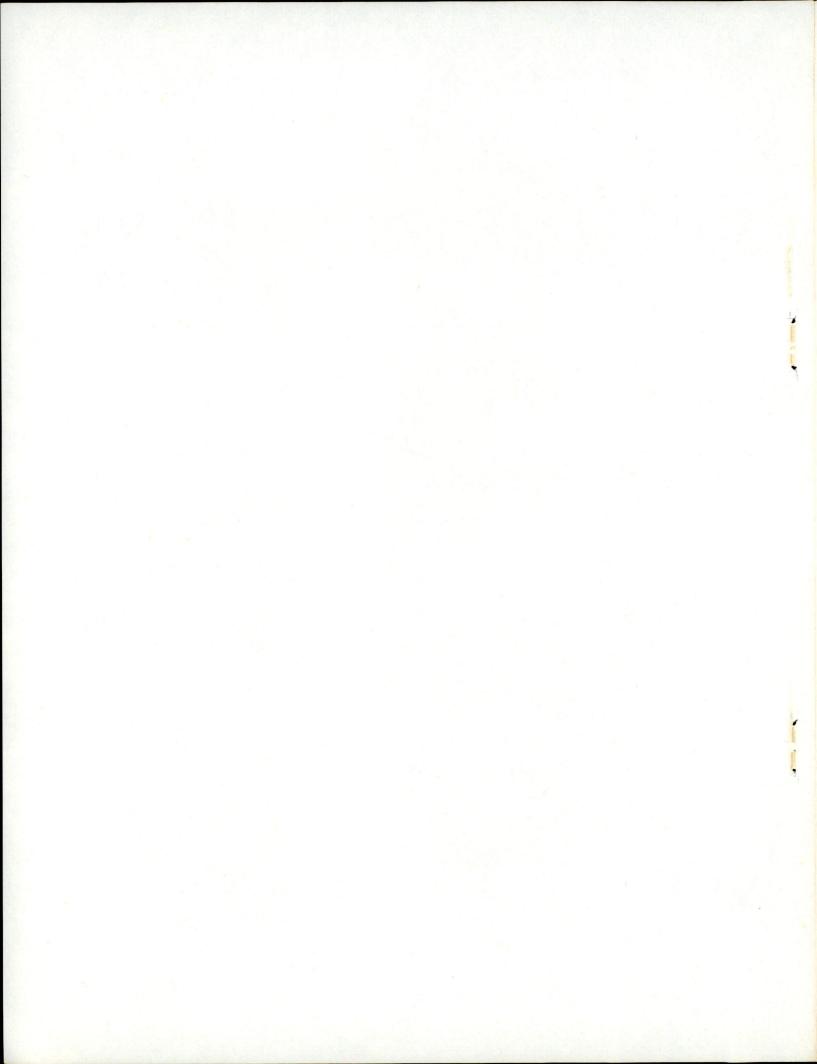
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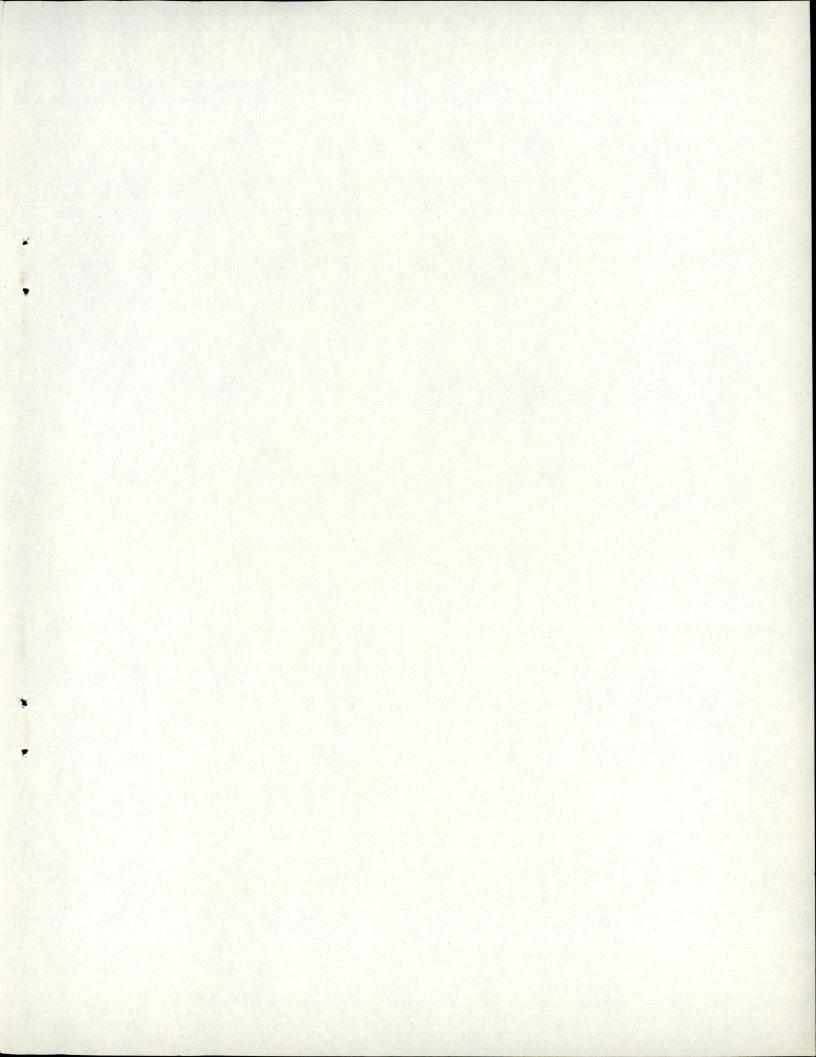
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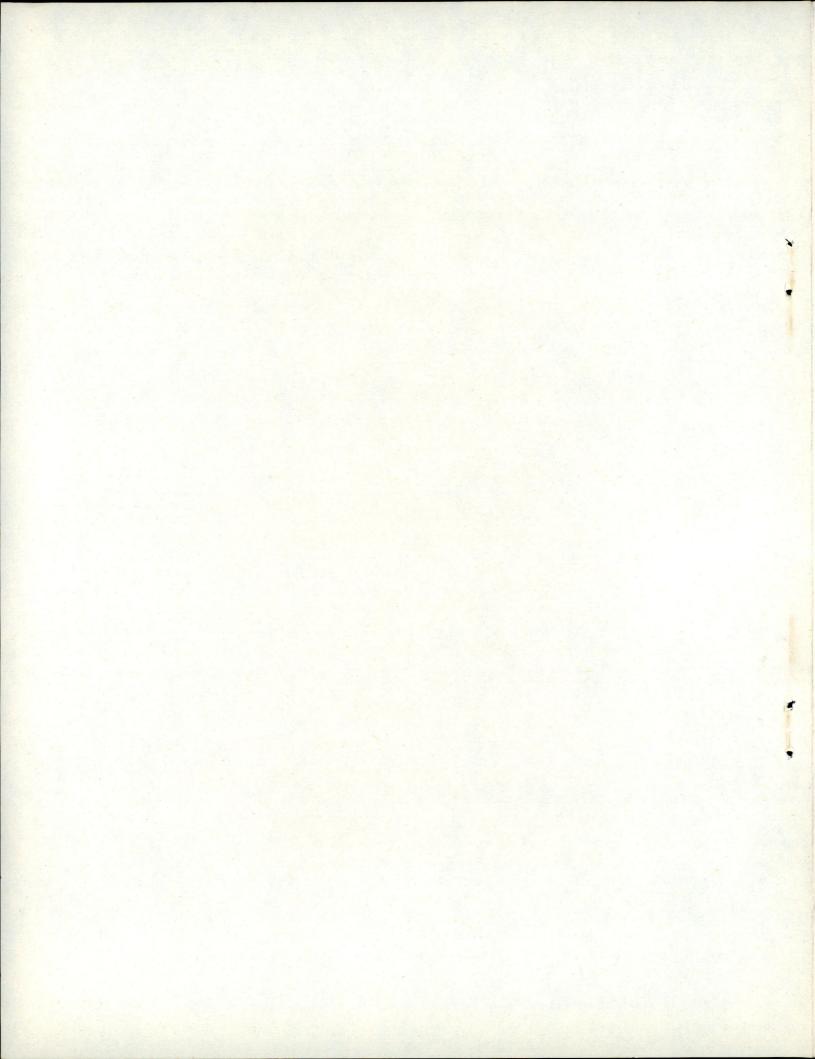
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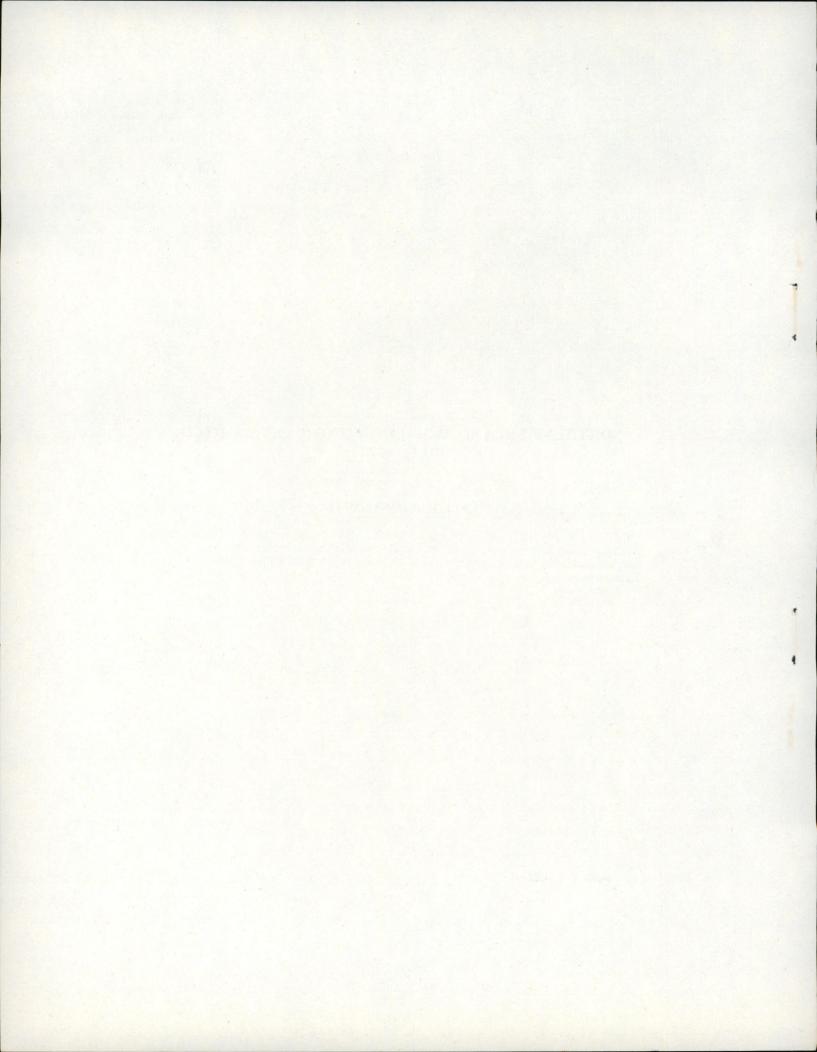


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NORTHUMBERLAND INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED BILL, 1975

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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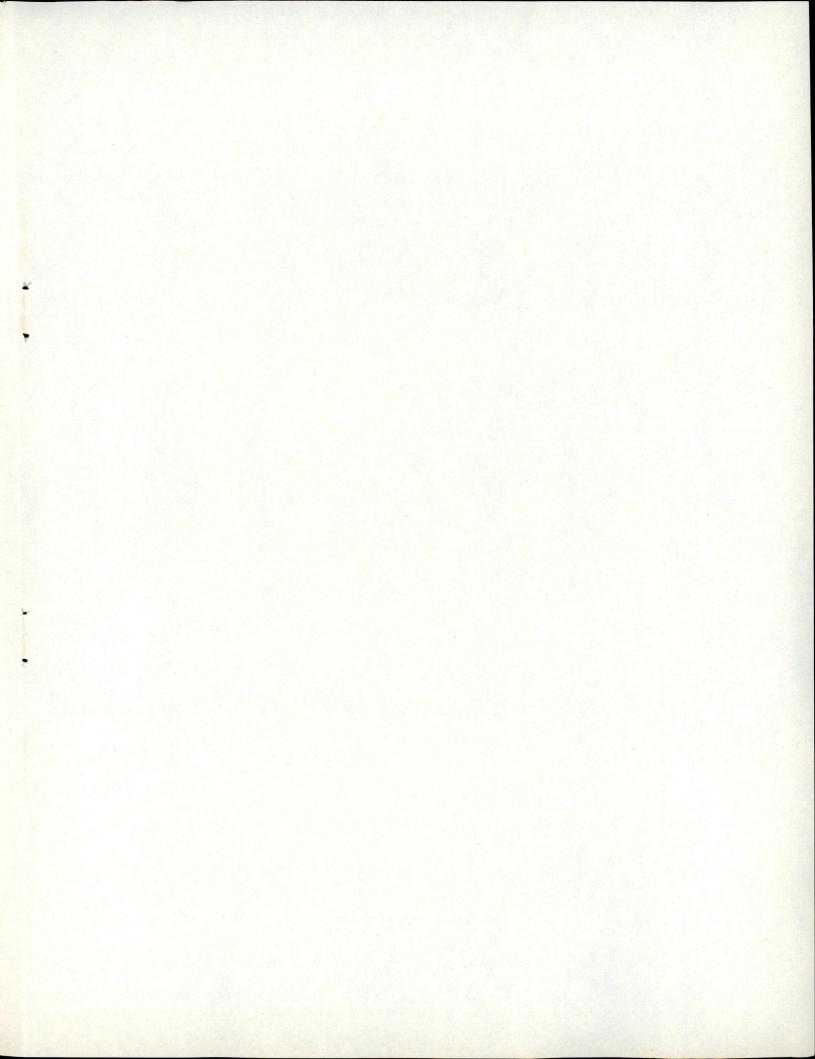
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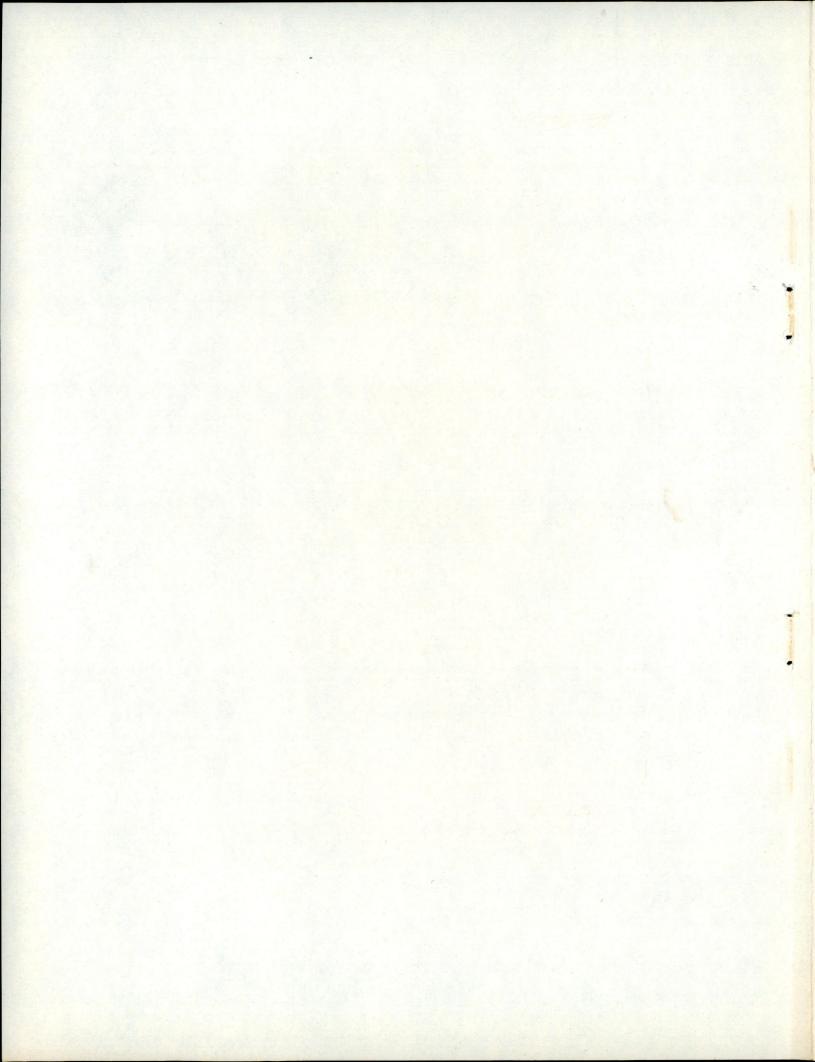
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ANNO VICESIMO QUARTO ELIZABETHÆ II REGINÆ

Act No. 86, 1975.

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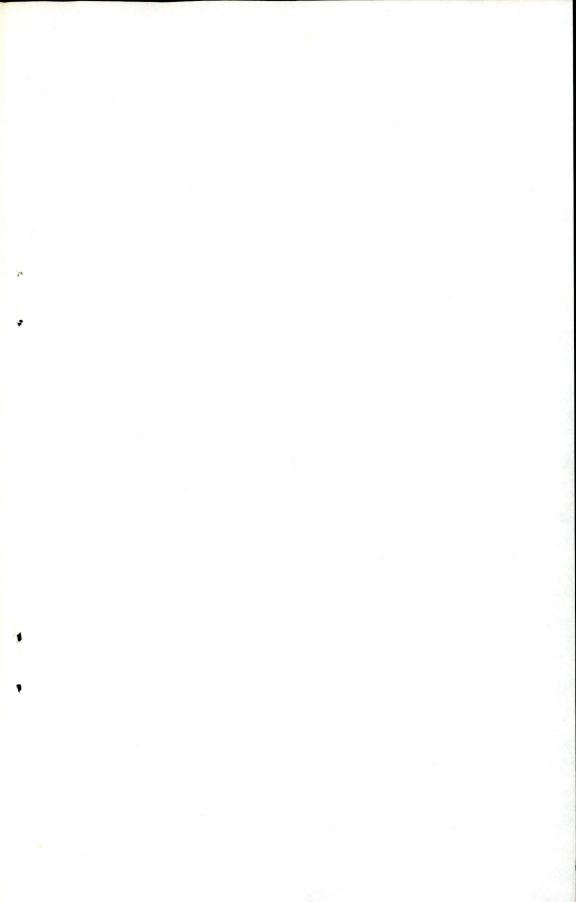
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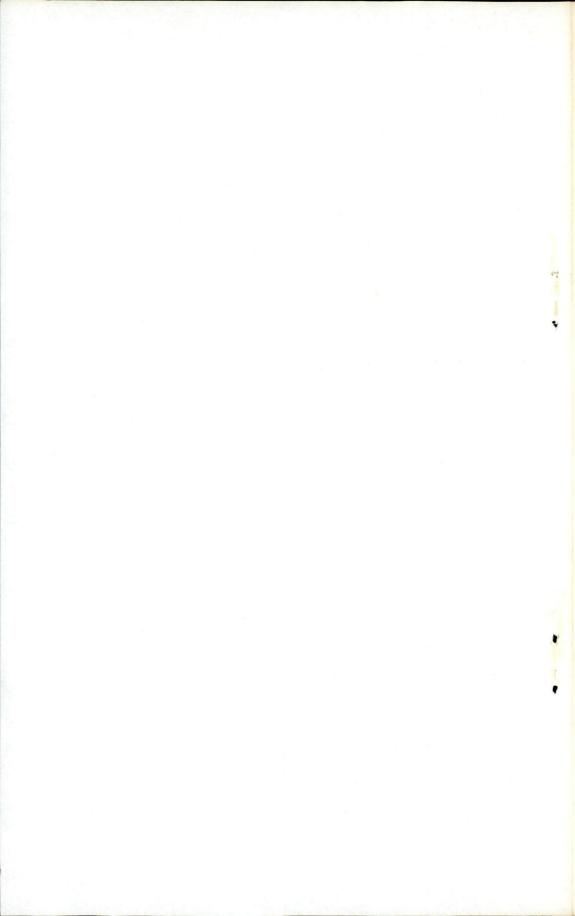
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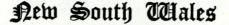




I certify that this PUBLIC BILL, which originated in the LEGISLA-TIVE ASSEMBLY, has finally passed the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of NEW SOUTH WALES.

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

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 20 November, 1975.





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(4) Full and accurate accounts shall be kept by the Government Insurance Office in respect of the fund.

(5) The accounts relating to the fund shall be audited by the Auditor-General.

4. The powers of the liquidator of the Company with Powers of respect to any claim, judgment or award arising from or per-liquidator of taining to any policy of insurance issued by the Company land shall be exercised as though-

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- (a) the reference to the authority of the Court or of the committee of inspection in section 236 of the Companies Act, 1961, were a reference to the authority of the Government Insurance Office; and
- (b) the words "subject to the provisions of section 292" were omitted from section 236 (1) (b) of the Companies Act, 1961.

(1) For the purpose of satisfying any claim, judgment Satisfaction 5. or award arising from or pertaining to any policy of insurance of claims, judgments issued by the Company, the liquidator of the Company may and awards. from time to time borrow from the fund and the Government Insurance Office may pay from the fund such amounts as may be necessary for that purpose.

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(2) Any amounts borrowed from the fund in pursuance of subsection (1) shall be admitted as debts proved in the winding up of the Company.

Contribution to fund.

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6. (1) Each licensed insurer shall from time to time pay to the Government Insurance Office for payment into the fund such amount as may be calculated, in accordance with subsection (2), by the Government Insurance Office as the appropriate contribution by that licensed insurer.

(2) The appropriate contribution in the case of a licensed insurer shall be an amount equivalent to that which bears the same proportion to the amount determined by the Government Insurance Office as necessary to meet claims, judgments and awards pertaining to policies of insurance issued by the Company as the amount which that licensed insurer is required by or under the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926, to contribute to the fund established by that Act, in the year which commenced on 1st July, 1974, bears to the total amount required by or under that Act to be contributed by all licensed insurers to that fund in that year.

(3) An appropriate contribution, calculated in accordance with this section, not paid within the time specified by the Government Insurance Office in a notice to a licensed insurer requiring him to pay the contribution may be recovered as a debt in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(4) In any proceedings under subsection (3), a certificate purporting to be signed by the Registrar of the Workers' Compensation Commission as to the amount of the appropriate contribution payable, pursuant to this section, by the licensed insurer, and as to the time within which the contribution should be paid, as specified by the Government Insurance Office, shall without proof of the signature or of the official character of the person by whom the certificate purports to have been signed be evidence of the facts stated therein.

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7. When the Company has been dissolved the payments Continuance of compensation under awards pertaining to policies of insur- of payment of workers' ance issued by the Company which would, but for the compendissolution taking place, be payable by the Company shall sation in certain continue and be paid out of the fund by the Government cases. Insurance Office.

8. (1) The Government Insurance Office shall prove as Recovery of moneys debts in the winding up of the Companyborrowed

from fund.

- (a) all amounts borrowed from the fund in accordance with this Act; and
- (b) in respect of weekly payments to be paid out of the fund under section 7, the amounts specified in a certificate by the Government Actuary as the then present value of those payments.

(2) The amounts specified in a certificate by the Government Actuary shall be debts provable in the winding up and the certificate shall be conclusive as to the matters stated therein.

(3) All moneys recovered by the Government Insurance Office by way of dividend pursuant to subsection (1) shall be paid into an account in a bank in New South Wales and shall from time to time be distributed among the licensed insurers from whom contributions to the fund have been paid in the same proportions as the contributions were made.

9. The Governor may make regulations not inconsistent Regulations. with this Act for or with respect to-

(a) requiring licensed insurers to make further contributions to the fund upon failure of those insurers to make contributions as required by this Act or where

an insurer has ceased to be a licensed insurer or where the Government Insurance Office pays out of the fund weekly payments of compensation under section 7;

- (b) the manner and method of determining any such further contributions;
- (c) varying in circumstances therein specified the periods with respect to which contributions are based on premium income or the basis on which such contributions are determined under section 6;
- (d) matters authorised or required by this Act to be prescribed or which the Governor may deem necessary or convenient for carrying out or giving effect to or implementing the objects of this Act.

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

A. R. CUTLER,

Governor.

Government House, Sydney, 10th December, 1975.

