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.

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 17 September, 1903. Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

## New South Wales.



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Act No. , 1903.

An Act to provide for the regulation of wages in coal mines, and to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, in respect thereof; and for other purposes.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the "Regulation of Wages in Short title. Coal Mines Act, 1903."

2. (1) Subsection (1) of section thirty-eight of the Coal Mines Mineral gotten to Regulation Act, 1902, is repealed, and the following substituted in be weighed. place thereof—

The mineral gotten by any person employed in a mine shall be weighed in the skip at a place as near to the pit's mouth as practicable.

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## Regulation of Wages in Coal Mines.

The wages of every person employed to get mineral in a mine Wages to depend on shall depend upon, and shall be paid according to, the actual weight so weight of mineral gotten. ascertained of the mineral gotten by him:

Provided that nothing herein shall preclude the owner, agent, 5 or manager of any mine from agreeing with the persons employed in

the mine—

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(i) that additional or auxiliary payments calculated on any scale Auxiliary payments may or basis shall be made to such persons;

Auxiliary payments may be made where any difficulty in getting mineral.

(ii) that deductions shall be made in respect of—

Deductions may be (a) stones or substances other than such mineral sent out with agreed upon.

such mineral, or

(b) tubs improperly filled in cases where such tubs are filled by the getter of the mineral or his drawer, or by the person immediately employed by him.

Mode of determining deductions.

Any such deductions shall be determined—

(a) in any special mode agreed upon between the owner, agent, or manager of the mine, or some person appointed in that behalf by such owner, agent, or manager, on the one hand, and the persons employed in the mine, or the check-weigher, if any check-weigher is stationed for that purpose as hereinafter mentioned, on the other hand; or

(b) in case of difference, by some third person to be mutually agreed upon by the owner, agent, or manager of the mine, on the one hand, and the persons employed in the mine on the other hand; or, in default of such agreement, to be appointed by the chairman of any court of quarter sessions within the jurisdiction of which any shaft in the mine is situate.