

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.

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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New South Wales



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Act No. , 1975.

An Act to amend the Pay-roll Tax Act, 1971, so as to provide for tapered deductions from taxable wages liable to pay-roll tax instead of the present exemption; and to specify the circumstances in which certain persons constitute a group for the purposes of that Act and to authorise only one member of a group to make a tapered deduction, calculated by reference to wages paid by all members of the group, from the taxable wages paid or payable by him.

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BE 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:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Pay-roll Tax Short title. (Amendment) Act, 1975".

2. (1) This section and section 1 shall commence on the Commence-
date of assent to this Act. ment.

10 (2) Section 3, in its application to each item of Schedule 1, except item (3) (a), and section 4 shall commence on 1st January, 1976.

(3) Section 3, in its application to Schedule 1 (3) (a), shall be deemed to have commenced on 1st September,
15 1971.

3. The Pay-roll Tax Act, 1971, is amended in the manner Amendment
set forth in Schedule 1. of Act No.
22, 1971.

4. The power conferred on the Commissioner by section Transitional
12 (2) of the Pay-roll Tax Act, 1971, as substituted by provision.
20 section 3 and Schedule 1 (7) (c), extends to authorising the
Commissioner to cancel the registration of a person as an
employer where that person was not, immediately before 1st
January, 1976, an employer paying wages as referred to in
section 12 (1) of that Act, as amended by section 3 and
25 Schedule 1 (7) (a).

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SCHEDULE 1.

Sec. 3.

AMENDMENTS TO PAY-ROLL TAX ACT, 1971.

(1) Section 2—

After the matter relating to Part IV, insert :—

5 PART IVA.—GROUPING PROVISIONS—ss. 16A–16L.

(2) (a) Section 3 (1), definition of “corporation”—

After the definition of “company”, insert :—

10 “corporation” has the meaning ascribed to that expression by section 5 (1) of the Companies Act, 1961 ;

(b) Section 3 (1), definition of “designated group employer”—

After the definition of “council”, insert :—

15 “designated group employer”, in relation to a group, means the member of that group who, under section 16I, is for the time being the designated group employer in respect of that group;

20 (c) Section 3 (1), definitions of “financial year”, “foreign wages”, “group” and “interstate wages”—

Omit the definition of “financial year”, insert instead :—

“financial year” means each year commencing on 1st July;

“foreign

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“foreign wages” means wages that are not taxable wages and are not interstate wages;

5 “group” means a group constituted under Part IVA;

“interstate wages” means wages that are taxable wages within the meaning of a corresponding law;

(d) Section 3 (1), definition of “return period”—

10 After the definition of “regulations”, insert :—

“return period”, in relation to an employer, means the period relating to which that employer is required to furnish a return under this Act;

15 (e) Section 3 (1), definition of “voting share”—

After the definition of “trustee”, insert :—

“voting share” has the meaning ascribed to that expression by section 5 (1) of the Companies Act, 1961;

20 (f) Section 3 (1), definition of “wages”—

Omit from paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) “payment made” wherever occurring, insert instead “amount paid or payable”.

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(3) (a) Section 9 (7)—

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Omit "the return relating to the month or period in which the determination is made and to any subsequent month or period", insert instead "any return specified in the determination whether relating to a month or period that is before or after or partly before and partly after the making of the determination".

(b) Section 9 (10)—

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After section 9 (9), insert :—

(10) This section does not apply so as to authorise a deduction to be made in accordance with this section in respect of any return period that commences after the month of December, 1975.

15 (4) Section 9A—

After section 9, insert :—

9A. (1) In this section—

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"interstate wages" does not include interstate wages paid or payable by a member of a group;

Deduction from taxable wages after 1st January, 1976.

"prescribed amount"—

(a) in relation to a return for a return period of one month, means \$3,466; and

(b)

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5 (b) in relation to a return for a return period of two or more months, means the product ascertained by multiplying \$3,466 by the number of months in that return period;

“taxable wages” does not include taxable wages paid or payable by a member of a group.

10 (2) This section applies only so as to authorise a deduction to be made for a return period that is after the month of December, 1975, from the taxable wages included in a return or assessment relating to that return period.

15 (3) For the purpose of ascertaining the pay-roll tax payable by an employer who pays or is liable to pay taxable wages for the whole of a return period, but does not pay and is not liable to pay interstate wages during that return period, there shall be deducted, for that return period, 20 from the amount of the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to that return period) the prescribed amount, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding 25 any remainder) by which the amount of those taxable wages (in whole dollars) exceeds the prescribed amount.

30 (4) For the purpose of ascertaining the pay-roll tax payable by an employer who pays or is liable to pay wages during a return period and pays or is liable to pay taxable wages for part only of that return period, but does not pay and

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is not liable to pay interstate wages during that return period, there shall be deducted, for that return period, from the amount of the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to that return period) the amount that bears to the prescribed amount the same proportion as the number of days in that part of that return period bears to the total number of days in that return period, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the amount of those taxable wages (in whole dollars) exceeds the same proportion of the prescribed amount.

(5) An employer who during any return period pays or is liable to pay taxable wages and interstate wages may, by notice in writing in the prescribed form containing the prescribed particulars, served on the Commissioner, nominate an amount, calculated in the prescribed manner, not exceeding the prescribed amount, as the deduction that he claims to be entitled to make for that return period and for subsequent return periods.

(6) For the purpose of ascertaining the pay-roll tax payable by an employer who has served on the Commissioner a notice under subsection (5), there shall, subject to subsection (7), be deducted, for a return period (being the return period ending last before the day on which he served that notice on the Commissioner or any subsequent return period), from the amount of the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to any such return period) the amount nominated in that notice.

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5 (7) The Commissioner may, on an appli-
cation made to him in writing by an employer who
pays or is liable to pay taxable wages and interstate
wages during any return period or of his own
motion in relation to such an employer, at any
time, make a determination specifying an amount,
not exceeding the prescribed amount, that may be
deducted for any return period specified or referred
to in the determination (being a return period
10 commencing before, but not before 1st January,
1976, or after, or the return period in which, the
determination is made) from the taxable wages
included in a return made by, or an assessment
relating to, that employer (being a return or an
15 assessment relating to any such return period) and
there shall be deducted, for any such return period,
from the amount of the taxable wages included in
a return made by, or an assessment relating to,
that employer (being a return or an assessment
20 relating to any such return period), the amount so
specified.

25 (8) The Commissioner may, at any time,
by instrument in writing, revoke a determination
made under subsection (7) and any such revoca-
tion shall have effect as on and from the first day
of the return period specified in the instrument,
whether that return period is before, but not before
the date of the determination, or after, or the
return period in which, the instrument is executed
30 by him.

35 (9) The Commissioner shall, as soon as
practicable after making a determination under
subsection (7) or a revocation under subsection
(8), serve notice of the determination or revocation
on the employer concerned.

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(5) (a) Section 11 (4)—

Omit the subsection, insert instead :—

(4) For the purposes of subsections (1) and (2), the amount prescribed in respect of the financial year—

(a) ending on 30th June, 1975, is \$20,800; and

(b) ending on 31st December, 1975, is \$10,400.

(b) Section 11 (8)—

After section 11 (7), insert :—

(8) In this section, except subsection (3), “financial year” includes the period commencing on 1st July, 1975, and ending on 31st December, 1975, but does not include the period commencing on 1st July, 1975, and ending on 30th June, 1976, or the financial year commencing on 1st July, 1976, or a financial year commencing on any subsequent 1st July.

(6) Sections 11A, 11B, 11C—

After section 11, insert :—

11A. (1) In this section and sections 11B and 11C—
“financial year” includes the period commencing on 1st January, 1976, and ending on 30th June, 1976;

Interpretation for purposes of this section and sections 11B and 11C.

“interstate

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"interstate wages" does not include interstate wages paid or payable by a member of a group;

5 "taxable wages" does not include taxable wages paid or payable by a member of a group.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), a reference in sections 11B and 11C to the prescribed amount is, in relation to an employer—

10 (a) who pays or is liable to pay taxable wages for the whole of a financial year but not any interstate wages during that financial year—
a reference to the amount of \$41,600,
15 reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during that financial year exceeds \$41,600;

20 (b) who during a financial year pays or is liable to pay wages (disregarding foreign wages), those wages being taxable wages that are paid or payable for part only of that financial year, but who does not pay and is not liable to pay any interstate wages during
25 that financial year—a reference to the amount that bears to \$41,600 the same proportion as that part bears to that financial year, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or
30 payable by that employer during that part exceeds the amount firstmentioned in this paragraph;

(c)

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- 5 (c) who pays or is liable to pay wages
(disregarding foreign wages) for the whole
of a financial year at some time during
which taxable wages are paid or payable
and at some time during which interstate
wages are paid or payable—a reference to
the amount that bears to another amount
(that other amount being \$41,600, reduced
by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any
10 remainder) by which the sum of the total
(in whole dollars) of—
- (i) the taxable wages paid or payable
by that employer during that
financial year; and
- 15 (ii) the interstate wages paid or payable
by that employer during that
financial year,
- exceeds \$41,600) the same proportion as
the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable
wages paid or payable by that employer
20 during that financial year bears to the sum
of the total (in whole dollars) of—
- (iii) the taxable wages paid or payable
by that employer during that finan-
cial year; and
- 25 (iv) the interstate wages paid or payable
by that employer during that finan-
cial year; and
- 30 (d) who during a financial year pays or is liable
to pay wages (disregarding foreign wages)
otherwise than for the whole of that finan-
cial year, some of those firstmentioned
wages being taxable wages and some being
interstate wages—a reference to the amount
that

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5 that bears to another amount (that other
 amount being an amount that bears to
 \$41,600 the same proportion as the part
 (excluding any period during which he paid
 or was liable to pay foreign wages only) of
 that year for which he pays or is liable to
 pay wages bears to that financial year,
 reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding
 any remainder) by which the sum of the
10 total (in whole dollars) of—

 (i) the taxable wages paid or payable
 by that employer during that part;
 and

15 (ii) the interstate wages paid or payable
 by that employer during that part,

 exceeds that proportionate amount of
 \$41,600) the same proportion as the total
 (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid
 or payable by that employer during that
20 part bears to the sum of the total (in whole
 dollars) of—

 (iii) the taxable wages paid or payable
 by that employer during that part;
 and

25 (iv) the interstate wages paid or payable
 by that employer during that part.

30 (3) Where a person who did not pay and
 was not liable to pay taxable wages or interstate
 wages for any part of a financial year satisfies the
 Commissioner that, by reason of the nature of his
 trade or business, the taxable wages and interstate

wages,

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wages, if any, paid or payable by him fluctuate with different periods of the financial year, the Commissioner may treat him—

- 5 (a) if he has conducted that trade or business in Australia during the whole of the financial year—as an employer throughout the financial year; or
- 10 (b) if he has conducted that trade or business in Australia during part only of the financial year—as an employer during that last-mentioned part of the financial year.

15 (4) In respect of the financial year ending on 30th June, 1976, subsection (2) shall be construed as if the references therein to \$41,600 were references to \$20,800.

20 11B. (1) In this section, “annual amount of pay-roll tax”, in relation to an employer, means the amount ascertained by applying the appropriate rate or rates of pay-roll tax prescribed by section 7 to the difference between—

- (a) the total of the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during a financial year; and
- (b) the prescribed amount, if any.

25 (2) Where taxable wages are paid or payable by an employer during a financial year commencing on or after 1st January, 1976—

- 30 (a) the Commissioner shall, on an application made by that employer in accordance with subsection (3), where the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by that employer

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when he made the returns relating to that financial year is greater than the annual amount of pay-roll tax in relation to that employer for that financial year, refund or rebate to that employer an amount equal to the difference, reduced by any amount refunded to him under section 19; or

(b) that employer shall, where the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by that employer when he made the returns relating to that financial year is less than the annual amount of pay-roll tax in relation to that employer for that financial year, pay to the Commissioner as pay-roll tax, within the period during which he is required to furnish a return under this Act in respect of the return period that is or includes the month of June in that financial year, an amount equal to the difference.

(3) An application under subsection (2) (a) shall, notwithstanding section 19, be made within the financial year next following the financial year in respect of which the refund or rebate is applied for.

11c. (1) In this section—

“prescribed period”, in relation to an employer who pays or is liable to pay wages, otherwise than as a member of a group, for part only of a financial year, means that part of that financial year;

Adjustment of pay-roll tax when employer ceases to be an employer, etc., during a financial year.

“total

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5 “total amount of pay-roll tax”, in relation to an employer, means the amount ascertained by applying the appropriate rate or rates of pay-roll tax prescribed by section 7 to the difference between—

- (a) the total of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employer during a prescribed period; and
- (b) the prescribed amount, if any;

10 “wages” does not include foreign wages.

15 (2) Where in a financial year an employer ceases to pay wages or becomes a member of a group he shall, where the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by him when he made returns relating to the prescribed period is less than the total amount of pay-roll tax in relation to that employer for that prescribed period, pay to the Commissioner as pay-roll tax, within the period during which he is required to furnish a return under this Act relating to that prescribed period or the last return under this Act relating to that prescribed period, an amount equal to the difference.

25 (3) Where an employer, who has ceased to pay wages or has become a member of a group, as referred to in subsection (2), in any financial year, subsequently pays or is liable to pay taxable wages or interstate wages during that financial year otherwise than as a member of a group, section 11B applies to and in respect of him as if the reference in section 11B (2) to the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by that employer included a reference to any pay-roll tax paid or payable by that employer under subsection (2).

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(7) (a) Section 12 (1)—

Omit “four hundred dollars”, insert instead “\$800”.

(b) Section 12 (1)—

5 After “taxable wages”, insert “or who, being a member of a group, during a month pays or is liable to pay any taxable wages”.

(c) Section 12 (2), (2A)—

Omit section 12 (2), insert instead :—

10 (2) The Commissioner may cancel the registration of a person as an employer if—

(a) that person, not being a member of a group, has ceased to be an employer paying wages as referred to in subsection (1); or

(b) that person—

15 (i) ceases to be a member of a group; and

(ii) does not pay and is not liable to pay wages as referred to in subsection (1).

20 (2A) Where the Commissioner cancels the registration of a person as an employer in any financial year and that person subsequently pays or is liable to pay (otherwise than as a member of a group) taxable wages during that financial year that person may, notwithstanding that during any month

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5 he pays or is liable to pay wages at a rate not in excess of \$800 per week, apply to the Commissioner, in the prescribed form and manner, for registration as an employer and thereupon the Commissioner shall register him as an employer under this Act.

(8) (a) Section 14 (1A)—

After section 14 (1), insert :—

10 (1A) In subsection (1), “financial year” includes the period commencing on 1st July, 1975, and ending on 31st December, 1975, and the period commencing on 1st January, 1976, and ending on 30th June, 1976, but does not include the period commencing on 1st July, 1975, and ending on 30th June, 1976.

(b) Section 14 (2A)—

After section 14 (2), insert :—

20 (2A) The Commissioner may, at any time, by notice in writing, revoke any certificate issued under subsection (1).

(9) Section 15—

Omit “In addition to any return required to be furnished by this Act, the”, insert instead “The”

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(10) Part IVA—

After Part IV, insert :—

PART IVA.

GROUPING PROVISIONS.

5 16A. In this Part, “business” includes—

Interpreta-
tion.

(a) a trade or profession ;

(b) any other activity carried on for fee, gain or
reward ; and

10 (c) the activity, carried on by an employer, of employing
one or more persons where that person performs
or those persons perform duties for or in connection
with another business.

15 16B. For the purposes of this Act, two corporations
constitute a group if they are, by reason of section 6 (5)
of the Companies Act, 1961, to be deemed, for the purposes
of that Act, to be related to each other.

Grouping
of cor-
porations.

16c. For the purposes of this Act, where—

20 (a) an employee of an employer, or two or more
employees of an employer, performs or perform
duties solely or mainly for or in connection with
a business carried on by that employer and another
person or other persons or by another person or
other persons ; or

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where
employees
used in
another
business.

(b)

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(b) an employer has, in respect of the employment of, or the performance of duties by, one or more of his employees, an agreement, arrangement or undertaking (whether formal or informal, whether expressed or implied and whether or not the agreement, arrangement or undertaking includes provisions in respect of the supply of goods or services or goods and services) with another person or other persons relating to a business carried on by that other person or those other persons, whether alone or together with another person or other persons,

that employer and—

(c) each such other person; or

(d) both or all of those other persons,

15 constitute a group.

16D. (1) A reference in this section to two businesses does not include a reference to two businesses both of which are owned by the same person, not being a trustee, or by the trustee or trustees of a trust.

Grouping of commonly controlled businesses.

20 (2) For the purposes of this Act, where the same person has, or the same persons have together, a controlling interest under subsection (3) in each of two businesses, the persons who carry on those businesses constitute a group.

(3)

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(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), the same person has, or the same persons have together, a controlling interest in each of two businesses if that person has, or those persons have together, a controlling interest under any of
5 the following paragraphs in one of the businesses and a controlling interest under the same or another of the following paragraphs in the other business :—

- 10 (a) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling interest in a business, being a business carried on by a corporation, if the directors, or a majority of the directors, or one or more of the directors, being a director or directors who is or are entitled to exercise a majority in voting power at meetings of the directors, of the corporation are or is accustomed
15 or under an obligation, whether formal or informal, to act in accordance with the directions, instructions or wishes of that person or of those persons acting together ;
- 20 (b) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling interest in a business, being a business carried on by a corporation that has a share capital, if that person or those persons acting together may (whether directly or indirectly) exercise, control the exercise of, or substantially influence the exercise of,
25 of, 50 per centum or more of the voting power attached to voting shares issued by the corporation ;
- (c) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling interest in a business, being a business carried on by a partnership, if that person or those persons—
30 (i) owns, or own together, (whether or not beneficially) 50 per centum or more of the capital of the partnership ; or
(ii) is, or are together, entitled (whether or not beneficially) to 50 per centum or more of
35 any profits of the partnership ;

(d)

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- 5 (d) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling interest in a business, being a business carried on under a trust, if that person (whether or not as the trustee of another trust) is the beneficiary, or those persons (whether or not as the trustees of another trust) are together the beneficiaries, in respect of 50 per centum or more of the value of the interests in the trust firstmentioned in this paragraph;
- 10 (e) a person has a controlling interest in a business if, whether or not he is a trustee of a trust, he is the sole owner of the business or persons, being two or more trustees of a trust, have a controlling interest in a business if they are the owners of the business.

15 (4) Where a corporation has a controlling interest under subsection (3) in a business, it shall, for the purposes of subsection (3), be deemed to have a controlling interest in any other business in which another corporation that is, by reason of section 6 (5) of the Companies Act, 1961, to be deemed, for the purposes of that Act, to be related to it has a 20 controlling interest.

(5) Where—

- (a) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling interest under subsection (3) in a business; and
- 25 (b) the person or persons who carries or carry on that business has or have such a controlling interest in another business,

the person or persons referred to in paragraph (a) shall, for the purposes of subsection (3), be deemed to have a controlling interest in the business referred to in paragraph (b).

(6)

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(6) Where—

- (a) a person is a beneficiary under a trust; or
- (b) two or more persons together are beneficiaries under a trust,

5 in respect of 50 per centum or more of the value of the interests in that trust and the trustee or trustees of that trust has or have under subsection (3) a controlling interest in a business, that beneficiary or those beneficiaries shall, for the purposes of subsection (3), be deemed to have a controlling
10 interest in that business.

16E. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part (except subsection (2)), where a person is, whether or not by virtue of this subsection, a member of two or more groups (each of which is in subsection (2) referred to as a
15 smaller group), all of the members of those groups constitute, for the purposes of this Act, one group.

(2) Except for the purpose of determining whether a group is constituted under subsection (1), a group which, but for this subsection, would be a smaller group ceases to be
20 a group if its members are members of a group constituted under subsection (1).

16F. The fact that a person is not a member of a group constituted under a provision of this Part does not prevent that person from being a member of a group constituted under
25 another provision of this Part.

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16G. A person who, as the result of the exercise of a power or discretion by the trustee of a discretionary trust or by any other person or by that trustee and other person, may benefit under that trust shall be deemed, for the purposes of this Part, to be a beneficiary in respect of 50 per centum or more of the value of the interests in that trust.

Beneficiaries under discretionary trusts.

16H. (1) Where the Commissioner is satisfied, having regard to the nature and degree of ownership or control of the businesses, the nature of the businesses and any other matters that he considers relevant, that a business carried on by a member of a group is carried on substantially independently of, and is not substantially connected with the carrying on of, a business carried on by any other member of that group, the Commissioner may, by order in writing served on that first-mentioned member, exclude him from that group.

Exclusion of persons from groups.

(2) The Commissioner shall not, under subsection (1), make an order so as to exclude a person from a group on and from a date if that person is or was on that date a corporation which, by reason of section 6 (5) of the Companies Act, 1961, is to be deemed, for the purposes of that Act, to be related to another corporation which is a member of that group.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part, an order under subsection (1) shall have effect according to its tenor on and from the date specified in the order (being a date that is the date of the order or before the date of the order) as the date on and from which the person referred to in the order is or shall be deemed to have been excluded from the group so referred to.

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16i. (1) The members of a group may, by an instrument in writing in the prescribed form containing the prescribed particulars, executed by or on behalf of each member of the group and served on the Commissioner, designate one of its members to be the designated group employer in respect of the group for the purposes of this Act and nominate an amount, calculated in the prescribed manner, not exceeding the prescribed amount as defined in section 9A (1), as the deduction to be made for any return period in relation to which that designated group employer is required to furnish returns under this Act.

(2) The designated group employer in respect of a group ceases to be the designated group employer in respect of that group on and from the first day of the return period relating to him during which—

- (a) the composition of the group alters; or
- (b) the members of the group, by an instrument in writing in the prescribed form containing the prescribed particulars, executed by or on behalf of each of them who is known to the Commissioner to be a member of the group and served on the Commissioner, revoke the designation,

whichever occurs the earlier.

(3) For the purpose of ascertaining the pay-roll tax payable by a designated group employer, there shall, subject to subsection (4), be deducted, for a return period (being the return period commencing last before the day on which the instrument under subsection (1) designating him as the designated group employer in respect of the group is served on the Commissioner or any subsequent return period) from the amount of the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to any such return period) the amount nominated in that instrument.

(4)

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(4) The Commissioner may, on an application made to him in writing executed by or on behalf of each person known to the Commissioner to be a member of a group or of his own motion in relation to a group, at any time, make a
5 determination specifying an amount, not exceeding the prescribed amount as defined in section 9A (1), that may be deducted for any return period specified or referred to in the determination (being a return period commencing before, but not before 1st January, 1976, or after, or the return period
10 in which, the determination is made) from the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, an employer specified in the determination who was, during any such return period, a member of that group and there shall be deducted, for any such return period, from the amount of the
15 taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to any such return period) the amount so specified.

(5) The Commissioner may, at any time, by instrument in writing, revoke a determination made under
20 subsection (4) and any such revocation shall have effect as on and from the first day of the return period specified in the instrument, whether that return period is before, but not before the date of the determination, or after, or the return period in which, the instrument is executed by him.

25 (6) An employer specified in a determination made under subsection (4) shall, on the first day of the first return period specified or referred to in the determination, be deemed to have been designated under subsection (1) to be the designated group employer in respect of the group of which
30 he was then a member and shall, subject to subsection (2), thereafter be the designated group employer in respect of that group.

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(7) The Commissioner shall, as soon as practicable after making a determination under subsection (4) or a revocation under subsection (5), serve notice of the determination or revocation on the designated group employer
5 in respect of the group concerned.

16J. (1) In this section and sections 16K and 16L, "financial year" includes the period commencing on 1st January, 1976, and ending on 30th June, 1976.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), a reference in
10 sections 16K and 16L to the prescribed amount is, in relation to a designated group employer—

(a) who during the whole of a financial year is the designated group employer in respect of a group at least one of the members of which pays or is liable to pay taxable wages for the whole of that financial year and none of the members of which pays or is liable to pay, as a member of that group, any interstate wages during that financial year—a reference to the amount of \$41,600, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year exceeds \$41,600;

(b) who during part only of a financial year is the designated group employer in respect of a group at least one of the members of which pays or is liable to pay taxable wages for the whole of that part and none of the members of which pays or is liable to pay, as a member of that group, any interstate wages during that financial year—a reference to the amount that bears to \$41,600 the same proportion as that part of that financial year

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bears to that financial year, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part exceeds the amount firstmentioned in this paragraph;

(c) where—

(i) during the whole of a financial year that designated group employer is the designated group employer in respect of a group;

(ii) at least one member of that group pays or is liable to pay taxable wages or interstate wages for the whole of that year; and

(iii) at some time during that year taxable wages are paid or payable by a member of that group and at some time during that year interstate wages are paid or payable by a member of that group, whether or not those times are wholly or partly concurrent and whether or not those members are the same member,

a reference to the amount that bears to another amount (that other amount being \$41,600, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

(iv) the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year; and

(v)

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- (v) the interstate wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year,
- 5 exceeds \$41,600) the same proportion as the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year bears to the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—
- 10 (vi) the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year; and
- (vii) the interstate wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year; and
- 15 (d) where—
- (i) during part only of a financial year that designated group employer is the designated group employer in respect of a group;
- 20 (ii) at least one member of that group pays or is liable to pay taxable wages or interstate wages for the whole of that part; and
- 25 (iii) at some time during that part taxable wages are paid or payable by a member of that group and at some time during that part interstate wages are paid or payable by a member of that group, whether or not those times are wholly or partly concurrent and whether or not those members are the same member,

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5 a reference to the amount that bears to another amount (that other amount being the amount that bears to \$41,600 the same proportion as that part bears to that financial year, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

(iv) the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part; and

10 (v) the interstate wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part,

15 exceeds that proportionate amount of \$41,600) the same proportion as the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part bears to the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

(vi) the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part; and

20 (vii) the interstate wages paid or payable during that part by the employers in that group.

(3) In respect of the financial year ending on 30th June, 1976, subsection (2) shall be construed as if the references therein to \$41,600 were references to \$20,800.

25 16K. (1) This section applies in relation to a group at least one member of which paid or was liable to pay, as such a member, taxable wages or interstate wages for the whole of a financial year.

(2)

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(2) A reference in this section to the annual amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by the members of a group is a reference to the amount ascertained by applying the appropriate rate or rates of pay-roll tax prescribed by section 5 7 to the amount by which—

- (a) the total of the taxable wages paid or payable by the members of that group during a financial year,

exceeds—

- (b) where—

- 10 (i) during that year there was only one designated group employer in respect of that group—the prescribed amount applicable to that designated group employer; or
- 15 (ii) during that year there were two or more designated group employers in respect of that group—the prescribed amount that, if there had been only one designated group employer in respect of that group during that year, would have been applicable to that designated group employer had
- 20 he paid all of the taxable wages referred to in paragraph (a) paid or payable during that year.

(3) A reference in this section to the actual amount 25 of pay-roll tax paid or payable in respect of a financial year by the members of a group is a reference to the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable when returns were made or required to be made under this Act relating to that financial year, being returns in which the taxable wages referred to in 30 subsection (2) (a) were included or required to be included.

(4)

Pay-roll Tax (Amendment).

(4) Where the actual amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable in respect of a financial year commencing on or after 1st January, 1976, by the members of a group is greater than the annual amount of pay-roll tax in relation to those
5 members for that financial year, the Commissioner shall, on an application made in accordance with subsection (7) by the person who is the designated group employer in respect of that group on 30th June in that financial year, refund or
10 rebate to that employer an amount equal to the difference, reduced by the total of any amounts refunded to any member of that group under section 19 in respect of the tax paid or payable by any such member when returns relating to that
year were made or required to be made under this Act by that member.

15 (5) Where the actual amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable in respect of a financial year commencing on or after 1st January, 1976, by the members of a group is less than the annual amount of pay-roll tax in relation to those
members for that financial year, the person who is the design-
20 ated group employer in respect of that group on 30th June in that financial year shall pay to the Commissioner as pay-roll tax, within the period during which he is required to furnish a return under this Act in respect of the return period that is or includes the month of June in that financial year,
25 an amount equal to the difference.

(6) If a designated group employer in respect of a group fails to pay any amount that he is required to pay under subsection (5) in respect of a financial year, every member of the group who paid or was liable to pay taxable
30 wages during that financial year is liable jointly and severally to pay that amount to the Commissioner.

(7) An application under subsection (4) shall, notwithstanding section 19, be made within the financial year next following the financial year in respect of which the
35 refund or rebate is applied for.

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16L. (1) This section applies in relation to a group at least one member of which paid or was liable to pay, as such a member, taxable wages or interstate wages for part only (being a continuous part) of a financial year and no member of which paid or was liable to pay, as such a member, any such wages during the whole of that year.

Adjustment
of pay-roll
tax when
members of
a group
cease to
pay taxable
wages or
interstate
wages
during a
financial
year.

(2) In this section, "prescribed period", in relation to a group, means part only (being a continuous part) of a financial year for which at least one member of the group paid or was liable to pay taxable wages or interstate wages.

(3) A reference in this section to the total amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable for a prescribed period by the members of a group is a reference to the amount ascertained by applying the appropriate rate or rates of pay-roll tax prescribed by section 7 to the amount by which—

(a) the total of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that prescribed period,

exceeds—

20 (b) where—

(i) during that prescribed period there was only one designated group employer in respect of that group—the prescribed amount applicable to that designated group employer; or

25 (ii) during that prescribed period there were two or more designated group employers in respect of that group—the prescribed amount that, if there had been only one designated group employer in respect of that group during that prescribed period,

would

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would have been applicable to that designated group employer had he paid all of the wages referred to in paragraph (a) paid or payable during that prescribed period.

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(4) Where, at the expiration of a prescribed period relating to a group, the total amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable when returns were made or required to be made under this Act, being returns in which the taxable wages referred to in subsection (3) (a) were included or required to be included, is less than the total amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable for that prescribed period by the members of that group, the person who is the designated group employer in respect of that group on the last day of that prescribed period shall pay to the Commissioner as pay-roll tax, within the period during which he is required to furnish a return under this Act or the last return under this Act relating to that prescribed period, an amount equal to the difference.

(5) Section 16K (4) and (5) apply in relation to a group to which this section applies as if—

- (a) at least one member of the group paid or was liable to pay, as such a member, taxable wages or interstate wages for the whole of that financial year;
- (b) the reference in section 16K (3) to the actual amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable in respect of a financial year by the members of that group included a reference to any pay-roll tax paid or payable under subsection (4) by a designated group employer in respect of that group in respect of that financial year; and
- (c) the person, if any, who was the designated group employer in respect of that group at the time when the group last ceased in that financial year to have

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a member who was paying or was liable to pay, as such a member, taxable wages or interstate wages was the designated group employer in respect of that group on 30th June in that financial year.

- 5 (6) If a designated group employer in respect of a group fails to pay any amount that he is required to pay under subsection (4) in respect of a prescribed period, every member of the group who paid or was liable to pay taxable wages during the financial year that includes that prescribed
10 period is liable jointly and severally to pay that amount to the Commissioner.

(11) (a) Section 18 (1) (a)—

After “taxable wages”, insert “or, where relevant, interstate wages”.

15 (b) Section 18 (1) (b)—

Omit “thereon”, insert instead “by the employer”.

(c) Section 18 (3)—

Omit “section nine of”.

20 (d) Section 18 (4)—

- Omit “under subsection six of section nine of this Act in respect of a month or period ending before the determination is made”, insert instead “in respect of a
25 return period ending before the determination is made as to the deduction that may be made from the taxable wages included or required to be included in returns made or required to be made
30 under this Act”.

(12)

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(12) Section 25 (7) (a)—

After “Act”, insert “or his liability, as a trustee,
under Part IVA”.

(13) Section 36 (1) (b)—

5 Omit “section nine of”.

(14) (a) Section 41 (1)—

10 After “public officer” where firstly occurring,
insert “(being a natural person whose
principal place of residence is in New
South Wales)”.

(b) Section 41 (1)—

After “filled”, insert “by such a person”.

(15) Section 42 (2)—

At the end of section 42, insert :—

15 (2) Nothing in subsection (1) affects the
operation of Part IVA in relation to trustees.

(16) Section 51 (1) (c)—

20 After “financial year”, insert “, whether or not a
person was a member of a group at any time
or during any period”.

BY AUTHORITY

D. WEST, GOVERNMENT PRINTER, NEW SOUTH WALES—1975
[40c]

Exhibit 1 (Amendment)

(12) Section 12 (7) (a) --

After "and" insert "or his family, own or joint property."

(13) Section 12 (1) (b) --

(Amend Section 12 (1) (b))

(14) (a) Section 41 (1) --

After "public body" insert "where the body is a public body or a body which is a public body for the purposes of the law of the State."

(15) Section 41 (1) --

After "the law of the State" insert "or the law of the State."

(16) Section 42 (2) --

At the end of Section 42 insert --

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) shall be construed as requiring a person to furnish information if he is not a person to whom subsection (1) applies.

(17) Section 41 (1) (c) --

After "or a body which is a public body for the purposes of the law of the State" insert "or a body which is a public body for the purposes of the law of the State."

No. , 1975.

A BILL

To amend the Pay-roll Tax Act, 1971, so as to provide for tapered deductions from taxable wages liable to pay-roll tax instead of the present exemption; and to specify the circumstances in which certain persons constitute a group for the purposes of that Act and to authorise only one member of a group to make a tapered deduction, calculated by reference to wages paid by all members of the group, from the taxable wages paid or payable by him.

[MR COLEMAN—12 November, 1975.]

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BE 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 "Pay-roll Tax Short title.
(Amendment) Act, 1975".

2. (1) This section and section 1 shall commence on the Commence-
date of assent to this Act. ment.

10 (2) Section 3, in its application to each item of
Schedule 1, except item (3) (a), and section 4 shall com-
mence on 1st January, 1976.

(3) Section 3, in its application to Schedule 1 (3)
(a), shall be deemed to have commenced on 1st September,
15 1971.

3. The Pay-roll Tax Act, 1971, is amended in the manner Amendment
of Act No.
22, 1971.
set forth in Schedule 1.

4. The power conferred on the Commissioner by section Transitional
provision.
12 (2) of the Pay-roll Tax Act, 1971, as substituted by
20 section 3 and Schedule 1 (7) (c), extends to authorising the
Commissioner to cancel the registration of a person as an
employer where that person was not, immediately before 1st
January, 1976, an employer paying wages as referred to in
section 12 (1) of that Act, as amended by section 3 and
25 Schedule 1 (7) (a).

SCHEDULE

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SCHEDULE 1.

Sec. 3.

AMENDMENTS TO PAY-ROLL TAX ACT, 1971.

(1) Section 2—

After the matter relating to Part IV, insert :—

5 **PART IVA.—GROUPING PROVISIONS—ss. 16A–16L.**

(2) (a) Section 3 (1), definition of “corporation”—

After the definition of “company”, insert :—

10 “corporation” has the meaning ascribed to that expression by section 5 (1) of the Companies Act, 1961;

(b) Section 3 (1), definition of “designated group employer”—

After the definition of “council”, insert :—

15 “designated group employer”, in relation to a group, means the member of that group who, under section 16I, is for the time being the designated group employer in respect of that group;

20 (c) Section 3 (1), definitions of “financial year”, “foreign wages”, “group” and “interstate wages”—

Omit the definition of “financial year”, insert instead :—

“financial year” means each year commencing on 1st July;

“foreign

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"foreign wages" means wages that are not taxable wages and are not interstate wages;

"group" means a group constituted under Part IVA;

"interstate wages" means wages that are taxable wages within the meaning of a corresponding law;

(d) Section 3 (1), definition of "return period"—

After the definition of "regulations", insert :—

"return period", in relation to an employer, means the period relating to which that employer is required to furnish a return under this Act;

(e) Section 3 (1), definition of "voting share"—

After the definition of "trustee", insert :—

"voting share" has the meaning ascribed to that expression by section 5 (1) of the Companies Act, 1961;

(f) Section 3 (1), definition of "wages"—

Omit from paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) "payment made" wherever occurring, insert instead "amount paid or payable".

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(3) (a) Section 9 (7)—

5 Omit “the return relating to the month or period in which the determination is made and to any subsequent month or period”, insert instead “any return specified in the determination whether relating to a month or period that is before or after or partly before and partly after the making of the determination”.

(b) Section 9 (10)—

10 After section 9 (9), insert :—

(10) This section does not apply so as to authorise a deduction to be made in accordance with this section in respect of any return period that commences after the month of December, 1975.

15 (4) Section 9A—

After section 9, insert :—

9A. (1) In this section—

20 “interstate wages” does not include interstate wages paid or payable by a member of a group;

Deduction from taxable wages after 1st January, 1976.

“prescribed amount”—

(a) in relation to a return for a return period of one month, means \$3,466; and

(b)

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(b) in relation to a return for a return period of two or more months, means the product ascertained by multiplying \$3,466 by the number of months in that return period;

“taxable wages” does not include taxable wages paid or payable by a member of a group.

(2) This section applies only so as to authorise a deduction to be made for a return period that is after the month of December, 1975, from the taxable wages included in a return or assessment relating to that return period.

(3) For the purpose of ascertaining the pay-roll tax payable by an employer who pays or is liable to pay taxable wages for the whole of a return period, but does not pay and is not liable to pay interstate wages during that return period, there shall be deducted, for that return period, from the amount of the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to that return period) the prescribed amount, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the amount of those taxable wages (in whole dollars) exceeds the prescribed amount.

(4) For the purpose of ascertaining the pay-roll tax payable by an employer who pays or is liable to pay wages during a return period and pays or is liable to pay taxable wages for part only of that return period, but does not pay and

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5 is not liable to pay interstate wages during that
return period, there shall be deducted, for that
return period, from the amount of the taxable
wages included in a return made by, or an assess-
ment relating to, that employer (being a return
or an assessment relating to that return period)
the amount that bears to the prescribed amount
the same proportion as the number of days in that
part of that return period bears to the total number
10 of days in that return period, reduced by \$2 for
each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which
the amount of those taxable wages (in whole
dollars) exceeds the same proportion of the pre-
scribed amount.

15 (5) An employer who during any return
period pays or is liable to pay taxable wages and
interstate wages may, by notice in writing in the
prescribed form containing the prescribed particu-
lars, served on the Commissioner, nominate an
20 amount, calculated in the prescribed manner, not
exceeding the prescribed amount, as the deduction
that he claims to be entitled to make for that return
period and for subsequent return periods.

25 (6) For the purpose of ascertaining the
pay-roll tax payable by an employer who has served
on the Commissioner a notice under subsection (5),
there shall, subject to subsection (7), be deducted,
for a return period (being the return period ending
last before the day on which he served that notice
30 on the Commissioner or any subsequent return
period), from the amount of the taxable wages
included in a return made by, or an assessment
relating to, that employer (being a return or an
assessment relating to any such return period)
35 the amount nominated in that notice.

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5 (7) The Commissioner may, on an appli-
cation made to him in writing by an employer who
pays or is liable to pay taxable wages and interstate
wages during any return period or of his own
motion in relation to such an employer, at any
time, make a determination specifying an amount,
not exceeding the prescribed amount, that may be
deducted for any return period specified or referred
to in the determination (being a return period
10 commencing before, but not before 1st January,
1976, or after, or the return period in which, the
determination is made) from the taxable wages
included in a return made by, or an assessment
relating to, that employer (being a return or an
15 assessment relating to any such return period) and
there shall be deducted, for any such return period,
from the amount of the taxable wages included in
a return made by, or an assessment relating to,
that employer (being a return or an assessment
20 relating to any such return period), the amount so
specified.

 (8) The Commissioner may, at any time,
by instrument in writing, revoke a determination
made under subsection (7) and any such revoca-
25 tion shall have effect as on and from the first day
of the return period specified in the instrument,
whether that return period is before, but not before
the date of the determination, or after, or the
return period in which, the instrument is executed
30 by him.

 (9) The Commissioner shall, as soon as
practicable after making a determination under
subsection (7) or a revocation under subsection
35 (8), serve notice of the determination or revocation
on the employer concerned.

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(5) (a) Section 11 (4)—

Omit the subsection, insert instead :—

5 (4) For the purposes of subsections (1) and (2), the amount prescribed in respect of the financial year—

(a) ending on 30th June, 1975, is \$20,800; and

(b) ending on 31st December, 1975, is \$10,400.

(b) Section 11 (8)—

After section 11 (7), insert :—

10 (8) In this section, except subsection (3),
“financial year” includes the period commencing on
1st July, 1975, and ending on 31st December, 1975,
but does not include the period commencing on 1st
15 July, 1975, and ending on 30th June, 1976, or the
financial year commencing on 1st July, 1976, or a
financial year commencing on any subsequent 1st
July.

(6) Sections 11A, 11B, 11C—

After section 11, insert :—

20 11A. (1) In this section and sections 11B and 11C—
“financial year” includes the period
commencing on 1st January, 1976, and
ending on 30th June, 1976;

Interpre-
tation
for purposes
of this
section and
sections 11B
and 11C.

“interstate

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“interstate wages” does not include interstate wages paid or payable by a member of a group;

5 “taxable wages” does not include taxable wages paid or payable by a member of a group.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), a reference in sections 11B and 11C to the prescribed amount is, in relation to an employer—

10 (a) who pays or is liable to pay taxable wages for the whole of a financial year but not any interstate wages during that financial year—
a reference to the amount of \$41,600,
15 reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during that financial year exceeds \$41,600;

20 (b) who during a financial year pays or is liable to pay wages (disregarding foreign wages), those wages being taxable wages that are paid or payable for part only of that financial year, but who does not pay and is not liable to pay any interstate wages during
25 that financial year—a reference to the amount that bears to \$41,600 the same proportion as that part bears to that financial year, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the total (in
30 whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during that part exceeds the amount firstmentioned in this paragraph;

(c)

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- 5 (c) who pays or is liable to pay wages
(disregarding foreign wages) for the whole
of a financial year at some time during
which taxable wages are paid or payable
and at some time during which interstate
wages are paid or payable—a reference to
the amount that bears to another amount
(that other amount being \$41,600, reduced
by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any
remainder) by which the sum of the total
(in whole dollars) of—
- 10 (i) the taxable wages paid or payable
by that employer during that
financial year; and
- 15 (ii) the interstate wages paid or payable
by that employer during that
financial year,
- 20 exceeds \$41,600) the same proportion as
the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable
wages paid or payable by that employer
during that financial year bears to the sum
of the total (in whole dollars) of—
- 25 (iii) the taxable wages paid or payable
by that employer during that finan-
cial year; and
- (iv) the interstate wages paid or payable
by that employer during that finan-
cial year; and
- 30 (d) who during a financial year pays or is liable
to pay wages (disregarding foreign wages)
otherwise than for the whole of that finan-
cial year, some of those firstmentioned
wages being taxable wages and some being
interstate wages—a reference to the amount
that

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5 that bears to another amount (that other
amount being an amount that bears to
\$41,600 the same proportion as the part
(excluding any period during which he paid
or was liable to pay foreign wages only) of
that year for which he pays or is liable to
pay wages bears to that financial year,
reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding
any remainder) by which the sum of the
10 total (in whole dollars) of—

(i) the taxable wages paid or payable
by that employer during that part;
and

15 (ii) the interstate wages paid or payable
by that employer during that part,

exceeds that proportionate amount of
\$41,600) the same proportion as the total
(in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid
or payable by that employer during that
20 part bears to the sum of the total (in whole
dollars) of—

(iii) the taxable wages paid or payable
by that employer during that part;
and

25 (iv) the interstate wages paid or payable
by that employer during that part.

(3) Where a person who did not pay and
was not liable to pay taxable wages or interstate
wages for any part of a financial year satisfies the
Commissioner that, by reason of the nature of his
30 trade or business, the taxable wages and interstate

wages,

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wages, if any, paid or payable by him fluctuate with different periods of the financial year, the Commissioner may treat him—

- 5 (a) if he has conducted that trade or business in Australia during the whole of the financial year—as an employer throughout the financial year; or
- 10 (b) if he has conducted that trade or business in Australia during part only of the financial year—as an employer during that last-mentioned part of the financial year.

15 (4) In respect of the financial year ending on 30th June, 1976, subsection (2) shall be construed as if the references therein to \$41,600 were references to \$20,800.

20 11B. (1) In this section, “annual amount of pay-roll tax”, in relation to an employer, means the amount ascertained by applying the appropriate rate or rates of pay-roll tax prescribed by section 7 to the difference between—

- (a) the total of the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during a financial year; and
- (b) the prescribed amount, if any.

25 (2) Where taxable wages are paid or payable by an employer during a financial year commencing on or after 1st January, 1976—

- 30 (a) the Commissioner shall, on an application made by that employer in accordance with subsection (3), where the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by that employer

when

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when he made the returns relating to that financial year is greater than the annual amount of pay-roll tax in relation to that employer for that financial year, refund or rebate to that employer an amount equal to the difference, reduced by any amount refunded to him under section 19; or

(b) that employer shall, where the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by that employer when he made the returns relating to that financial year is less than the annual amount of pay-roll tax in relation to that employer for that financial year, pay to the Commissioner as pay-roll tax, within the period during which he is required to furnish a return under this Act in respect of the return period that is or includes the month of June in that financial year, an amount equal to the difference.

(3) An application under subsection (2) (a) shall, notwithstanding section 19, be made within the financial year next following the financial year in respect of which the refund or rebate is applied for.

11c. (1) In this section—

“prescribed period”, in relation to an employer who pays or is liable to pay wages, otherwise than as a member of a group, for part only of a financial year, means that part of that financial year;

Adjustment of pay-roll tax when employer ceases to be an employer, etc., during a financial year.

“total

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“total amount of pay-roll tax”, in relation to an employer, means the amount ascertained by applying the appropriate rate or rates of pay-roll tax prescribed by section 7 to the difference between—

(a) the total of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employer during a prescribed period; and

(b) the prescribed amount, if any;

“wages” does not include foreign wages.

(2) Where in a financial year an employer ceases to pay wages or becomes a member of a group he shall, where the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by him when he made returns relating to the prescribed period is less than the total amount of pay-roll tax in relation to that employer for that prescribed period, pay to the Commissioner as pay-roll tax, within the period during which he is required to furnish a return under this Act relating to that prescribed period or the last return under this Act relating to that prescribed period, an amount equal to the difference.

(3) Where an employer, who has ceased to pay wages or has become a member of a group, as referred to in subsection (2), in any financial year, subsequently pays or is liable to pay taxable wages or interstate wages during that financial year otherwise than as a member of a group, section 11B applies to and in respect of him as if the reference in section 11B (2) to the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by that employer included a reference to any pay-roll tax paid or payable by that employer under subsection (2).

Pay-roll Tax (Amendment).

(7) (a) Section 12 (1)—

Omit “four hundred dollars”, insert instead “\$800”.

(b) Section 12 (1)—

5 After “taxable wages”, insert “or who, being a member of a group, during a month pays or is liable to pay any taxable wages”.

(c) Section 12 (2), (2A)—

Omit section 12 (2), insert instead :—

10 (2) The Commissioner may cancel the registration of a person as an employer if—

(a) that person, not being a member of a group, has ceased to be an employer paying wages as referred to in subsection (1) ; or

(b) that person—

15 (i) ceases to be a member of a group; and

(ii) does not pay and is not liable to pay wages as referred to in subsection (1).

20 (2A) Where the Commissioner cancels the registration of a person as an employer in any financial year and that person subsequently pays or is liable to pay (otherwise than as a member of a group) taxable wages during that financial year that
25 person may, notwithstanding that during any month

he

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5 he pays or is liable to pay wages at a rate not in excess of \$800 per week, apply to the Commissioner, in the prescribed form and manner, for registration as an employer and thereupon the Commissioner shall register him as an employer under this Act.

(8) (a) Section 14 (1A)—

After section 14 (1), insert :—

10 (1A) In subsection (1), “financial year” includes the period commencing on 1st July, 1975, and ending on 31st December, 1975, and the period commencing on 1st January, 1976, and ending on 30th June, 1976, but does not include the period commencing on 1st July, 1975, and ending on 30th June, 1976.

(b) Section 14 (2A)—

After section 14 (2), insert :—

20 (2A) The Commissioner may, at any time, by notice in writing, revoke any certificate issued under subsection (1).

(9) Section 15—

Omit “In addition to any return required to be furnished by this Act, the”, insert instead “The”.

Pay-roll Tax (Amendment).

(10) Part IVA—

After Part IV, insert :—

PART IVA.

GROUPING PROVISIONS.

5 16A. In this Part, “business” includes—

Interpreta-
tion.

(a) a trade or profession;

(b) any other activity carried on for fee, gain or
reward; and

10 (c) the activity, carried on by an employer, of employing
one or more persons where that person performs
or those persons perform duties for or in connection
with another business.

15 16B. For the purposes of this Act, two corporations
constitute a group if they are, by reason of section 6 (5)
of the Companies Act, 1961, to be deemed, for the purposes
of that Act, to be related to each other.

Grouping
of cor-
porations.

16C. For the purposes of this Act, where—

20 (a) an employee of an employer, or two or more
employees of an employer, performs or perform
duties solely or mainly for or in connection with
a business carried on by that employer and another
person or other persons or by another person or
other persons; or

Grouping
where
employees
used in
another
business.

(b)

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(b) an employer has, in respect of the employment of, or the performance of duties by, one or more of his employees, an agreement, arrangement or undertaking (whether formal or informal, whether expressed or implied and whether or not the agreement, arrangement or undertaking includes provisions in respect of the supply of goods or services or goods and services) with another person or other persons relating to a business carried on by that other person or those other persons, whether alone or together with another person or other persons,

that employer and —

(c) each such other person; or

(d) both or all of those other persons,

15 constitute a group.

16D. (1) A reference in this section to two businesses does not include a reference to two businesses both of which are owned by the same person, not being a trustee, or by the trustee or trustees of a trust.

Grouping of commonly controlled businesses.

20 (2) For the purposes of this Act, where the same person has, or the same persons have together, a controlling interest under subsection (3) in each of two businesses, the persons who carry on those businesses constitute a group.

(3)

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(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), the same person has, or the same persons have together, a controlling interest in each of two businesses if that person has, or those persons have together, a controlling interest under any of
5 the following paragraphs in one of the businesses and a controlling interest under the same or another of the following paragraphs in the other business :—

(a) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling
10 interest in a business, being a business carried on by a corporation, if the directors, or a majority of the directors, or one or more of the directors, being a director or directors who is or are entitled to exercise a majority in voting power at meetings of the directors, of the corporation are or is accustomed
15 or under an obligation, whether formal or informal, to act in accordance with the directions, instructions or wishes of that person or of those persons acting together ;

(b) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling
20 interest in a business, being a business carried on by a corporation that has a share capital, if that person or those persons acting together may (whether directly or indirectly) exercise, control the exercise of, or substantially influence the exercise
25 of, 50 per centum or more of the voting power attached to voting shares issued by the corporation ;

(c) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling
interest in a business, being a business carried on
by a partnership, if that person or those persons—

30 (i) owns, or own together, (whether or not beneficially) 50 per centum or more of the capital of the partnership ; or

(ii) is, or are together, entitled (whether or not
35 beneficially) to 50 per centum or more of any profits of the partnership ;

(d)

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5 (d) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling interest in a business, being a business carried on under a trust, if that person (whether or not as the trustee of another trust) is the beneficiary, or those persons (whether or not as the trustees of another trust) are together the beneficiaries, in respect of 50 per centum or more of the value of the interests in the trust firstmentioned in this paragraph;

10 (e) a person has a controlling interest in a business if, whether or not he is a trustee of a trust, he is the sole owner of the business or persons, being two or more trustees of a trust, have a controlling interest in a business if they are the owners of the business.

15 (4) Where a corporation has a controlling interest under subsection (3) in a business, it shall, for the purposes of subsection (3), be deemed to have a controlling interest in any other business in which another corporation that is, by reason of section 6 (5) of the Companies Act, 1961, to be deemed, for the purposes of that Act, to be related to it has a 20 controlling interest.

(5) Where—

(a) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling interest under subsection (3) in a business; and

25 (b) the person or persons who carries or carry on that business has or have such a controlling interest in another business,

the person or persons referred to in paragraph (a) shall, for the purposes of subsection (3), be deemed to have a controlling interest in the business referred to in paragraph (b).

(6)

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(6) Where—

- (a) a person is a beneficiary under a trust; or
- (b) two or more persons together are beneficiaries under a trust,

5 in respect of 50 per centum or more of the value of the
interests in that trust and the trustee or trustees of that trust
has or have under subsection (3) a controlling interest in a
business, that beneficiary or those beneficiaries shall, for the
purposes of subsection (3), be deemed to have a controlling
10 interest in that business.

16E. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part (except subsection (2)), where a person is, whether or
not by virtue of this subsection, a member of two or more
groups (each of which is in subsection (2) referred to as a
15 smaller group), all of the members of those groups constitute,
for the purposes of this Act, one group.

(2) Except for the purpose of determining whether
a group is constituted under subsection (1), a group which,
but for this subsection, would be a smaller group ceases to be
20 a group if its members are members of a group constituted
under subsection (1).

16F. The fact that a person is not a member of a group
constituted under a provision of this Part does not prevent that
person from being a member of a group constituted under
25 another provision of this Part.

16G.

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16G. A person who, as the result of the exercise of a power or discretion by the trustee of a discretionary trust or by any other person or by that trustee and other person, may benefit under that trust shall be deemed, for the purposes of this Part, to be a beneficiary in respect of 50 per centum or more of the value of the interests in that trust.

Beneficiaries under discretionary trusts.

16H. (1) Where the Commissioner is satisfied, having regard to the nature and degree of ownership or control of the businesses, the nature of the businesses and any other matters that he considers relevant, that a business carried on by a member of a group is carried on substantially independently of, and is not substantially connected with the carrying on of, a business carried on by any other member of that group, the Commissioner may, by order in writing served on that first-mentioned member, exclude him from that group.

Exclusion of persons from groups.

(2) The Commissioner shall not, under subsection (1), make an order so as to exclude a person from a group on and from a date if that person is or was on that date a corporation which, by reason of section 6 (5) of the Companies Act, 1961, is to be deemed, for the purposes of that Act, to be related to another corporation which is a member of that group.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part, an order under subsection (1) shall have effect according to its tenor on and from the date specified in the order (being a date that is the date of the order or before the date of the order) as the date on and from which the person referred to in the order is or shall be deemed to have been excluded from the group so referred to.

Pay-roll Tax (Amendment).

161. (1) The members of a group may, by an instrument in writing in the prescribed form containing the prescribed particulars, executed by or on behalf of each member of the group and served on the Commissioner, designate one of its
 5 members to be the designated group employer in respect of the group for the purposes of this Act and nominate an amount, calculated in the prescribed manner, not exceeding the prescribed amount as defined in section 9A (1), as the
 10 deduction to be made for any return period in relation to which that designated group employer is required to furnish returns under this Act.

(2) The designated group employer in respect of a group ceases to be the designated group employer in respect of that group on and from the first day of the return period
 15 relating to him during which—

- (a) the composition of the group alters; or
- (b) the members of the group, by an instrument in writing in the prescribed form containing the prescribed particulars, executed by or on behalf of
 20 each of them who is known to the Commissioner to be a member of the group and served on the Commissioner, revoke the designation,

whichever occurs the earlier.

(3) For the purpose of ascertaining the pay-roll tax
 25 payable by a designated group employer, there shall, subject to subsection (4), be deducted, for a return period (being the return period commencing last before the day on which the instrument under subsection (1) designating him as the designated group employer in respect of the group is served on
 30 the Commissioner or any subsequent return period) from the amount of the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to any such return period) the amount nominated in that instrument.

(4)

Pay-roll Tax (Amendment).

(4) The Commissioner may, on an application made to him in writing executed by or on behalf of each person known to the Commissioner to be a member of a group or of his own motion in relation to a group, at any time, make a determination specifying an amount, not exceeding the prescribed amount as defined in section 9A (1), that may be deducted for any return period specified or referred to in the determination (being a return period commencing before, but not before 1st January, 1976, or after, or the return period in which, the determination is made) from the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, an employer specified in the determination who was, during any such return period, a member of that group and there shall be deducted, for any such return period, from the amount of the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to any such return period) the amount so specified.

(5) The Commissioner may, at any time, by instrument in writing, revoke a determination made under subsection (4) and any such revocation shall have effect as on and from the first day of the return period specified in the instrument, whether that return period is before, but not before the date of the determination, or after, or the return period in which, the instrument is executed by him.

(6) An employer specified in a determination made under subsection (4) shall, on the first day of the first return period specified or referred to in the determination, be deemed to have been designated under subsection (1) to be the designated group employer in respect of the group of which he was then a member and shall, subject to subsection (2), thereafter be the designated group employer in respect of that group.

(7)

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(7) The Commissioner shall, as soon as practicable after making a determination under subsection (4) or a revocation under subsection (5), serve notice of the determination or revocation on the designated group employer in respect of the group concerned.

16J. (1) In this section and sections 16K and 16L, "financial year" includes the period commencing on 1st January, 1976, and ending on 30th June, 1976.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), a reference in sections 16K and 16L to the prescribed amount is, in relation to a designated group employer—

(a) who during the whole of a financial year is the designated group employer in respect of a group at least one of the members of which pays or is liable to pay taxable wages for the whole of that financial year and none of the members of which pays or is liable to pay, as a member of that group, any interstate wages during that financial year—a reference to the amount of \$41,600, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year exceeds \$41,600;

(b) who during part only of a financial year is the designated group employer in respect of a group at least one of the members of which pays or is liable to pay taxable wages for the whole of that part and none of the members of which pays or is liable to pay, as a member of that group, any interstate wages during that financial year—a reference to the amount that bears to \$41,600 the same proportion as that part of that financial year

bears

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bears to that financial year, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part exceeds the amount firstmentioned in this paragraph;

(c) where—

(i) during the whole of a financial year that designated group employer is the designated group employer in respect of a group;

(ii) at least one member of that group pays or is liable to pay taxable wages or interstate wages for the whole of that year; and

(iii) at some time during that year taxable wages are paid or payable by a member of that group and at some time during that year interstate wages are paid or payable by a member of that group, whether or not those times are wholly or partly concurrent and whether or not those members are the same member,

a reference to the amount that bears to another amount (that other amount being \$41,600, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

(iv) the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year; and

(v)

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- (v) the interstate wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year,

5 exceeds \$41,600) the same proportion as the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year bears to the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—
- 10 (vi) the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year; and

(vii) the interstate wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year; and
- 15 (d) where—

 - (i) during part only of a financial year that designated group employer is the designated group employer in respect of a group;
 - 20 (ii) at least one member of that group pays or is liable to pay taxable wages or interstate wages for the whole of that part; and
 - 25 (iii) at some time during that part taxable wages are paid or payable by a member of that group and at some time during that part interstate wages are paid or payable by a member of that group, whether or not those times are wholly or partly concurrent and whether or not those members are the same member,

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5 a reference to the amount that bears to another amount (that other amount being the amount that bears to \$41,600 the same proportion as that part bears to that financial year, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

(iv) the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part; and

10 (v) the interstate wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part,

15 exceeds that proportionate amount of \$41,600) the same proportion as the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part bears to the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

(vi) the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part; and

20 (vii) the interstate wages paid or payable during that part by the employers in that group.

(3) In respect of the financial year ending on 30th June, 1976, subsection (2) shall be construed as if the references therein to \$41,600 were references to \$20,800.

25 16K. (1) This section applies in relation to a group at least one member of which paid or was liable to pay, as such a member, taxable wages or interstate wages for the whole of a financial year. ^{Annual adjustments.}

(2)

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(2) A reference in this section to the annual amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by the members of a group is a reference to the amount ascertained by applying the appropriate rate or rates of pay-roll tax prescribed by section 7 to the amount by which—

(a) the total of the taxable wages paid or payable by the members of that group during a financial year,

exceeds—

(b) where—

10 (i) during that year there was only one designated group employer in respect of that group—the prescribed amount applicable to that designated group employer; or

15 (ii) during that year there were two or more designated group employers in respect of that group—the prescribed amount that, if there had been only one designated group employer in respect of that group during that year, would have been applicable to that designated group employer had he paid all of the taxable wages referred to in paragraph (a) paid or payable during that year.

(3) A reference in this section to the actual amount
25 of pay-roll tax paid or payable in respect of a financial year by the members of a group is a reference to the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable when returns were made or required to be made under this Act relating to that financial year, being returns in which the taxable wages referred to in
35 subsection (2) (a) were included or required to be included.

(4)

Pay-roll Tax (Amendment).

(4) Where the actual amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable in respect of a financial year commencing on or after 1st January, 1976, by the members of a group is greater than the annual amount of pay-roll tax in relation to those members for that financial year, the Commissioner shall, on an application made in accordance with subsection (7) by the person who is the designated group employer in respect of that group on 30th June in that financial year, refund or rebate to that employer an amount equal to the difference, reduced by the total of any amounts refunded to any member of that group under section 19 in respect of the tax paid or payable by any such member when returns relating to that year were made or required to be made under this Act by that member.

(5) Where the actual amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable in respect of a financial year commencing on or after 1st January, 1976, by the members of a group is less than the annual amount of pay-roll tax in relation to those members for that financial year, the person who is the designated group employer in respect of that group on 30th June in that financial year shall pay to the Commissioner as pay-roll tax, within the period during which he is required to furnish a return under this Act in respect of the return period that is or includes the month of June in that financial year, an amount equal to the difference.

(6) If a designated group employer in respect of a group fails to pay any amount that he is required to pay under subsection (5) in respect of a financial year, every member of the group who paid or was liable to pay taxable wages during that financial year is liable jointly and severally to pay that amount to the Commissioner.

(7) An application under subsection (4) shall, notwithstanding section 19, be made within the financial year next following the financial year in respect of which the refund or rebate is applied for.

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16L. (1) This section applies in relation to a group at least one member of which paid or was liable to pay, as such a member, taxable wages or interstate wages for part only (being a continuous part) of a financial year and no member
5 of which paid or was liable to pay, as such a member, any such wages during the whole of that year.

Adjustment
of pay-roll
tax when
members of
a group
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pay taxable
wages or
interstate
wages
during a
financial
year.

(2) In this section, "prescribed period", in relation to a group, means part only (being a continuous part) of a financial year for which at least one member of the group
10 paid or was liable to pay taxable wages or interstate wages.

(3) A reference in this section to the total amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable for a prescribed period by the members of a group is a reference to the amount ascertained by applying the appropriate rate or rates of pay-roll
15 tax prescribed by section 7 to the amount by which—

(a) the total of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that prescribed period,

exceeds—

20 (b) where—

(i) during that prescribed period there was only one designated group employer in respect of that group—the prescribed amount applicable to that designated group
25 employer; or

(ii) during that prescribed period there were two or more designated group employers in respect of that group—the prescribed amount that, if there had been only one
30 designated group employer in respect of that group during that prescribed period,

would

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would have been applicable to that designated group employer had he paid all of the wages referred to in paragraph (a) paid or payable during that prescribed period.

(4) Where, at the expiration of a prescribed period relating to a group, the total amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable when returns were made or required to be made under this Act, being returns in which the taxable wages referred to in subsection (3) (a) were included or required to be included, is less than the total amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable for that prescribed period by the members of that group, the person who is the designated group employer in respect of that group on the last day of that prescribed period shall pay to the Commissioner as pay-roll tax, within the period during which he is required to furnish a return under this Act or the last return under this Act relating to that prescribed period, an amount equal to the difference.

(5) Section 16K (4) and (5) apply in relation to a group to which this section applies as if—

- (a) at least one member of the group paid or was liable to pay, as such a member, taxable wages or interstate wages for the whole of that financial year;
- (b) the reference in section 16K (3) to the actual amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable in respect of a financial year by the members of that group included a reference to any pay-roll tax paid or payable under subsection (4) by a designated group employer in respect of that group in respect of that financial year; and
- (c) the person, if any, who was the designated group employer in respect of that group at the time when the group last ceased in that financial year to have

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a member who was paying or was liable to pay, as such a member, taxable wages or interstate wages was the designated group employer in respect of that group on 30th June in that financial year.

- 5 (6) If a designated group employer in respect of a group fails to pay any amount that he is required to pay under subsection (4) in respect of a prescribed period, every member of the group who paid or was liable to pay taxable wages during the financial year that includes that prescribed
10 period is liable jointly and severally to pay that amount to the Commissioner.

- (11) (a) Section 18 (1) (a)—

After "taxable wages", insert "or, where relevant, interstate wages".

- 15 (b) Section 18 (1) (b)—

Omit "thereon", insert instead "by the employer".

- (c) Section 18 (3)—

Omit "section nine of".

- 20 (d) Section 18 (4)—

Omit "under subsection six of section nine of this Act in respect of a month or period ending before the determination is made", insert instead "in respect of a
25 return period ending before the determination is made as to the deduction that may be made from the taxable wages included or required to be included in
30 returns made or required to be made under this Act".

(12)

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(12) Section 25 (7) (a)—

After “Act”, insert “or his liability, as a trustee,
under Part IVA”.

(13) Section 36 (1) (b)—

5 Omit “section nine of”.

(14) (a) Section 41 (1)—

10 After “public officer” where firstly occurring,
insert “(being a natural person whose
principal place of residence is in New
South Wales)”.

(b) Section 41 (1)—

After “filled”, insert “by such a person”.

(15) Section 42 (2)—

At the end of section 42, insert :—

15 (2) Nothing in subsection (1) affects the
operation of Part IVA in relation to trustees.

(16) Section 51 (1) (c)—

20 After “financial year”, insert “, whether or not a
person was a member of a group at any time
or during any period”.

BY AUTHORITY

D. WEST, GOVERNMENT PRINTER, NEW SOUTH WALES—1975

[40c]

PAY-ROLL TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1975

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THE objects of this Bill are—

- (a) to substitute, as on and from 1st January, 1976, for the present monthly exemption of \$1,733.33 by which taxable wages paid or payable by an employer during a month are to be reduced before calculating pay-roll tax a deduction of \$3,466, tapering to nil where the monthly taxable wages reach \$8,666 and to make provisions similar to those contained in section 9 of the Pay-roll Tax Act, 1971 (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act) relating to employers who pay both taxable wages and interstate wages (proposed section 9A—Schedule 1 (4));
- (b) to provide for the adjustment at the end of each financial year of the pay-roll tax paid or payable by an employer, that adjustment being made on the basis of a deduction from the taxable wages paid or payable during that year of \$41,600 tapering to nil where those taxable wages and any interstate wages paid or payable by an employer reach \$104,000 (proposed sections 11A and 11B—Schedule 1 (6));
- (c) to provide for the payment of outstanding pay-roll tax calculated in respect of part of a financial year where an employer ceases to pay Australian wages or becomes a member of a group referred to in paragraph (f) during that year, the amount to be paid being calculated proportionately on the basis of the adjustment referred to in paragraph (b) (proposed section 11C—Schedule 1 (6));
- (d) to provide that the provisions referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) do not apply to employers who are members of a group referred to in paragraph (f) (proposed sections 9A and 11A—definitions of “taxable wages”—Schedule 1 (4) and (6));
- (e) to require employers (not being members of a group referred to in paragraph (f)) to be registered under the Principal Act if the rate of wages paid or payable by them exceeds \$800 per week instead of \$400 as at present (amendment to section 12 (1) of the Principal Act—Schedule 1 (7) (a));
- (f) to provide that where—
 - (i) corporations are related companies for the purposes of the Companies Act, 1961;
 - (ii) employees of an employer are solely or mainly used in connection with another business or are the subject of an agreement relating to the use of their services between their employer and the persons who carry on another business; or

(iii) two businesses are controlled by the same persons in the manner described in the Bill,

those corporations, the employer and the persons carrying on the other business and the persons who carry on the commonly controlled businesses shall respectively constitute groups for the purposes of the Principal Act unless the Commissioner otherwise determines (proposed sections 16A-16H—Schedule 1 (10));

- (g) to provide for the designation by the members of a group of one of their number as the designated group employer in respect of that group and to authorise that designated group employer to make, in respect of each return period relating to that designated group employer, a deduction from the taxable wages paid or payable by him before calculating the pay-roll tax payable thereon, that deduction being an amount calculated in the prescribed manner but not exceeding an amount calculated at the rate of \$3,466 per month (proposed section 16I—Schedule 1 (10));
 - (h) to provide for the adjustment at the end of each financial year of pay-roll tax paid or payable by the members of a group, that adjustment being made on the basis of the deduction referred to in paragraph (b) calculated by reference to the annual taxable wages and any interstate wages paid or payable by the members of the group (proposed sections 16J and 16K—Schedule 1 (10));
 - (i) to provide (similarly to the provisions referred to in paragraph (c)) for the payment by the designated group employer in respect of a group of outstanding pay-roll tax calculated in respect of part of a financial year where the members of the group cease to pay Australian wages during that year, the amount to be paid being calculated proportionately on the basis of the adjustment referred to paragraph (h) (proposed section 16L—Schedule 1 (10));
 - (j) require all members of groups who are employers to be registered as employers (amendment to section 12 (1) of the Principal Act—Schedule 1 (7) (b));
 - (k) to make other provisions of a consequential or minor nature.
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No. , 1975.

A BILL

To amend the Pay-roll Tax Act, 1971, so as to provide for tapered deductions from taxable wages liable to pay-roll tax instead of the present exemption; and to specify the circumstances in which certain persons constitute a group for the purposes of that Act and to authorise only one member of a group to make a tapered deduction, calculated by reference to wages paid by all members of the group, from the taxable wages paid or payable by him.

[MR COLEMAN—12 November, 1975.]

BE

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BE 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:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Pay-roll Tax Short title. (Amendment) Act, 1975".

2. (1) This section and section 1 shall commence on the Commence-
date of assent to this Act. ment.

10 (2) Section 3, in its application to each item of Schedule 1, except item (3) (a), and section 4 shall commence on 1st January, 1976.

(3) Section 3, in its application to Schedule 1 (3) (a), shall be deemed to have commenced on 1st September, 15 1971.

3. The Pay-roll Tax Act, 1971, is amended in the manner Amendment
set forth in Schedule 1. of Act No.
22, 1971.

4. The power conferred on the Commissioner by section Transitional
12 (2) of the Pay-roll Tax Act, 1971, as substituted by provision.
20 section 3 and Schedule 1 (7) (c), extends to authorising the Commissioner to cancel the registration of a person as an employer where that person was not, immediately before 1st January, 1976, an employer paying wages as referred to in section 12 (1) of that Act, as amended by section 3 and
25 Schedule 1 (7) (a).

SCHEDULE

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SCHEDULE 1.

Sec. 3.

AMENDMENTS TO PAY-ROLL TAX ACT, 1971.

(1) Section 2—

After the matter relating to Part IV, insert :—

5 PART IVA.—GROUPING PROVISIONS—ss.—16A–16L.

(2) (a) Section 3 (1), definition of “corporation”—

After the definition of “company”, insert :—

10 “corporation” has the meaning ascribed to that expression by section 5 (1) of the Companies Act, 1961;

(b) Section 3 (1), definition of “designated group employer”—

After the definition of “council”, insert :—

15 “designated group employer”, in relation to a group, means the member of that group who, under section 16I, is for the time being the designated group employer in respect of that group;

20 (c) Section 3 (1), definitions of “financial year”, “foreign wages”, “group” and “interstate wages”—

Omit the definition of “financial year”, insert instead :—

“financial year” means each year commencing on 1st July;

“foreign

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"foreign wages" means wages that are not taxable wages and are not interstate wages;

"group" means a group constituted under Part IVA;

"interstate wages" means wages that are taxable wages within the meaning of a corresponding law;

(d) Section 3 (1), definition of "return period"—

10 After the definition of "regulations", insert :—

"return period", in relation to an employer, means the period relating to which that employer is required to furnish a return under this Act;

15 (e) Section 3 (1), definition of "voting share"—

After the definition of "trustee", insert :—

"voting share" has the meaning ascribed to that expression by section 5 (1) of the Companies Act, 1961;

20 (f) Section 3 (1), definition of "wages"—

Omit from paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) "payment made" wherever occurring, insert instead "amount paid or payable".

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(3) (a) Section 9 (7)—

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Omit “the return relating to the month or period in which the determination is made and to any subsequent month or period”, insert instead “any return specified in the determination whether relating to a month or period that is before or after or partly before and partly after the making of the determination”.

(b) Section 9 (10)—

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After section 9 (9), insert :—

(10) This section does not apply so as to authorise a deduction to be made in accordance with this section in respect of any return period that commences after the month of December, 1975.

15 (4) Section 9A—

After section 9, insert :—

9A. (1) In this section—

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“interstate wages” does not include interstate wages paid or payable by a member of a group;

Deduction from taxable wages after 1st January, 1976.

“prescribed amount”—

(a) in relation to a return for a return period of one month, means \$3,466; and

(b)

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5 (b) in relation to a return for a return
period of two or more months, means
the product ascertained by multiplying
\$3,466 by the number of months in
that return period;

“taxable wages” does not include taxable
wages paid or payable by a member of a
group.

10 (2) This section applies only so as to
authorise a deduction to be made for a return
period that is after the month of December, 1975,
from the taxable wages included in a return or
assessment relating to that return period.

15 (3) For the purpose of ascertaining the
the pay-roll tax payable by an employer who pays
or is liable to pay taxable wages for the whole of
a return period, but does not pay and is not liable
to pay interstate wages during that return period,
there shall be deducted, for that return period,
20 from the amount of the taxable wages included in
a return made by, or an assessment relating to,
that employer (being a return or an assessment
relating to that return period) the prescribed
amount, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding
25 any remainder) by which the amount of those
taxable wages (in whole dollars) exceeds the
prescribed amount.

30 (4) For the purpose of ascertaining the
pay-roll tax payable by an employer who pays or
is liable to pay wages during a return period and
pays or is liable to pay taxable wages for part
only of that return period, but does not pay and

is

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is not liable to pay interstate wages during that return period, there shall be deducted, for that return period, from the amount of the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to that return period) the amount that bears to the prescribed amount the same proportion as the number of days in that part of that return period bears to the total number of days in that return period, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the amount of those taxable wages (in whole dollars) exceeds the same proportion of the prescribed amount.

(5) An employer who during any return period pays or is liable to pay taxable wages and interstate wages may, by notice in writing in the prescribed form containing the prescribed particulars, served on the Commissioner, nominate an amount, calculated in the prescribed manner, not exceeding the prescribed amount, as the deduction that he claims to be entitled to make for that return period and for subsequent return periods.

(6) For the purpose of ascertaining the pay-roll tax payable by an employer who has served on the Commissioner a notice under subsection (5), there shall, subject to subsection (7), be deducted, for a return period (being the return period ending last before the day on which he served that notice on the Commissioner or any subsequent return period), from the amount of the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to any such return period) the amount nominated in that notice.

(7)

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5 (7) The Commissioner may, on an appli-
cation made to him in writing by an employer who
pays or is liable to pay taxable wages and interstate
wages during any return period or of his own
motion in relation to such an employer, at any
time, make a determination specifying an amount,
not exceeding the prescribed amount, that may be
deducted for any return period specified or referred
to in the determination (being a return period
10 commencing before, but not before 1st January,
1976, or after, or the return period in which, the
determination is made) from the taxable wages
included in a return made by, or an assessment
relating to, that employer (being a return or an
15 assessment relating to any such return period) and
there shall be deducted, for any such return period,
from the amount of the taxable wages included in
a return made by, or an assessment relating to,
that employer (being a return or an assessment
20 relating to any such return period), the amount so
specified.

25 (8) The Commissioner may, at any time, by
instrument in writing, revoke a determination made
under subsection (7) and any such revocation shall
have effect as on and from the first day of the return
period specified in the instrument, whether that
return period is before, but not before the date of
the determination, or after, or the return period in
which, the instrument is executed by him.

30 (9) The Commissioner shall, as soon as
practicable after making a determination under
subsection (7) or a revocation under subsection
(8), serve notice of the determination or revocation
on the employer concerned.

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(5) (a) Section 11 (4)—

Omit the subsection, insert instead :—

5 (4) For the purposes of subsections (1) and (2), the amount prescribed in respect of the financial year—

(a) ending on 30th June, 1975, is \$20,800; and

(b) ending on 31st December, 1975, is \$10,400.

(b) Section 11 (8)—

After section 11 (7), insert :—

10 (8) In this section, except subsection (3),
“financial year” includes the period commencing on
1st July, 1975, and ending on 31st December, 1975,
but does not include the period commencing on 1st
15 July, 1975, and ending on 30th June, 1976, or the
financial year commencing on 1st July, 1976, or a
financial year commencing on any subsequent 1st
July.

(6) Sections 11A, 11B, 11C—

After section 11, insert :—

20 11A. (1) In this section and sections 11B and 11C—
“financial year” includes the period commencing on 1st January, 1976, and ending on 30th June, 1976;

Interpre-
tation
for purposes
of this
section and
sections 11B
and 11C.

“interstate

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“interstate wages” does not include interstate wages paid or payable by a member of a group;

5 “taxable wages” does not include taxable wages paid or payable by a member of a group.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), a reference in sections 11B and 11C to the prescribed amount is, in relation to an employer—

10 (a) who pays or is liable to pay taxable wages for the whole of a financial year but not any interstate wages during that financial year—
a reference to the amount of \$41,600,
15 reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during that financial year exceeds \$41,600;

20 (b) who during a financial year pays or is liable to pay wages (disregarding foreign wages), those wages being taxable wages that are paid or payable for part only of that financial year, but who does not pay and is not liable to pay any interstate wages during
25 that financial year—a reference to the amount that bears to \$41,600 the same proportion as that part bears to that financial year, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the total (in
30 whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during that part exceeds the amount firstmentioned in this paragraph;

(c)

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- 5 (c) who pays or is liable to pay wages
(disregarding foreign wages) for the whole
of a financial year at some time during
which taxable wages are paid or payable
and at some time during which interstate
wages are paid or payable—a reference to
the amount that bears to another amount
(that other amount being \$41,600, reduced
by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any
remainder) by which the sum of the total
(in whole dollars) of—
- 10 (i) the taxable wages paid or payable
by that employer during that
financial year; and
- 15 (ii) the interstate wages paid or payable
by that employer during that
financial year,
- 20 exceeds \$41,600) the same proportion as
the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable
wages paid or payable by that employer
during that financial year bears to the sum
of the total (in whole dollars) of—
- 25 (iii) the taxable wages paid or payable
by that employer during that finan-
cial year; and
- (iv) the interstate wages paid or payable
by that employer during that finan-
cial year; and
- 30 (d) who during a financial year pays or is liable
to pay wages (disregarding foreign wages)
otherwise than for the whole of that finan-
cial year, some of those firstmentioned
wages being taxable wages and some being
interstate wages—a reference to the amount
that

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5 that bears to another amount (that other
amount being an amount that bears to
\$41,600 the same proportion as the part
(excluding any period during which he paid
or was liable to pay foreign wages only) of
that year for which he pays or is liable to
pay wages bears to that financial year,
reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding
10 any remainder) by which the sum of the
total (in whole dollars) of—

(i) the taxable wages paid or payable
by that employer during that part;
and

15 (ii) the interstate wages paid or payable
by that employer during that part,

exceeds that proportionate amount of
\$41,600) the same proportion as the total
(in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid
or payable by that employer during that
20 part bears to the sum of the total (in whole
dollars) of—

(iii) the taxable wages paid or payable
by that employer during that part;
and

25 (iv) the interstate wages paid or payable
by that employer during that part.

30 (3) Where a person who did not pay and
was not liable to pay taxable wages or interstate
wages for any part of a financial year satisfies the
Commissioner that, by reason of the nature of his
trade or business, the taxable wages and interstate

wages,

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wages, if any, paid or payable by him fluctuate with different periods of the financial year, the Commissioner may treat him—

- 5 (a) if he has conducted that trade or business in Australia during the whole of the financial year—as an employer throughout the financial year; or
- (b) if he has conducted that trade or business in Australia during part only of the financial year—as an employer during that last-
10 mentioned part of the financial year.

(4) In respect of the financial year ending on 30th June, 1976, subsection (2) shall be construed as if the references therein to \$41,600
15 were references to \$20,800.

11B. (1) In this section, “annual amount of pay-roll tax”, in relation to an employer, means the amount ascertained by applying the appropriate rate or rates of pay-roll tax prescribed by section 7 to the difference between—
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- (a) the total of the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during a financial year; and
- (b) the prescribed amount, if any.

25 (2) Where taxable wages are paid or payable by an employer during a financial year commencing on or after 1st January, 1976—

- (a) the Commissioner shall, on an application made by that employer in accordance with subsection (3), where the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by that employer
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when

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when he made the returns relating to that financial year is greater than the annual amount of pay-roll tax in relation to that employer for that financial year, refund or rebate to that employer an amount equal to the difference, reduced by any amount refunded to him under section 19; or

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(b) that employer shall, where the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by that employer when he made the returns relating to that financial year is less than the annual amount of pay-roll tax in relation to that employer for that financial year, pay to the Commissioner as pay-roll tax, within the period during which he is required to furnish a return under this Act in respect of the return period that is or includes the month of June in that financial year, an amount equal to the difference.

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(3) An application under subsection (2) (a) shall, notwithstanding section 19, be made within the financial year next following the financial year in respect of which the refund or rebate is applied for.

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11c. (1) In this section—

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“prescribed period”, in relation to an employer who pays or is liable to pay wages, otherwise than as a member of a group, for part only of a financial year, means that part of that financial year;

Adjustment of pay-roll tax when employer ceases to be an employer, etc., during a financial year.

“total

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5 “total amount of pay-roll tax”, in relation to an employer, means the amount ascertained by applying the appropriate rate or rates of pay-roll tax prescribed by section 7 to the difference between—

(a) the total of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employer during a prescribed period; and

(b) the prescribed amount, if any;

10 “wages” does not include foreign wages.

15 (2) Where in a financial year an employer ceases to pay wages or becomes a member of a group he shall, where the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by him when he made returns relating to the prescribed period is less than the total amount of pay-roll tax in relation to that employer for that prescribed period, pay to the Commissioner as pay-roll tax, within the period during which he is required to furnish a return under this Act relating to that prescribed period or the last return under this Act relating to that prescribed period, an amount equal to the difference.

25 (3) Where an employer, who has ceased to pay wages or has become a member of a group, as referred to in subsection (2), in any financial year, subsequently pays or is liable to pay taxable wages or interstate wages during that financial year otherwise than as a member of a group, section 11B applies to and in respect of him as if the reference in section 11B (2) to the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by that employer included a reference to any pay-roll tax paid or payable by that employer under subsection (2).

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(7)

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(7) (a) Section 12 (1)—

Omit “four hundred dollars”, insert instead “\$800”.

(b) Section 12 (1)—

5 After “taxable wages”, insert “or who, being a member of a group, during a month pays or is liable to pay any taxable wages”.

(c) Section 12 (2), (2A)—

Omit section 12 (2), insert instead :—

10 (2) The Commissioner may cancel the registration of a person as an employer if—

(a) that person, not being a member of a group, has ceased to be an employer paying wages as referred to in subsection (1); or

(b) that person—

15 (i) ceases to be a member of a group; and

(ii) does not pay and is not liable to pay wages as referred to in subsection (1).

20 (2A) Where the Commissioner cancels the registration of a person as an employer in any financial year and that person subsequently pays or is liable to pay (otherwise than as a member of a group) taxable wages during that financial year that
25 person may, notwithstanding that during any month

he

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5 he pays or is liable to pay wages at a rate not in excess of \$800 per week, apply to the Commissioner, in the prescribed form and manner, for registration as an employer and thereupon the Commissioner shall register him as an employer under this Act.

(8) (a) Section 14 (1A)—

After section 14 (1), insert :—

10 (1A) In subsection (1), “financial year” includes the period commencing on 1st July, 1975, and ending on 31st December, 1975, and the period commencing on 1st January, 1976, and ending on 30th June, 1976, but does not include the period commencing on 1st July, 1975, and ending on 30th June, 1976.

(b) Section 14 (2A)—

After section 14 (2), insert :—

20 (2A) The Commissioner may, at any time, by notice in writing, revoke any certificate issued under subsection (1).

(9) Section 15—

Omit “In addition to any return required to be furnished by this Act, the”, insert instead “The”.

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(10) Part IVA—

After Part IV, insert :—

PART IVA.

GROUPING PROVISIONS.

5 16A. In this Part, “business” includes—

Interpreta-
tion.

(a) a trade or profession ;

(b) any other activity carried on for fee, gain or
reward ; and

10 (c) the activity, carried on by an employer, of employing
one or more persons where that person performs
or those persons perform duties for or in connection
with another business.

15 16B. For the purposes of this Act, two corporations constitute a group if they are, by reason of section 6 (5)
of the Companies Act, 1961, to be deemed, for the purposes
of that Act, to be related to each other.

Grouping
of cor-
porations.

16C. For the purposes of this Act, where—

20 (a) an employee of an employer, or two or more
employees of an employer, performs or perform
duties solely or mainly for or in connection with
a business carried on by that employer and another
person or other persons or by another person or
other persons ; or

Grouping
where
employees
used in
another
business.

(b)

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(b) an employer has, in respect of the employment of, or the performance of duties by, one or more of his employees, an agreement, arrangement or undertaking (whether formal or informal, whether expressed or implied and whether or not the agreement, arrangement or undertaking includes provisions in respect of the supply of goods or services or goods and services) with another person or other persons relating to a business carried on by that other person or those other persons, whether alone or together with another person or other persons,

that employer and —

(c) each such other person; or

(d) both or all of those other persons,

15 constitute a group.

16D. (1) A reference in this section to two businesses does not include a reference to two businesses both of which are owned by the same person, not being a trustee, or by the trustee or trustees of a trust.

Grouping of commonly controlled businesses.

20 (2) For the purposes of this Act, where the same person has, or the same persons have together, a controlling interest under subsection (3) in each of two businesses, the persons who carry on those businesses constitute a group.

(3)

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(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), the same person has, or the same persons have together, a controlling interest in each of two businesses if that person has, or those persons have together, a controlling interest under any of
5 the following paragraphs in one of the businesses and a controlling interest under the same or another of the following paragraphs in the other business :—

(a) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling
10 interest in a business, being a business carried on by a corporation, if the directors, or a majority of the directors, or one or more of the directors, being a director or directors who is or are entitled to exercise a majority in voting power at meetings of the directors, of the corporation are or is accustomed
15 or under an obligation, whether formal or informal, to act in accordance with the directions, instructions or wishes of that person or of those persons acting together;

(b) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling
20 interest in a business, being a business carried on by a corporation that has a share capital, if that person or those persons acting together may (whether directly or indirectly) exercise, control the exercise of, or substantially influence the exercise
25 of, 50 per centum or more of the voting power attached to voting shares issued by the corporation;

(c) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling
interest in a business, being a business carried on
by a partnership, if that person or those persons—

30 (i) owns, or own together, (whether or not beneficially) 50 per centum or more of the capital of the partnership; or

(ii) is, or are together, entitled (whether or not
35 beneficially) to 50 per centum or more of any profits of the partnership;

(d)

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- 5 (d) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling interest in a business, being a business carried on under a trust, if that person (whether or not as the trustee of another trust) is the beneficiary, or those persons (whether or not as the trustees of another trust) are together the beneficiaries, in respect of 50 per centum or more of the value of the interests in the trust firstmentioned in this paragraph;
- 10 (e) a person has a controlling interest in a business if, whether or not he is a trustee of a trust, he is the sole owner of the business or persons, being two or more trustees of a trust, have a controlling interest in a business if they are the owners of the business.

15 (4) Where a corporation has a controlling interest under subsection (3) in a business, it shall, for the purposes of subsection (3), be deemed to have a controlling interest in any other business in which another corporation that is, by reason of section 6 (5) of the Companies Act, 1961, to be deemed, for the purposes of that Act, to be related to it has a 20 controlling interest.

(5) Where—

- (a) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling interest under subsection (3) in a business; and
- 25 (b) the person or persons who carries or carry on that business has or have such a controlling interest in another business,

the person or persons referred to in paragraph (a) shall, for the purposes of subsection (3), be deemed to have a controlling interest in the business referred to in paragraph (b).

(6)

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(6) Where—

- (a) a person is a beneficiary under a trust; or
- (b) two or more persons together are beneficiaries under a trust,

5 in respect of 50 per centum or more of the value of the interests in that trust and the trustee or trustees of that trust has or have under subsection (3) a controlling interest in a business, that beneficiary or those beneficiaries shall, for the purposes of subsection (3), be deemed to have a controlling
10 interest in that business.

16E. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part (except subsection (2)), where a person is, whether or not by virtue of this subsection, a member of two or more groups (each of which is in subsection (2) referred to as a
15 smaller group), all of the members of those groups constitute, for the purposes of this Act, one group.

Smaller groups subsumed into larger groups.

(2) Except for the purpose of determining whether a group is constituted under subsection (1), a group which, but for this subsection, would be a smaller group ceases to be
20 a group if its members are members of a group constituted under subsection (1).

16F. The fact that a person is not a member of a group constituted under a provision of this Part does not prevent that person from being a member of a group constituted under
25 another provision of this Part.

Grouping provisions to operate independently.

16G.

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16G. A person who, as the result of the exercise of a power or discretion by the trustee of a discretionary trust or by any other person or by that trustee and other person, may benefit under that trust shall be deemed, for the purposes of this Part, to be a beneficiary in respect of 50 per centum or more of the value of the interests in that trust.

Beneficiaries under discretionary trusts.

16H. (1) Where the Commissioner is satisfied, having regard to the nature and degree of ownership or control of the businesses, the nature of the businesses and any other matters that he considers relevant, that a business carried on by a member of a group is carried on substantially independently of, and is not substantially connected with the carrying on of, a business carried on by any other member of that group, the Commissioner may, by order in writing served on that first-mentioned member, exclude him from that group.

Exclusion of persons from groups.

(2) The Commissioner shall not, under subsection (1), make an order so as to exclude a person from a group on and from a date if that person is or was on that date a corporation which, by reason of section 6 (5) of the Companies Act, 1961, is to be deemed, for the purposes of that Act, to be related to another corporation which is a member of that group.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part, an order under subsection (1) shall have effect according to its tenor on and from the date specified in the order (being a date that is the date of the order or before the date of the order) as the date on and from which the person referred to in the order is or shall be deemed to have been excluded from the group so referred to.

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16r. (1) The members of a group may, by an instrument in writing in the prescribed form containing the prescribed particulars, executed by or on behalf of each member of the group and served on the Commissioner, designate one of its
5 members to be the designated group employer in respect of the group for the purposes of this Act and nominate an amount, calculated in the prescribed manner, not exceeding the prescribed amount as defined in section 9A (1), as the
10 deduction to be made for any return period in relation to which that designated group employer is required to furnish returns under this Act.

(2) The designated group employer in respect of a group ceases to be the designated group employer in respect of that group on and from the first day of the return period
15 relating to him during which—

(a) the composition of the group alters; or

(b) the members of the group, by an instrument in writing in the prescribed form containing the prescribed particulars, executed by or on behalf of
20 each of them who is known to the Commissioner to be a member of the group and served on the Commissioner, revoke the designation,

whichever occurs the earlier.

(3) For the purpose of ascertaining the pay-roll tax
25 payable by a designated group employer, there shall, subject to subsection (4), be deducted, for a return period (being the return period commencing last before the day on which the instrument under subsection (1) designating him as the designated group employer in respect of the group is served on
30 the Commissioner or any subsequent return period) from the amount of the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to any such return period) the amount nominated in that instrument.

(4)

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(4) The Commissioner may, on an application made to him in writing executed by or on behalf of each person known to the Commissioner to be a member of a group or of his own motion in relation to a group, at any time, make a
5 determination specifying an amount, not exceeding the prescribed amount as defined in section 9A (1), that may be deducted for any return period specified or referred to in the determination (being a return period commencing before, but not before 1st January, 1976, or after, or the return period
10 in which, the determination is made) from the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, an employer specified in the determination who was, during any such return period, a member of that group and there shall be deducted, for any such return period, from the amount of the
15 taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to any such return period) the amount so specified.

(5) The Commissioner may, at any time, by instrument in writing, revoke a determination made under
20 subsection (4) and any such revocation shall have effect as on and from the first day of the return period specified in the instrument, whether that return period is before, but not before the date of the determination, or after, or the return period in which, the instrument is executed by him.

(6) An employer specified in a determination made under subsection (4) shall, on the first day of the first return period specified or referred to in the determination, be deemed to have been designated under subsection (1) to be the designated group employer in respect of the group of which
25 he was then a member and shall, subject to subsection (2), thereafter be the designated group employer in respect of that
30 group.

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(7) The Commissioner shall, as soon as practicable after making a determination under subsection (4) or a revocation under subsection (5), serve notice of the determination or revocation on the designated group employer
 5 in respect of the group concerned.

16J. (1) In this section and sections 16K and 16L, "financial year" includes the period commencing on 1st January, 1976, and ending on 30th June, 1976.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), a reference in
 10 sections 16K and 16L to the prescribed amount is, in relation to a designated group employer—

(a) who during the whole of a financial year is the designated group employer in respect of a group at least one of the members of which pays or is liable to pay taxable wages for the whole of that financial year and none of the members of which pays or is liable to pay, as a member of that group, any interstate wages during that financial year—a reference to the amount of \$41,600, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year exceeds \$41,600;

(b) who during part only of a financial year is the designated group employer in respect of a group at least one of the members of which pays or is liable to pay taxable wages for the whole of that part and none of the members of which pays or is liable to pay, as a member of that group, any interstate wages during that financial year—a reference to the amount that bears to \$41,600 the same proportion as that part of that financial year

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bears to that financial year, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part exceeds the amount firstmentioned in this paragraph;

(c) where—

(i) during the whole of a financial year that designated group employer is the designated group employer in respect of a group;

(ii) at least one member of that group pays or is liable to pay taxable wages or interstate wages for the whole of that year; and

(iii) at some time during that year taxable wages are paid or payable by a member of that group and at some time during that year interstate wages are paid or payable by a member of that group, whether or not those times are wholly or partly concurrent and whether or not those members are the same member,

a reference to the amount that bears to another amount (that other amount being \$41,600, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

(iv) the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year; and

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- (v) the interstate wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year,
- 5 exceeds \$41,600) the same proportion as the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year bears to the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—
- 10 (vi) the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year; and
- (vii) the interstate wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year; and
- 15 (d) where—
- (i) during part only of a financial year that designated group employer is the designated group employer in respect of a group;
- 20 (ii) at least one member of that group pays or is liable to pay taxable wages or interstate wages for the whole of that part; and
- 25 (iii) at some time during that part taxable wages are paid or payable by a member of that group and at some time during that part interstate wages are paid or payable by a member of that group, whether or not those times are wholly or partly concurrent and whether or not those members are the same member,

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5 a reference to the amount that bears to another amount (that other amount being the amount that bears to \$41,600 the same proportion as that part bears to that financial year, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

(iv) the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part; and

10 (v) the interstate wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part,

15 exceeds that proportionate amount of \$41,600) the same proportion as the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part bears to the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

(vi) the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part; and

20 (vii) the interstate wages paid or payable during that part by the employers in that group.

(3) In respect of the financial year ending on 30th June, 1976, subsection (2) shall be construed as if the references therein to \$41,600 were references to \$20,800.

25 16K. (1) This section applies in relation to a group at least one member of which paid or was liable to pay, as such a member, taxable wages or interstate wages for the whole of a financial year.

(2)

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(2) A reference in this section to the annual amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by the members of a group is a reference to the amount ascertained by applying the appropriate rate or rates of pay-roll tax prescribed by section 7 to the amount by which—

(a) the total of the taxable wages paid or payable by the members of that group during a financial year,

exceeds—

(b) where—

- 10 (i) during that year there was only one designated group employer in respect of that group—the prescribed amount applicable to that designated group employer; or
- 15 (ii) during that year there were two or more designated group employers in respect of that group—the prescribed amount that, if there had been only one designated group employer in respect of that group during that year, would have been applicable to that designated group employer had
- 20 he paid all of the taxable wages referred to in paragraph (a) paid or payable during that year.

(3) A reference in this section to the actual amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable in respect of a financial year by the members of a group is a reference to the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable when returns were made or required to be made under this Act relating to that financial year, being returns in which the taxable wages referred to in subsection (2) (a) were included or required to be included.

(4)

Pay-roll Tax (Amendment).

(4) Where the actual amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable in respect of a financial year commencing on or after 1st January, 1976, by the members of a group is greater than the annual amount of pay-roll tax in relation to those
5 members for that financial year, the Commissioner shall, on an application made in accordance with subsection (7) by the person who is the designated group employer in respect of that group on 30th June in that financial year, refund or
10 rebate to that employer an amount equal to the difference, reduced by the total of any amounts refunded to any member of that group under section 19 in respect of the tax paid or payable by any such member when returns relating to that year were made or required to be made under this Act by that member.

15 (5) Where the actual amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable in respect of a financial year commencing on or after 1st January, 1976, by the members of a group is less than the annual amount of pay-roll tax in relation to those
20 members for that financial year, the person who is the designated group employer in respect of that group on 30th June in that financial year shall pay to the Commissioner as pay-roll tax, within the period during which he is required to furnish a return under this Act in respect of the return period that is or includes the month of June in that financial year,
25 an amount equal to the difference.

(6) If a designated group employer in respect of a group fails to pay any amount that he is required to pay under subsection (5) in respect of a financial year, every member of the group who paid or was liable to pay taxable
30 wages during that financial year is liable jointly and severally to pay that amount to the Commissioner.

(7) An application under subsection (4) shall, notwithstanding section 19, be made within the financial year next following the financial year in respect of which the
35 refund or rebate is applied for.

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16L. (1) This section applies in relation to a group at least one member of which paid or was liable to pay, as such a member, taxable wages or interstate wages for part only (being a continuous part) of a financial year and no member of which paid or was liable to pay, as such a member, any such wages during the whole of that year.

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tax when
members of
a group
cease to
pay taxable
wages or
interstate
wages
during a
financial
year.

(2) In this section, "prescribed period", in relation to a group, means part only (being a continuous part) of a financial year for which at least one member of the group paid or was liable to pay taxable wages or interstate wages.

(3) A reference in this section to the total amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable for a prescribed period by the members of a group is a reference to the amount ascertained by applying the appropriate rate or rates of pay-roll tax prescribed by section 7 to the amount by which—

(a) the total of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that prescribed period,

exceeds—

(b) where—

(i) during that prescribed period there was only one designated group employer in respect of that group—the prescribed amount applicable to that designated group employer; or

(ii) during that prescribed period there were two or more designated group employers in respect of that group—the prescribed amount that, if there had been only one designated group employer in respect of that group during that prescribed period,

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would have been applicable to that designated group employer had he paid all of the wages referred to in paragraph (a) paid or payable during that prescribed period.

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(4) Where, at the expiration of a prescribed period relating to a group, the total amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable when returns were made or required to be made under this Act, being returns in which the taxable wages referred to in subsection (3) (a) were included or required to be included, is less than the total amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable for that prescribed period by the members of that group, the person who is the designated group employer in respect of that group on the last day of that prescribed period shall pay to the Commissioner as pay-roll tax, within the period during which he is required to furnish a return under this Act or the last return under this Act relating to that prescribed period, an amount equal to the difference.

(5) Section 16K (4) and (5) apply in relation to a group to which this section applies as if—

- (a) at least one member of the group paid or was liable to pay, as such a member, taxable wages or interstate wages for the whole of that financial year;
- (b) the reference in section 16K (3) to the actual amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable in respect of a financial year by the members of that group included a reference to any pay-roll tax paid or payable under subsection (4) by a designated group employer in respect of that group in respect of that financial year; and
- (c) the person, if any, who was the designated group employer in respect of that group at the time when the group last ceased in that financial year to have

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a member who was paying or was liable to pay, as such a member, taxable wages or interstate wages was the designated group employer in respect of that group on 30th June in that financial year.

- 5 (6) If a designated group employer in respect of a group fails to pay any amount that he is required to pay under subsection (4) in respect of a prescribed period, every member of the group who paid or was liable to pay taxable wages during the financial year that includes that prescribed
10 period is liable jointly and severally to pay that amount to the Commissioner.

(11) (a) Section 18 (1) (a)—

After "taxable wages", insert "or, where relevant, interstate wages".

15 (b) Section 18 (1) (b)—

Omit "thereon", insert instead "by the employer".

(c) Section 18 (3)—

Omit "section nine of".

20 (d) Section 18 (4)—

Omit "under subsection six of section nine of this Act in respect of a month or period ending before the determination is made", insert instead "in respect of a
25 return period ending before the determination is made as to the deduction that may be made from the taxable wages included or required to be included in
30 returns made or required to be made under this Act".

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(12) Section 25 (7) (a)—

After “Act”, insert “or his liability, as a trustee,
under Part IVA”.

(13) Section 36 (1) (b)—

5 Omit “section nine of”.

(14) (a) Section 41 (1)—

10 After “public officer” where firstly occurring,
insert “(being a natural person whose
principal place of residence is in New
South Wales)”.

(b) Section 41 (1)—

After “filled”, insert “by such a person”.

(15) Section 42 (2)—

At the end of section 42, insert :—

15 (2) Nothing in subsection (1) affects the
operation of Part IVA in relation to trustees.

(16) Section 51 (1) (c)—

20 After “financial year”, insert “, whether or not a
person was a member of a group at any time
or during any period”.

New South Wales



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Act No. 87, 1975.

An Act to amend the Pay-roll Tax Act, 1971, so as to provide for tapered deductions from taxable wages liable to pay-roll tax instead of the present exemption; and to specify the circumstances in which certain persons constitute a group for the purposes of that Act and to authorise only one member of a group to make a tapered deduction, calculated by reference to wages paid by all members of the group, from the taxable wages paid or payable by him. [Assented to, 10th December, 1975.]

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BE 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 "Pay-roll Tax (Amendment) Act, 1975".

Commence- 2. (1) This section and section 1 shall commence on the
ment. date of assent to this Act.

(2) Section 3, in its application to each item of Schedule 1, except item (3) (a), and section 4 shall commence on 1st January, 1976.

(3) Section 3, in its application to Schedule 1 (3) (a), shall be deemed to have commenced on 1st September, 1971.

Amendment 3. The Pay-roll Tax Act, 1971, is amended in the manner
of Act No. set forth in Schedule 1.
22, 1971.

Transitional 4. The power conferred on the Commissioner by section
provision. 12 (2) of the Pay-roll Tax Act, 1971, as substituted by section 3 and Schedule 1 (7) (c), extends to authorising the Commissioner to cancel the registration of a person as an employer where that person was not, immediately before 1st January, 1976, an employer paying wages as referred to in section 12 (1) of that Act, as amended by section 3 and Schedule 1 (7) (a).

SCHEDULE

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SCHEDULE 1.

Sec. 3.

AMENDMENTS TO PAY-ROLL TAX ACT, 1971.

(1) Section 2—

After the matter relating to Part IV, insert :—

PART IVA.—GROUPING PROVISIONS—SS. 16A–16L.

(2) (a) Section 3 (1), definition of “corporation”—

After the definition of “company”, insert :—

“corporation” has the meaning ascribed to that expression by section 5 (1) of the Companies Act, 1961;

(b) Section 3 (1), definition of “designated group employer”—

After the definition of “council”, insert :—

“designated group employer”, in relation to a group, means the member of that group who, under section 16I, is for the time being the designated group employer in respect of that group;

(c) Section 3 (1), definitions of “financial year”, “foreign wages”, “group” and “interstate wages”—

Omit the definition of “financial year”, insert instead :—

“financial year” means each year commencing on 1st July;

“foreign

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"foreign wages" means wages that are not taxable wages and are not interstate wages;

"group" means a group constituted under Part IVA;

"interstate wages" means wages that are taxable wages within the meaning of a corresponding law;

(d) Section 3 (1), definition of "return period"—

After the definition of "regulations", insert :—

"return period", in relation to an employer, means the period relating to which that employer is required to furnish a return under this Act;

(e) Section 3 (1), definition of "voting share"—

After the definition of "trustee", insert :—

"voting share" has the meaning ascribed to that expression by section 5 (1) of the Companies Act, 1961;

(f) Section 3 (1), definition of "wages"—

Omit from paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) "payment made" wherever occurring, insert instead "amount paid or payable".

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(3) (a) Section 9 (7)—

Omit "the return relating to the month or period in which the determination is made and to any subsequent month or period", insert instead "any return specified in the determination whether relating to a month or period that is before or after or partly before and partly after the making of the determination".

(b) Section 9 (10)—

After section 9 (9), insert :—

(10) This section does not apply so as to authorise a deduction to be made in accordance with this section in respect of any return period that commences after the month of December, 1975.

(4) Section 9A—

After section 9, insert :—

9A. (1) In this section—

"interstate wages" does not include interstate wages paid or payable by a member of a group;

Deduction from taxable wages after 1st January, 1976.

"prescribed amount"—

(a) in relation to a return for a return period of one month, means \$3,466; and

(b)

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(b) in relation to a return for a return period of two or more months, means the product ascertained by multiplying \$3,466 by the number of months in that return period;

“taxable wages” does not include taxable wages paid or payable by a member of a group.

(2) This section applies only so as to authorise a deduction to be made for a return period that is after the month of December, 1975, from the taxable wages included in a return or assessment relating to that return period.

(3) For the purpose of ascertaining the pay-roll tax payable by an employer who pays or is liable to pay taxable wages for the whole of a return period, but does not pay and is not liable to pay interstate wages during that return period, there shall be deducted, for that return period, from the amount of the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to that return period) the prescribed amount, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the amount of those taxable wages (in whole dollars) exceeds the prescribed amount.

(4) For the purpose of ascertaining the pay-roll tax payable by an employer who pays or is liable to pay wages during a return period and pays or is liable to pay taxable wages for part only of that return period, but does not pay and

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is not liable to pay interstate wages during that return period, there shall be deducted, for that return period, from the amount of the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to that return period) the amount that bears to the prescribed amount the same proportion as the number of days in that part of that return period bears to the total number of days in that return period, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the amount of those taxable wages (in whole dollars) exceeds the same proportion of the prescribed amount.

(5) An employer who during any return period pays or is liable to pay taxable wages and interstate wages may, by notice in writing in the prescribed form containing the prescribed particulars, served on the Commissioner, nominate an amount, calculated in the prescribed manner, not exceeding the prescribed amount, as the deduction that he claims to be entitled to make for that return period and for subsequent return periods.

(6) For the purpose of ascertaining the pay-roll tax payable by an employer who has served on the Commissioner a notice under subsection (5), there shall, subject to subsection (7), be deducted, for a return period (being the return period ending last before the day on which he served that notice on the Commissioner or any subsequent return period), from the amount of the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to any such return period) the amount nominated in that notice.

(7)

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(7) The Commissioner may, on an application made to him in writing by an employer who pays or is liable to pay taxable wages and interstate wages during any return period or of his own motion in relation to such an employer, at any time, make a determination specifying an amount, not exceeding the prescribed amount, that may be deducted for any return period specified or referred to in the determination (being a return period commencing before, but not before 1st January, 1976, or after, or the return period in which, the determination is made) from the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to any such return period) and there shall be deducted, for any such return period, from the amount of the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to any such return period), the amount so specified.

(8) The Commissioner may, at any time, by instrument in writing, revoke a determination made under subsection (7) and any such revocation shall have effect as on and from the first day of the return period specified in the instrument, whether that return period is before, but not before the date of the determination, or after, or the return period in which, the instrument is executed by him.

(9) The Commissioner shall, as soon as practicable after making a determination under subsection (7) or a revocation under subsection (8), serve notice of the determination or revocation on the employer concerned.

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(5) (a) Section 11 (4)—

Omit the subsection, insert instead :—

(4) For the purposes of subsections (1) and (2), the amount prescribed in respect of the financial year—

(a) ending on 30th June, 1975, is \$20,800; and

(b) ending on 31st December, 1975, is \$10,400.

(b) Section 11 (8)—

After section 11 (7), insert :—

(8) In this section, except subsection (3), “financial year” includes the period commencing on 1st July, 1975, and ending on 31st December, 1975, but does not include the period commencing on 1st July, 1975, and ending on 30th June, 1976, or the financial year commencing on 1st July, 1976, or a financial year commencing on any subsequent 1st July.

(6) Sections 11A, 11B, 11C—

After section 11, insert :—

11A. (1) In this section and sections 11B and 11C—

“financial year” includes the period commencing on 1st January, 1976, and ending on 30th June, 1976;

Interpretation for purposes of this section and sections 11B and 11C.

“interstate

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“interstate wages” does not include interstate wages paid or payable by a member of a group;

“taxable wages” does not include taxable wages paid or payable by a member of a group.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), a reference in sections 11B and 11C to the prescribed amount is, in relation to an employer—

- (a) who pays or is liable to pay taxable wages for the whole of a financial year but not any interstate wages during that financial year—a reference to the amount of \$41,600, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during that financial year exceeds \$41,600;
- (b) who during a financial year pays or is liable to pay wages (disregarding foreign wages), those wages being taxable wages that are paid or payable for part only of that financial year, but who does not pay and is not liable to pay any interstate wages during that financial year—a reference to the amount that bears to \$41,600 the same proportion as that part bears to that financial year, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during that part exceeds the amount firstmentioned in this paragraph;

(c)

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(c) who pays or is liable to pay wages (disregarding foreign wages) for the whole of a financial year at some time during which taxable wages are paid or payable and at some time during which interstate wages are paid or payable—a reference to the amount that bears to another amount (that other amount being \$41,600, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

(i) the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during that financial year; and

(ii) the interstate wages paid or payable by that employer during that financial year,

exceeds \$41,600) the same proportion as the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during that financial year bears to the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

(iii) the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during that financial year; and

(iv) the interstate wages paid or payable by that employer during that financial year; and

(d) who during a financial year pays or is liable to pay wages (disregarding foreign wages) otherwise than for the whole of that financial year, some of those firstmentioned wages being taxable wages and some being interstate wages—a reference to the amount

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that bears to another amount (that other amount being an amount that bears to \$41,600 the same proportion as the part (excluding any period during which he paid or was liable to pay foreign wages only) of that year for which he pays or is liable to pay wages bears to that financial year, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

(i) the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during that part; and

(ii) the interstate wages paid or payable by that employer during that part,

exceeds that proportionate amount of \$41,600) the same proportion as the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during that part bears to the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

(iii) the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during that part; and

(iv) the interstate wages paid or payable by that employer during that part.

(3) Where a person who did not pay and was not liable to pay taxable wages or interstate wages for any part of a financial year satisfies the Commissioner that, by reason of the nature of his trade or business, the taxable wages and interstate

wages,

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wages, if any, paid or payable by him fluctuate with different periods of the financial year, the Commissioner may treat him—

- (a) if he has conducted that trade or business in Australia during the whole of the financial year—as an employer throughout the financial year; or
- (b) if he has conducted that trade or business in Australia during part only of the financial year—as an employer during that last-mentioned part of the financial year.

(4) In respect of the financial year ending on 30th June, 1976, subsection (2) shall be construed as if the references therein to \$41,600 were references to \$20,800.

11B. (1) In this section, “annual amount of pay-roll tax”, in relation to an employer, means the amount ascertained by applying the appropriate rate or rates of pay-roll tax prescribed by section 7 to the difference between—

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ments.

- (a) the total of the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during a financial year; and
- (b) the prescribed amount, if any.

(2) Where taxable wages are paid or payable by an employer during a financial year commencing on or after 1st January, 1976—

- (a) the Commissioner shall, on an application made by that employer in accordance with subsection (3), where the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by that employer

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when he made the returns relating to that financial year is greater than the annual amount of pay-roll tax in relation to that employer for that financial year, refund or rebate to that employer an amount equal to the difference, reduced by any amount refunded to him under section 19; or

- (b) that employer shall, where the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by that employer when he made the returns relating to that financial year is less than the annual amount of pay-roll tax in relation to that employer for that financial year, pay to the Commissioner as pay-roll tax, within the period during which he is required to furnish a return under this Act in respect of the return period that is or includes the month of June in that financial year, an amount equal to the difference.

- (3) An application under subsection (2) (a) shall, notwithstanding section 19, be made within the financial year next following the financial year in respect of which the refund or rebate is applied for.

Adjustment
of pay-roll
tax when
employer
ceases to be
an employer,
etc., during
a financial
year.

11c. (1) In this section—

“prescribed period”, in relation to an employer who pays or is liable to pay wages, otherwise than as a member of a group, for part only of a financial year, means that part of that financial year;

“total

Pay-roll Tax (Amendment).

“total amount of pay-roll tax”, in relation to an employer, means the amount ascertained by applying the appropriate rate or rates of pay-roll tax prescribed by section 7 to the difference between—

- (a) the total of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employer during a prescribed period; and
- (b) the prescribed amount, if any;

“wages” does not include foreign wages.

(2) Where in a financial year an employer ceases to pay wages or becomes a member of a group he shall, where the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by him when he made returns relating to the prescribed period is less than the total amount of pay-roll tax in relation to that employer for that prescribed period, pay to the Commissioner as pay-roll tax, within the period during which he is required to furnish a return under this Act relating to that prescribed period or the last return under this Act relating to that prescribed period, an amount equal to the difference.

(3) Where an employer, who has ceased to pay wages or has become a member of a group, as referred to in subsection (2), in any financial year, subsequently pays or is liable to pay taxable wages or interstate wages during that financial year otherwise than as a member of a group, section 11B applies to and in respect of him as if the reference in section 11B (2) to the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by that employer included a reference to any pay-roll tax paid or payable by that employer under subsection (2).

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(7) (a) Section 12 (1)—

Omit “four hundred dollars”, insert instead “\$800”.

(b) Section 12 (1)—

After “taxable wages”, insert “or who, being a member of a group, during a month pays or is liable to pay any taxable wages”.

(c) Section 12 (2), (2A)—

Omit section 12 (2), insert instead :—

(2) The Commissioner may cancel the registration of a person as an employer if—

(a) that person, not being a member of a group, has ceased to be an employer paying wages as referred to in subsection (1); or

(b) that person—

(i) ceases to be a member of a group;
and

(ii) does not pay and is not liable to pay wages as referred to in subsection (1).

(2A) Where the Commissioner cancels the registration of a person as an employer in any financial year and that person subsequently pays or is liable to pay (otherwise than as a member of a group) taxable wages during that financial year that person may, notwithstanding that during any month

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he pays or is liable to pay wages at a rate not in excess of \$800 per week, apply to the Commissioner, in the prescribed form and manner, for registration as an employer and thereupon the Commissioner shall register him as an employer under this Act.

(8) (a) Section 14 (1A)—

After section 14 (1), insert :—

(1A) In subsection (1), “financial year” includes the period commencing on 1st July, 1975, and ending on 31st December, 1975, and the period commencing on 1st January, 1976, and ending on 30th June, 1976, but does not include the period commencing on 1st July, 1975, and ending on 30th June, 1976.

(b) Section 14 (2A)—

After section 14 (2), insert :—

(2A) The Commissioner may, at any time, by notice in writing, revoke any certificate issued under subsection (1).

(9) Section 15—

Omit “In addition to any return required to be furnished by this Act, the”, insert instead “The”.

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(10) Part IVA—

After Part IV, insert :—

PART IVA.

GROUPING PROVISIONS.

Interpreta-
tion.

16A. In this Part, “business” includes—

- (a) a trade or profession;
- (b) any other activity carried on for fee, gain or reward; and
- (c) the activity, carried on by an employer, of employing one or more persons where that person performs or those persons perform duties for or in connection with another business.

Grouping
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porations.

16B. For the purposes of this Act, two corporations constitute a group if they are, by reason of section 6 (5) of the Companies Act, 1961, to be deemed, for the purposes of that Act, to be related to each other.

Grouping
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employees
used in
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business.

16C. For the purposes of this Act, where—

- (a) an employee of an employer, or two or more employees of an employer, performs or perform duties solely or mainly for or in connection with a business carried on by that employer and another person or other persons or by another person or other persons; or

(b)

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- (b) an employer has, in respect of the employment of, or the performance of duties by, one or more of his employees, an agreement, arrangement or undertaking (whether formal or informal, whether expressed or implied and whether or not the agreement, arrangement or undertaking includes provisions in respect of the supply of goods or services or goods and services) with another person or other persons relating to a business carried on by that other person or those other persons, whether alone or together with another person or other persons,

that employer and—

- (c) each such other person; or

- (d) both or all of those other persons,

constitute a group.

16D. (1) A reference in this section to two businesses does not include a reference to two businesses both of which are owned by the same person, not being a trustee, or by the trustee or trustees of a trust.

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(2) For the purposes of this Act, where the same person has, or the same persons have together, a controlling interest under subsection (3) in each of two businesses, the persons who carry on those businesses constitute a group.

(3)

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(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), the same person has, or the same persons have together, a controlling interest in each of two businesses if that person has, or those persons have together, a controlling interest under any of the following paragraphs in one of the businesses and a controlling interest under the same or another of the following paragraphs in the other business :—

- (a) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling interest in a business, being a business carried on by a corporation, if the directors, or a majority of the directors, or one or more of the directors, being a director or directors who is or are entitled to exercise a majority in voting power at meetings of the directors, of the corporation are or is accustomed or under an obligation, whether formal or informal, to act in accordance with the directions, instructions or wishes of that person or of those persons acting together;
- (b) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling interest in a business, being a business carried on by a corporation that has a share capital, if that person or those persons acting together may (whether directly or indirectly) exercise, control the exercise of, or substantially influence the exercise of, 50 per centum or more of the voting power attached to voting shares issued by the corporation;
- (c) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling interest in a business, being a business carried on by a partnership, if that person or those persons—
 - (i) owns, or own together, (whether or not beneficially) 50 per centum or more of the capital of the partnership; or
 - (ii) is, or are together, entitled (whether or not beneficially) to 50 per centum or more of any profits of the partnership;

(d)

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(d) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling interest in a business, being a business carried on under a trust, if that person (whether or not as the trustee of another trust) is the beneficiary, or those persons (whether or not as the trustees of another trust) are together the beneficiaries, in respect of 50 per centum or more of the value of the interests in the trust firstmentioned in this paragraph;

(e) a person has a controlling interest in a business if, whether or not he is a trustee of a trust, he is the sole owner of the business or persons, being two or more trustees of a trust, have a controlling interest in a business if they are the owners of the business.

(4) Where a corporation has a controlling interest under subsection (3) in a business, it shall, for the purposes of subsection (3), be deemed to have a controlling interest in any other business in which another corporation that is, by reason of section 6 (5) of the Companies Act, 1961, to be deemed, for the purposes of that Act, to be related to it has a controlling interest.

(5) Where—

(a) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling interest under subsection (3) in a business; and

(b) the person or persons who carries or carry on that business has or have such a controlling interest in another business,

the person or persons referred to in paragraph (a) shall, for the purposes of subsection (3), be deemed to have a controlling interest in the business referred to in paragraph (b).

(6)

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(6) Where—

- (a) a person is a beneficiary under a trust; or
- (b) two or more persons together are beneficiaries under a trust,

in respect of 50 per centum or more of the value of the interests in that trust and the trustee or trustees of that trust has or have under subsection (3) a controlling interest in a business, that beneficiary or those beneficiaries shall, for the purposes of subsection (3), be deemed to have a controlling interest in that business.

Smaller
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16E. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part (except subsection (2)), where a person is, whether or not by virtue of this subsection, a member of two or more groups (each of which is in subsection (2) referred to as a smaller group), all of the members of those groups constitute, for the purposes of this Act, one group.

(2) Except for the purpose of determining whether a group is constituted under subsection (1), a group which, but for this subsection, would be a smaller group ceases to be a group if its members are members of a group constituted under subsection (1).

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16F. The fact that a person is not a member of a group constituted under a provision of this Part does not prevent that person from being a member of a group constituted under another provision of this Part.

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16G. A person who, as the result of the exercise of a power or discretion by the trustee of a discretionary trust or by any other person or by that trustee and other person, may benefit under that trust shall be deemed, for the purposes of this Part, to be a beneficiary in respect of 50 per centum or more of the value of the interests in that trust.

Beneficiaries under discretionary trusts.

16H. (1) Where the Commissioner is satisfied, having regard to the nature and degree of ownership or control of the businesses, the nature of the businesses and any other matters that he considers relevant, that a business carried on by a member of a group is carried on substantially independently of, and is not substantially connected with the carrying on of, a business carried on by any other member of that group, the Commissioner may, by order in writing served on that first-mentioned member, exclude him from that group.

Exclusion of persons from groups.

(2) The Commissioner shall not, under subsection (1), make an order so as to exclude a person from a group on and from a date if that person is or was on that date a corporation which, by reason of section 6 (5) of the Companies Act, 1961, is to be deemed, for the purposes of that Act, to be related to another corporation which is a member of that group.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part, an order under subsection (1) shall have effect according to its tenor on and from the date specified in the order (being a date that is the date of the order or before the date of the order) as the date on and from which the person referred to in the order is or shall be deemed to have been excluded from the group so referred to.

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Designated
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161. (1) The members of a group may, by an instrument in writing in the prescribed form containing the prescribed particulars, executed by or on behalf of each member of the group and served on the Commissioner, designate one of its members to be the designated group employer in respect of the group for the purposes of this Act and nominate an amount, calculated in the prescribed manner, not exceeding the prescribed amount as defined in section 9A (1), as the deduction to be made for any return period in relation to which that designated group employer is required to furnish returns under this Act.

(2) The designated group employer in respect of a group ceases to be the designated group employer in respect of that group on and from the first day of the return period relating to him during which—

(a) the composition of the group alters; or

(b) the members of the group, by an instrument in writing in the prescribed form containing the prescribed particulars, executed by or on behalf of each of them who is known to the Commissioner to be a member of the group and served on the Commissioner, revoke the designation,

whichever occurs the earlier.

(3) For the purpose of ascertaining the pay-roll tax payable by a designated group employer, there shall, subject to subsection (4), be deducted, for a return period (being the return period commencing last before the day on which the instrument under subsection (1) designating him as the designated group employer in respect of the group is served on the Commissioner or any subsequent return period) from the amount of the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to any such return period) the amount nominated in that instrument.

(4)

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(4) The Commissioner may, on an application made to him in writing executed by or on behalf of each person known to the Commissioner to be a member of a group or of his own motion in relation to a group, at any time, make a determination specifying an amount, not exceeding the prescribed amount as defined in section 9A (1), that may be deducted for any return period specified or referred to in the determination (being a return period commencing before, but not before 1st January, 1976, or after, or the return period in which, the determination is made) from the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, an employer specified in the determination who was, during any such return period, a member of that group and there shall be deducted, for any such return period, from the amount of the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to any such return period) the amount so specified.

(5) The Commissioner may, at any time, by instrument in writing, revoke a determination made under subsection (4) and any such revocation shall have effect as on and from the first day of the return period specified in the instrument, whether that return period is before, but not before the date of the determination, or after, or the return period in which, the instrument is executed by him.

(6) An employer specified in a determination made under subsection (4) shall, on the first day of the first return period specified or referred to in the determination, be deemed to have been designated under subsection (1) to be the designated group employer in respect of the group of which he was then a member and shall, subject to subsection (2), thereafter be the designated group employer in respect of that group.

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(7) The Commissioner shall, as soon as practicable after making a determination under subsection (4) or a revocation under subsection (5), serve notice of the determination or revocation on the designated group employer in respect of the group concerned.

"Financial year" for purposes of this section and sections 16K and 16L and "prescribed amount" for purposes of sections 16K and 16L.

16J. (1) In this section and sections 16K and 16L, "financial year" includes the period commencing on 1st January, 1976, and ending on 30th June, 1976.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), a reference in sections 16K and 16L to the prescribed amount is, in relation to a designated group employer—

- (a) who during the whole of a financial year is the designated group employer in respect of a group at least one of the members of which pays or is liable to pay taxable wages for the whole of that financial year and none of the members of which pays or is liable to pay, as a member of that group, any interstate wages during that financial year—a reference to the amount of \$41,600, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year exceeds \$41,600;
- (b) who during part only of a financial year is the designated group employer in respect of a group at least one of the members of which pays or is liable to pay taxable wages for the whole of that part and none of the members of which pays or is liable to pay, as a member of that group, any interstate wages during that financial year—a reference to the amount that bears to \$41,600 the same proportion as that part of that financial year

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bears to that financial year, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part exceeds the amount firstmentioned in this paragraph;

(c) where—

- (i) during the whole of a financial year that designated group employer is the designated group employer in respect of a group;
- (ii) at least one member of that group pays or is liable to pay taxable wages or interstate wages for the whole of that year; and
- (iii) at some time during that year taxable wages are paid or payable by a member of that group and at some time during that year interstate wages are paid or payable by a member of that group, whether or not those times are wholly or partly concurrent and whether or not those members are the same member,

a reference to the amount that bears to another amount (that other amount being \$41,600, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

- (iv) the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year; and

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- (v) the interstate wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year,

exceeds \$41,600) the same proportion as the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year bears to the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

- (vi) the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year; and

- (vii) the interstate wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year; and

(d) where—

- (i) during part only of a financial year that designated group employer is the designated group employer in respect of a group;

- (ii) at least one member of that group pays or is liable to pay taxable wages or interstate wages for the whole of that part; and

- (iii) at some time during that part taxable wages are paid or payable by a member of that group and at some time during that part interstate wages are paid or payable by a member of that group, whether or not those times are wholly or partly concurrent and whether or not those members are the same member,

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a reference to the amount that bears to another amount (that other amount being the amount that bears to \$41,600 the same proportion as that part bears to that financial year, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

(iv) the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part; and

(v) the interstate wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part,

exceeds that proportionate amount of \$41,600) the same proportion as the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part bears to the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

(vi) the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part; and

(vii) the interstate wages paid or payable during that part by the employers in that group.

(3) In respect of the financial year ending on 30th June, 1976, subsection (2) shall be construed as if the references therein to \$41,600 were references to \$20,800.

16K. (1) This section applies in relation to a group at least one member of which paid or was liable to pay, as such a member, taxable wages or interstate wages for the whole of a financial year. Annual adjustments.

(2)

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(2) A reference in this section to the annual amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by the members of a group is a reference to the amount ascertained by applying the appropriate rate or rates of pay-roll tax prescribed by section 7 to the amount by which—

- (a) the total of the taxable wages paid or payable by the members of that group during a financial year,

exceeds—

- (b) where—

(i) during that year there was only one designated group employer in respect of that group—the prescribed amount applicable to that designated group employer; or

(ii) during that year there were two or more designated group employers in respect of that group—the prescribed amount that, if there had been only one designated group employer in respect of that group during that year, would have been applicable to that designated group employer had he paid all of the taxable wages referred to in paragraph (a) paid or payable during that year.

(3) A reference in this section to the actual amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable in respect of a financial year by the members of a group is a reference to the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable when returns were made or required to be made under this Act relating to that financial year, being returns in which the taxable wages referred to in subsection (2) (a) were included or required to be included.

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(4) Where the actual amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable in respect of a financial year commencing on or after 1st January, 1976, by the members of a group is greater than the annual amount of pay-roll tax in relation to those members for that financial year, the Commissioner shall, on an application made in accordance with subsection (7) by the person who is the designated group employer in respect of that group on 30th June in that financial year, refund or rebate to that employer an amount equal to the difference, reduced by the total of any amounts refunded to any member of that group under section 19 in respect of the tax paid or payable by any such member when returns relating to that year were made or required to be made under this Act by that member.

(5) Where the actual amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable in respect of a financial year commencing on or after 1st January, 1976, by the members of a group is less than the annual amount of pay-roll tax in relation to those members for that financial year, the person who is the designated group employer in respect of that group on 30th June in that financial year shall pay to the Commissioner as pay-roll tax, within the period during which he is required to furnish a return under this Act in respect of the return period that is or includes the month of June in that financial year, an amount equal to the difference.

(6) If a designated group employer in respect of a group fails to pay any amount that he is required to pay under subsection (5) in respect of a financial year, every member of the group who paid or was liable to pay taxable wages during that financial year is liable jointly and severally to pay that amount to the Commissioner.

(7) An application under subsection (4) shall, notwithstanding section 19, be made within the financial year next following the financial year in respect of which the refund or rebate is applied for.

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16L. (1) This section applies in relation to a group at least one member of which paid or was liable to pay, as such a member, taxable wages or interstate wages for part only (being a continuous part) of a financial year and no member of which paid or was liable to pay, as such a member, any such wages during the whole of that year.

(2) In this section, "prescribed period", in relation to a group, means part only (being a continuous part) of a financial year for which at least one member of the group paid or was liable to pay taxable wages or interstate wages.

(3) A reference in this section to the total amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable for a prescribed period by the members of a group is a reference to the amount ascertained by applying the appropriate rate or rates of pay-roll tax prescribed by section 7 to the amount by which—

- (a) the total of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that prescribed period,

exceeds—

- (b) where—

(i) during that prescribed period there was only one designated group employer in respect of that group—the prescribed amount applicable to that designated group employer; or

(ii) during that prescribed period there were two or more designated group employers in respect of that group—the prescribed amount that, if there had been only one designated group employer in respect of that group during that prescribed period,

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would have been applicable to that designated group employer had he paid all of the wages referred to in paragraph (a) paid or payable during that prescribed period.

(4) Where, at the expiration of a prescribed period relating to a group, the total amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable when returns were made or required to be made under this Act, being returns in which the taxable wages referred to in subsection (3) (a) were included or required to be included, is less than the total amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable for that prescribed period by the members of that group, the person who is the designated group employer in respect of that group on the last day of that prescribed period shall pay to the Commissioner as pay-roll tax, within the period during which he is required to furnish a return under this Act or the last return under this Act relating to that prescribed period, an amount equal to the difference.

(5) Section 16K (4) and (5) apply in relation to a group to which this section applies as if—

- (a) at least one member of the group paid or was liable to pay, as such a member, taxable wages or interstate wages for the whole of that financial year;
- (b) the reference in section 16K (3) to the actual amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable in respect of a financial year by the members of that group included a reference to any pay-roll tax paid or payable under subsection (4) by a designated group employer in respect of that group in respect of that financial year; and
- (c) the person, if any, who was the designated group employer in respect of that group at the time when the group last ceased in that financial year to have

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a member who was paying or was liable to pay, as such a member, taxable wages or interstate wages was the designated group employer in respect of that group on 30th June in that financial year.

(6) If a designated group employer in respect of a group fails to pay any amount that he is required to pay under subsection (4) in respect of a prescribed period, every member of the group who paid or was liable to pay taxable wages during the financial year that includes that prescribed period is liable jointly and severally to pay that amount to the Commissioner.

(11) (a) Section 18 (1) (a)—

After “taxable wages”, insert “or, where relevant, interstate wages”.

(b) Section 18 (1) (b)—

Omit “thereon”, insert instead “by the employer”.

(c) Section 18 (3)—

Omit “section nine of”.

(d) Section 18 (4)—

Omit “under subsection six of section nine of this Act in respect of a month or period ending before the determination is made”, insert instead “in respect of a return period ending before the determination is made as to the deduction that may be made from the taxable wages included or required to be included in returns made or required to be made under this Act”.

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(12) Section 25 (7) (a)—

After “Act”, insert “or his liability, as a trustee,
under Part IVA”.

(13) Section 36 (1) (b)—

Omit “section nine of”.

(14) (a) Section 41 (1)—

After “public officer” where firstly occurring,
insert “(being a natural person whose
principal place of residence is in New
South Wales)”.

(b) Section 41 (1)—

After “filled”, insert “by such a person”.

(15) Section 42 (2)—

At the end of section 42, insert :—

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) affects the
operation of Part IVA in relation to trustees.

(16) Section 51 (1) (c)—

After “financial year”, insert “, whether or not a
person was a member of a group at any time
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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, 27 November, 1975.*

New South Wales



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Act No. 87, 1975.

An Act to amend the Pay-roll Tax Act, 1971, so as to provide for tapered deductions from taxable wages liable to pay-roll tax instead of the present exemption; and to specify the circumstances in which certain persons constitute a group for the purposes of that Act and to authorise only one member of a group to make a tapered deduction, calculated by reference to wages paid by all members of the group, from the taxable wages paid or payable by him. [Assented to, 10th 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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BE 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 "Pay-roll Tax (Amendment) Act, 1975".

Commence- 2. (1) This section and section 1 shall commence on the
ment. date of assent to this Act.

(2) Section 3, in its application to each item of Schedule 1, except item (3) (a), and section 4 shall commence on 1st January, 1976.

(3) Section 3, in its application to Schedule 1 (3) (a), shall be deemed to have commenced on 1st September, 1971.

Amendment 3. The Pay-roll Tax Act, 1971, is amended in the manner
of Act No. set forth in Schedule 1.
22, 1971.

Transitional 4. The power conferred on the Commissioner by section
provision. 12 (2) of the Pay-roll Tax Act, 1971, as substituted by section 3 and Schedule 1 (7) (c), extends to authorising the Commissioner to cancel the registration of a person as an employer where that person was not, immediately before 1st January, 1976, an employer paying wages as referred to in section 12 (1) of that Act, as amended by section 3 and Schedule 1 (7) (a).

SCHEDULE

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SCHEDULE 1.

Sec. 3.

AMENDMENTS TO PAY-ROLL TAX ACT, 1971.

(1) Section 2—

After the matter relating to Part IV, insert :—

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(2) (a) Section 3 (1), definition of “corporation”—

After the definition of “company”, insert :—

“corporation” has the meaning ascribed to that expression by section 5 (1) of the Companies Act, 1961 ;

(b) Section 3 (1), definition of “designated group employer”—

After the definition of “council”, insert :—

“designated group employer”, in relation to a group, means the member of that group who, under section 16I, is for the time being the designated group employer in respect of that group ;

(c) Section 3 (1), definitions of “financial year”, “foreign wages”, “group” and “interstate wages”—

Omit the definition of “financial year”, insert instead :—

“financial year” means each year commencing on 1st July ;

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"foreign wages" means wages that are not taxable wages and are not interstate wages;

"group" means a group constituted under Part IVA;

"interstate wages" means wages that are taxable wages within the meaning of a corresponding law;

(d) Section 3 (1), definition of "return period"—

After the definition of "regulations", insert :—

"return period", in relation to an employer, means the period relating to which that employer is required to furnish a return under this Act;

(e) Section 3 (1), definition of "voting share"—

After the definition of "trustee", insert :—

"voting share" has the meaning ascribed to that expression by section 5 (1) of the Companies Act, 1961;

(f) Section 3 (1), definition of "wages"—

Omit from paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) "payment made" wherever occurring, insert instead "amount paid or payable".

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(3) (a) Section 9 (7)—

Omit "the return relating to the month or period in which the determination is made and to any subsequent month or period", insert instead "any return specified in the determination whether relating to a month or period that is before or after or partly before and partly after the making of the determination".

(b) Section 9 (10)—

After section 9 (9), insert :—

(10) This section does not apply so as to authorise a deduction to be made in accordance with this section in respect of any return period that commences after the month of December, 1975.

(4) Section 9A—

After section 9, insert :—

9A. (1) In this section—

"interstate wages" does not include interstate wages paid or payable by a member of a group;

Deduction from taxable wages after 1st January, 1976.

"prescribed amount"—

(a) in relation to a return for a return period of one month, means \$3,466; and

(b)

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- (b) in relation to a return for a return period of two or more months, means the product ascertained by multiplying \$3,466 by the number of months in that return period;

“taxable wages” does not include taxable wages paid or payable by a member of a group.

(2) This section applies only so as to authorise a deduction to be made for a return period that is after the month of December, 1975, from the taxable wages included in a return or assessment relating to that return period.

(3) For the purpose of ascertaining the pay-roll tax payable by an employer who pays or is liable to pay taxable wages for the whole of a return period, but does not pay and is not liable to pay interstate wages during that return period, there shall be deducted, for that return period, from the amount of the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to that return period) the prescribed amount, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the amount of those taxable wages (in whole dollars) exceeds the prescribed amount.

(4) For the purpose of ascertaining the pay-roll tax payable by an employer who pays or is liable to pay wages during a return period and pays or is liable to pay taxable wages for part only of that return period, but does not pay and

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is not liable to pay interstate wages during that return period, there shall be deducted, for that return period, from the amount of the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to that return period) the amount that bears to the prescribed amount the same proportion as the number of days in that part of that return period bears to the total number of days in that return period, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the amount of those taxable wages (in whole dollars) exceeds the same proportion of the prescribed amount.

(5) An employer who during any return period pays or is liable to pay taxable wages and interstate wages may, by notice in writing in the prescribed form containing the prescribed particulars, served on the Commissioner, nominate an amount, calculated in the prescribed manner, not exceeding the prescribed amount, as the deduction that he claims to be entitled to make for that return period and for subsequent return periods.

(6) For the purpose of ascertaining the pay-roll tax payable by an employer who has served on the Commissioner a notice under subsection (5), there shall, subject to subsection (7), be deducted, for a return period (being the return period ending last before the day on which he served that notice on the Commissioner or any subsequent return period), from the amount of the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to any such return period) the amount nominated in that notice.

(7)

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(7) The Commissioner may, on an application made to him in writing by an employer who pays or is liable to pay taxable wages and interstate wages during any return period or of his own motion in relation to such an employer, at any time, make a determination specifying an amount, not exceeding the prescribed amount, that may be deducted for any return period specified or referred to in the determination (being a return period commencing before, but not before 1st January, 1976, or after, or the return period in which, the determination is made) from the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to any such return period) and there shall be deducted, for any such return period, from the amount of the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to any such return period), the amount so specified.

(8) The Commissioner may, at any time, by instrument in writing, revoke a determination made under subsection (7) and any such revocation shall have effect as on and from the first day of the return period specified in the instrument, whether that return period is before, but not before the date of the determination, or after, or the return period in which, the instrument is executed by him.

(9) The Commissioner shall, as soon as practicable after making a determination under subsection (7) or a revocation under subsection (8), serve notice of the determination or revocation on the employer concerned.

(5)

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(5) (a) Section 11 (4)—

Omit the subsection, insert instead :—

(4) For the purposes of subsections (1) and (2), the amount prescribed in respect of the financial year—

(a) ending on 30th June, 1975, is \$20,800; and

(b) ending on 31st December, 1975, is \$10,400.

(b) Section 11 (8)—

After section 11 (7), insert :—

(8) In this section, except subsection (3), “financial year” includes the period commencing on 1st July, 1975, and ending on 31st December, 1975, but does not include the period commencing on 1st July, 1975, and ending on 30th June, 1976, or the financial year commencing on 1st July, 1976, or a financial year commencing on any subsequent 1st July.

(6) Sections 11A, 11B, 11C—

After section 11, insert :—

11A. (1) In this section and sections 11B and 11C—

“financial year” includes the period commencing on 1st January, 1976, and ending on 30th June, 1976;

Interpretation
for purposes
of this
section and
sections 11B
and 11C.

“interstate

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“interstate wages” does not include interstate wages paid or payable by a member of a group;

“taxable wages” does not include taxable wages paid or payable by a member of a group.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), a reference in sections 11B and 11C to the prescribed amount is, in relation to an employer—

(a) who pays or is liable to pay taxable wages for the whole of a financial year but not any interstate wages during that financial year—a reference to the amount of \$41,600, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during that financial year exceeds \$41,600;

(b) who during a financial year pays or is liable to pay wages (disregarding foreign wages), those wages being taxable wages that are paid or payable for part only of that financial year, but who does not pay and is not liable to pay any interstate wages during that financial year—a reference to the amount that bears to \$41,600 the same proportion as that part bears to that financial year, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during that part exceeds the amount firstmentioned in this paragraph;

(c)

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(c) who pays or is liable to pay wages (disregarding foreign wages) for the whole of a financial year at some time during which taxable wages are paid or payable and at some time during which interstate wages are paid or payable—a reference to the amount that bears to another amount (that other amount being \$41,600, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

(i) the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during that financial year; and

(ii) the interstate wages paid or payable by that employer during that financial year,

exceeds \$41,600) the same proportion as the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during that financial year bears to the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

(iii) the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during that financial year; and

(iv) the interstate wages paid or payable by that employer during that financial year; and

(d) who during a financial year pays or is liable to pay wages (disregarding foreign wages) otherwise than for the whole of that financial year, some of those firstmentioned wages being taxable wages and some being interstate wages—a reference to the amount

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that bears to another amount (that other amount being an amount that bears to \$41,600 the same proportion as the part (excluding any period during which he paid or was liable to pay foreign wages only) of that year for which he pays or is liable to pay wages bears to that financial year, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

(i) the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during that part; and

(ii) the interstate wages paid or payable by that employer during that part,

exceeds that proportionate amount of \$41,600) the same proportion as the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during that part bears to the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

(iii) the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during that part; and

(iv) the interstate wages paid or payable by that employer during that part.

(3) Where a person who did not pay and was not liable to pay taxable wages or interstate wages for any part of a financial year satisfies the Commissioner that, by reason of the nature of his trade or business, the taxable wages and interstate

wages,

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wages, if any, paid or payable by him fluctuate with different periods of the financial year, the Commissioner may treat him—

- (a) if he has conducted that trade or business in Australia during the whole of the financial year—as an employer throughout the financial year; or
- (b) if he has conducted that trade or business in Australia during part only of the financial year—as an employer during that last-mentioned part of the financial year.

(4) In respect of the financial year ending on 30th June, 1976, subsection (2) shall be construed as if the references therein to \$41,600 were references to \$20,800.

11B. (1) In this section, “annual amount of pay-roll tax”, in relation to an employer, means the amount ascertained by applying the appropriate rate or rates of pay-roll tax prescribed by section 7 to the difference between—

Annual
adjust-
ments.

- (a) the total of the taxable wages paid or payable by that employer during a financial year; and
- (b) the prescribed amount, if any.

(2) Where taxable wages are paid or payable by an employer during a financial year commencing on or after 1st January, 1976—

- (a) the Commissioner shall, on an application made by that employer in accordance with subsection (3), where the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by that employer

when

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when he made the returns relating to that financial year is greater than the annual amount of pay-roll tax in relation to that employer for that financial year, refund or rebate to that employer an amount equal to the difference, reduced by any amount refunded to him under section 19; or

- (b) that employer shall, where the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by that employer when he made the returns relating to that financial year is less than the annual amount of pay-roll tax in relation to that employer for that financial year, pay to the Commissioner as pay-roll tax, within the period during which he is required to furnish a return under this Act in respect of the return period that is or includes the month of June in that financial year, an amount equal to the difference.

- (3) An application under subsection (2) (a) shall, notwithstanding section 19, be made within the financial year next following the financial year in respect of which the refund or rebate is applied for.

Adjustment
of pay-roll
tax when
employer
ceases to be
an employer,
etc., during
a financial
year.

11C. (1) In this section—

“prescribed period”, in relation to an employer who pays or is liable to pay wages, otherwise than as a member of a group, for part only of a financial year, means that part of that financial year;

“total

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“total amount of pay-roll tax”, in relation to an employer, means the amount ascertained by applying the appropriate rate or rates of pay-roll tax prescribed by section 7 to the difference between—

- (a) the total of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employer during a prescribed period; and
- (b) the prescribed amount, if any;

“wages” does not include foreign wages.

(2) Where in a financial year an employer ceases to pay wages or becomes a member of a group he shall, where the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by him when he made returns relating to the prescribed period is less than the total amount of pay-roll tax in relation to that employer for that prescribed period, pay to the Commissioner as pay-roll tax, within the period during which he is required to furnish a return under this Act relating to that prescribed period or the last return under this Act relating to that prescribed period, an amount equal to the difference.

(3) Where an employer, who has ceased to pay wages or has become a member of a group, as referred to in subsection (2), in any financial year, subsequently pays or is liable to pay taxable wages or interstate wages during that financial year otherwise than as a member of a group, section 11B applies to and in respect of him as if the reference in section 11B (2) to the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by that employer included a reference to any pay-roll tax paid or payable by that employer under subsection (2).

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(7) (a) Section 12 (1)—

Omit “four hundred dollars”, insert instead “\$800”.

(b) Section 12 (1)—

After “taxable wages”, insert “or who, being a member of a group, during a month pays or is liable to pay any taxable wages”.

(c) Section 12 (2), (2A)—

Omit section 12 (2), insert instead :—

(2) The Commissioner may cancel the registration of a person as an employer if—

(a) that person, not being a member of a group, has ceased to be an employer paying wages as referred to in subsection (1); or

(b) that person—

(i) ceases to be a member of a group;
and

(ii) does not pay and is not liable to pay wages as referred to in subsection (1).

(2A) Where the Commissioner cancels the registration of a person as an employer in any financial year and that person subsequently pays or is liable to pay (otherwise than as a member of a group) taxable wages during that financial year that person may, notwithstanding that during any month

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he pays or is liable to pay wages at a rate not in excess of \$800 per week, apply to the Commissioner, in the prescribed form and manner, for registration as an employer and thereupon the Commissioner shall register him as an employer under this Act.

(8) (a) Section 14 (1A)—

After section 14 (1), insert :—

(1A) In subsection (1), “financial year” includes the period commencing on 1st July, 1975, and ending on 31st December, 1975, and the period commencing on 1st January, 1976, and ending on 30th June, 1976, but does not include the period commencing on 1st July, 1975, and ending on 30th June, 1976.

(b) Section 14 (2A)—

After section 14 (2), insert :—

(2A) The Commissioner may, at any time, by notice in writing, revoke any certificate issued under subsection (1).

(9) Section 15—

Omit “In addition to any return required to be furnished by this Act, the”, insert instead “The”.

(10)

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(10) Part IVA—

After Part IV, insert :—

PART IVA.

GROUPING PROVISIONS.

Interpreta-
tion.

16A. In this Part, “business” includes—

- (a) a trade or profession;
- (b) any other activity carried on for fee, gain or reward; and
- (c) the activity, carried on by an employer, of employing one or more persons where that person performs or those persons perform duties for or in connection with another business.

Grouping
of cor-
porations.

16B. For the purposes of this Act, two corporations constitute a group if they are, by reason of section 6 (5) of the Companies Act, 1961, to be deemed, for the purposes of that Act, to be related to each other.

Grouping
where
employees
used in
another
business.

16C. For the purposes of this Act, where—

- (a) an employee of an employer, or two or more employees of an employer, performs or perform duties solely or mainly for or in connection with a business carried on by that employer and another person or other persons or by another person or other persons; or

(b)

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- (b) an employer has, in respect of the employment of, or the performance of duties by, one or more of his employees, an agreement, arrangement or undertaking (whether formal or informal, whether expressed or implied and whether or not the agreement, arrangement or undertaking includes provisions in respect of the supply of goods or services or goods and services) with another person or other persons relating to a business carried on by that other person or those other persons, whether alone or together with another person or other persons,

that employer and—

- (c) each such other person; or

- (d) both or all of those other persons,

constitute a group.

16D. (1) A reference in this section to two businesses does not include a reference to two businesses both of which are owned by the same person, not being a trustee, or by the trustee or trustees of a trust.

Grouping
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nesses.

(2) For the purposes of this Act, where the same person has, or the same persons have together, a controlling interest under subsection (3) in each of two businesses, the persons who carry on those businesses constitute a group.

(b)

(3)

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(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), the same person has, or the same persons have together, a controlling interest in each of two businesses if that person has, or those persons have together, a controlling interest under any of the following paragraphs in one of the businesses and a controlling interest under the same or another of the following paragraphs in the other business :—

- (a) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling interest in a business, being a business carried on by a corporation, if the directors, or a majority of the directors, or one or more of the directors, being a director or directors who is or are entitled to exercise a majority in voting power at meetings of the directors, of the corporation are or is accustomed or under an obligation, whether formal or informal, to act in accordance with the directions, instructions or wishes of that person or of those persons acting together;
- (b) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling interest in a business, being a business carried on by a corporation that has a share capital, if that person or those persons acting together may (whether directly or indirectly) exercise, control the exercise of, or substantially influence the exercise of, 50 per centum or more of the voting power attached to voting shares issued by the corporation;
- (c) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling interest in a business, being a business carried on by a partnership, if that person or those persons—
 - (i) owns, or own together, (whether or not beneficially) 50 per centum or more of the capital of the partnership; or
 - (ii) is, or are together, entitled (whether or not beneficially) to 50 per centum or more of any profits of the partnership;
- (d)

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- (d) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling interest in a business, being a business carried on under a trust, if that person (whether or not as the trustee of another trust) is the beneficiary, or those persons (whether or not as the trustees of another trust) are together the beneficiaries, in respect of 50 per centum or more of the value of the interests in the trust firstmentioned in this paragraph;
- (e) a person has a controlling interest in a business if, whether or not he is a trustee of a trust, he is the sole owner of the business or persons, being two or more trustees of a trust, have a controlling interest in a business if they are the owners of the business.

(4) Where a corporation has a controlling interest under subsection (3) in a business, it shall, for the purposes of subsection (3), be deemed to have a controlling interest in any other business in which another corporation that is, by reason of section 6 (5) of the Companies Act, 1961, to be deemed, for the purposes of that Act, to be related to it has a controlling interest.

(5) Where—

- (a) a person has, or persons have together, a controlling interest under subsection (3) in a business; and
- (b) the person or persons who carries or carry on that business has or have such a controlling interest in another business,

the person or persons referred to in paragraph (a) shall, for the purposes of subsection (3), be deemed to have a controlling interest in the business referred to in paragraph (b).

(6)

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(6) Where—

- (a) a person is a beneficiary under a trust; or
- (b) two or more persons together are beneficiaries under a trust,

in respect of 50 per centum or more of the value of the interests in that trust and the trustee or trustees of that trust has or have under subsection (3) a controlling interest in a business, that beneficiary or those beneficiaries shall, for the purposes of subsection (3), be deemed to have a controlling interest in that business.

Smaller
groups
subsumed
into
larger
groups.

16E. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part (except subsection (2)), where a person is, whether or not by virtue of this subsection, a member of two or more groups (each of which is in subsection (2) referred to as a smaller group), all of the members of those groups constitute, for the purposes of this Act, one group.

(2) Except for the purpose of determining whether a group is constituted under subsection (1), a group which, but for this subsection, would be a smaller group ceases to be a group if its members are members of a group constituted under subsection (1).

Grouping
provisions
to operate
independently.

16F. The fact that a person is not a member of a group constituted under a provision of this Part does not prevent that person from being a member of a group constituted under another provision of this Part.

16G.

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16G. A person who, as the result of the exercise of a power or discretion by the trustee of a discretionary trust or by any other person or by that trustee and other person, may benefit under that trust shall be deemed, for the purposes of this Part, to be a beneficiary in respect of 50 per centum or more of the value of the interests in that trust.

Beneficiaries under discretionary trusts.

16H. (1) Where the Commissioner is satisfied, having regard to the nature and degree of ownership or control of the businesses, the nature of the businesses and any other matters that he considers relevant, that a business carried on by a member of a group is carried on substantially independently of, and is not substantially connected with the carrying on of, a business carried on by any other member of that group, the Commissioner may, by order in writing served on that first-mentioned member, exclude him from that group.

Exclusion of persons from groups.

(2) The Commissioner shall not, under subsection (1), make an order so as to exclude a person from a group on and from a date if that person is or was on that date a corporation which, by reason of section 6 (5) of the Companies Act, 1961, is to be deemed, for the purposes of that Act, to be related to another corporation which is a member of that group.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part, an order under subsection (1) shall have effect according to its tenor on and from the date specified in the order (being a date that is the date of the order or before the date of the order) as the date on and from which the person referred to in the order is or shall be deemed to have been excluded from the group so referred to.

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Designated
group
employer.

161. (1) The members of a group may, by an instrument in writing in the prescribed form containing the prescribed particulars, executed by or on behalf of each member of the group and served on the Commissioner, designate one of its members to be the designated group employer in respect of the group for the purposes of this Act and nominate an amount, calculated in the prescribed manner, not exceeding the prescribed amount as defined in section 9A (1), as the deduction to be made for any return period in relation to which that designated group employer is required to furnish returns under this Act.

(2) The designated group employer in respect of a group ceases to be the designated group employer in respect of that group on and from the first day of the return period relating to him during which—

- (a) the composition of the group alters; or
- (b) the members of the group, by an instrument in writing in the prescribed form containing the prescribed particulars, executed by or on behalf of each of them who is known to the Commissioner to be a member of the group and served on the Commissioner, revoke the designation,

whichever occurs the earlier.

(3) For the purpose of ascertaining the pay-roll tax payable by a designated group employer, there shall, subject to subsection (4), be deducted, for a return period (being the return period commencing last before the day on which the instrument under subsection (1) designating him as the designated group employer in respect of the group is served on the Commissioner or any subsequent return period) from the amount of the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to any such return period) the amount nominated in that instrument.

(4)

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(4) The Commissioner may, on an application made to him in writing executed by or on behalf of each person known to the Commissioner to be a member of a group or of his own motion in relation to a group, at any time, make a determination specifying an amount, not exceeding the prescribed amount as defined in section 9A (1), that may be deducted for any return period specified or referred to in the determination (being a return period commencing before, but not before 1st January, 1976, or after, or the return period in which, the determination is made) from the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, an employer specified in the determination who was, during any such return period, a member of that group and there shall be deducted, for any such return period, from the amount of the taxable wages included in a return made by, or an assessment relating to, that employer (being a return or an assessment relating to any such return period) the amount so specified.

(5) The Commissioner may, at any time, by instrument in writing, revoke a determination made under subsection (4) and any such revocation shall have effect as on and from the first day of the return period specified in the instrument, whether that return period is before, but not before the date of the determination, or after, or the return period in which, the instrument is executed by him.

(6) An employer specified in a determination made under subsection (4) shall, on the first day of the first return period specified or referred to in the determination, be deemed to have been designated under subsection (1) to be the designated group employer in respect of the group of which he was then a member and shall, subject to subsection (2), thereafter be the designated group employer in respect of that group.

(7)

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(7) The Commissioner shall, as soon as practicable after making a determination under subsection (4) or a revocation under subsection (5), serve notice of the determination or revocation on the designated group employer in respect of the group concerned.

“Financial year” for purposes of this section and sections 16K and 16L and “prescribed amount” for purposes of sections 16K and 16L.

16J. (1) In this section and sections 16K and 16L, “financial year” includes the period commencing on 1st January, 1976, and ending on 30th June, 1976.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), a reference in sections 16K and 16L to the prescribed amount is, in relation to a designated group employer—

- (a) who during the whole of a financial year is the designated group employer in respect of a group at least one of the members of which pays or is liable to pay taxable wages for the whole of that financial year and none of the members of which pays or is liable to pay, as a member of that group, any interstate wages during that financial year—a reference to the amount of \$41,600, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year exceeds \$41,600;
- (b) who during part only of a financial year is the designated group employer in respect of a group at least one of the members of which pays or is liable to pay taxable wages for the whole of that part and none of the members of which pays or is liable to pay, as a member of that group, any interstate wages during that financial year—a reference to the amount that bears to \$41,600 the same proportion as that part of that financial year

bears

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bears to that financial year, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part exceeds the amount firstmentioned in this paragraph;

(c) where—

- (i) during the whole of a financial year that designated group employer is the designated group employer in respect of a group;
- (ii) at least one member of that group pays or is liable to pay taxable wages or interstate wages for the whole of that year; and
- (iii) at some time during that year taxable wages are paid or payable by a member of that group and at some time during that year interstate wages are paid or payable by a member of that group, whether or not those times are wholly or partly concurrent and whether or not those members are the same member,

a reference to the amount that bears to another amount (that other amount being \$41,600, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

- (iv) the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year; and

(v)

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- (v) the interstate wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year,

exceeds \$41,600) the same proportion as the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year bears to the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

- (vi) the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year; and

- (vii) the interstate wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that financial year; and

(d) where—

- (i) during part only of a financial year that designated group employer is the designated group employer in respect of a group;
- (ii) at least one member of that group pays or is liable to pay taxable wages or interstate wages for the whole of that part; and
- (iii) at some time during that part taxable wages are paid or payable by a member of that group and at some time during that part interstate wages are paid or payable by a member of that group, whether or not those times are wholly or partly concurrent and whether or not those members are the same member,

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a reference to the amount that bears to another amount (that other amount being the amount that bears to \$41,600 the same proportion as that part bears to that financial year, reduced by \$2 for each \$3 (disregarding any remainder) by which the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

(iv) the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part; and

(v) the interstate wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part,

exceeds that proportionate amount of \$41,600) the same proportion as the total (in whole dollars) of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part bears to the sum of the total (in whole dollars) of—

(vi) the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that part; and

(vii) the interstate wages paid or payable during that part by the employers in that group.

(3) In respect of the financial year ending on 30th June, 1976, subsection (2) shall be construed as if the references therein to \$41,600 were references to \$20,800.

16K. (1) This section applies in relation to a group at least one member of which paid or was liable to pay, as such a member, taxable wages or interstate wages for the whole of a financial year.

(2)

Pay-roll Tax (Amendment).

(2) A reference in this section to the annual amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable by the members of a group is a reference to the amount ascertained by applying the appropriate rate or rates of pay-roll tax prescribed by section 7 to the amount by which—

- (a) the total of the taxable wages paid or payable by the members of that group during a financial year,

exceeds—

- (b) where—

- (i) during that year there was only one designated group employer in respect of that group—the prescribed amount applicable to that designated group employer; or

- (ii) during that year there were two or more designated group employers in respect of that group—the prescribed amount that, if there had been only one designated group employer in respect of that group during that year, would have been applicable to that designated group employer had he paid all of the taxable wages referred to in paragraph (a) paid or payable during that year.

(3) A reference in this section to the actual amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable in respect of a financial year by the members of a group is a reference to the amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable when returns were made or required to be made under this Act relating to that financial year, being returns in which the taxable wages referred to in subsection (2) (a) were included or required to be included.

(4)

Pay-roll Tax (Amendment).

(4) Where the actual amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable in respect of a financial year commencing on or after 1st January, 1976, by the members of a group is greater than the annual amount of pay-roll tax in relation to those members for that financial year, the Commissioner shall, on an application made in accordance with subsection (7) by the person who is the designated group employer in respect of that group on 30th June in that financial year, refund or rebate to that employer an amount equal to the difference, reduced by the total of any amounts refunded to any member of that group under section 19 in respect of the tax paid or payable by any such member when returns relating to that year were made or required to be made under this Act by that member.

(5) Where the actual amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable in respect of a financial year commencing on or after 1st January, 1976, by the members of a group is less than the annual amount of pay-roll tax in relation to those members for that financial year, the person who is the designated group employer in respect of that group on 30th June in that financial year shall pay to the Commissioner as pay-roll tax, within the period during which he is required to furnish a return under this Act in respect of the return period that is or includes the month of June in that financial year, an amount equal to the difference.

(6) If a designated group employer in respect of a group fails to pay any amount that he is required to pay under subsection (5) in respect of a financial year, every member of the group who paid or was liable to pay taxable wages during that financial year is liable jointly and severally to pay that amount to the Commissioner.

(7) An application under subsection (4) shall, notwithstanding section 19, be made within the financial year next following the financial year in respect of which the refund or rebate is applied for.

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Adjustment
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16L. (1) This section applies in relation to a group at least one member of which paid or was liable to pay, as such a member, taxable wages or interstate wages for part only (being a continuous part) of a financial year and no member of which paid or was liable to pay, as such a member, any such wages during the whole of that year.

(2) In this section, "prescribed period", in relation to a group, means part only (being a continuous part) of a financial year for which at least one member of the group paid or was liable to pay taxable wages or interstate wages.

(3) A reference in this section to the total amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable for a prescribed period by the members of a group is a reference to the amount ascertained by applying the appropriate rate or rates of pay-roll tax prescribed by section 7 to the amount by which—

(a) the total of the taxable wages paid or payable by the employers in that group during that prescribed period,

exceeds—

(b) where—

(i) during that prescribed period there was only one designated group employer in respect of that group—the prescribed amount applicable to that designated group employer; or

(ii) during that prescribed period there were two or more designated group employers in respect of that group—the prescribed amount that, if there had been only one designated group employer in respect of that group during that prescribed period,

would

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would have been applicable to that designated group employer had he paid all of the wages referred to in paragraph (a) paid or payable during that prescribed period.

(4) Where, at the expiration of a prescribed period relating to a group, the total amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable when returns were made or required to be made under this Act, being returns in which the taxable wages referred to in subsection (3) (a) were included or required to be included, is less than the total amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable for that prescribed period by the members of that group, the person who is the designated group employer in respect of that group on the last day of that prescribed period shall pay to the Commissioner as pay-roll tax, within the period during which he is required to furnish a return under this Act or the last return under this Act relating to that prescribed period, an amount equal to the difference.

(5) Section 16K (4) and (5) apply in relation to a group to which this section applies as if—

- (a) at least one member of the group paid or was liable to pay, as such a member, taxable wages or interstate wages for the whole of that financial year;
- (b) the reference in section 16K (3) to the actual amount of pay-roll tax paid or payable in respect of a financial year by the members of that group included a reference to any pay-roll tax paid or payable under subsection (4) by a designated group employer in respect of that group in respect of that financial year; and
- (c) the person, if any, who was the designated group employer in respect of that group at the time when the group last ceased in that financial year to have

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a member who was paying or was liable to pay, as such a member, taxable wages or interstate wages was the designated group employer in respect of that group on 30th June in that financial year.

(6) If a designated group employer in respect of a group fails to pay any amount that he is required to pay under subsection (4) in respect of a prescribed period, every member of the group who paid or was liable to pay taxable wages during the financial year that includes that prescribed period is liable jointly and severally to pay that amount to the Commissioner.

(11) (a) Section 18 (1) (a)—

After “taxable wages”, insert “or, where relevant, interstate wages”.

(b) Section 18 (1) (b)—

Omit “thereon”, insert instead “by the employer”.

(c) Section 18 (3)—

Omit “section nine of”.

(d) Section 18 (4)—

Omit “under subsection six of section nine of this Act in respect of a month or period ending before the determination is made”, insert instead “in respect of a return period ending before the determination is made as to the deduction that may be made from the taxable wages included or required to be included in returns made or required to be made under this Act”.

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(12) Section 25 (7) (a)—

After "Act", insert "or his liability, as a trustee,
under Part IVA".

(13) Section 36 (1) (b)—

Omit "section nine of".

(14) (a) Section 41 (1)—

After "public officer" where firstly occurring,
insert "(being a natural person whose
principal place of residence is in New
South Wales)".

(b) Section 41 (1)—

After "filled", insert "by such a person".

(15) Section 42 (2)—

At the end of section 42, insert :—

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) affects the
operation of Part IVA in relation to trustees.

(16) Section 51 (1) (c)—

After "financial year", insert " , whether or not a
person was a member of a group at any time
or during any period".

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

A. R. CUTLER,
Governor.

*Government House,
Sydney, 10th December, 1975.*

March 27, 1952

Dear Mr. [Name]

Section 11 (1) (a) -

Under the provisions of the Act, the Commission has the honor to inform you that the application for a license to practice as a [profession] has been received and is being processed.

Section 11 (1) (b) -

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Section 11 (1) (c) -

Under the provisions of the Act, the Commission has the honor to inform you that the application for a license to practice as a [profession] has been received and is being processed. The Commission is also pleased to inform you that the application for a license to practice as a [profession] has been received and is being processed.

Section 11 (1) (d) -

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Very truly yours,
[Signature]