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No. 24 of 1951.

An Act to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1932-1950.

[Assented to 25th October, 1951.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows :

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Workmen's Compensation Act Amendment Act, 1951". Short titles.
- (2) The Workmen's Compensation Act, 1932-1950, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Workmen's Compensation Act, 1932-1951".
- (3) The Workmen's Compensation Act, 1932-1950, is hereinafter called the "principal Act".
2. This Act is incorporated with the principal Act and that Act and this Act shall be read as one Act. Incorporation.
3. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the word "fifteen" in the tenth line of subsection (1) and inserting in its place the word "twenty-four". Amendment of s. 7 of principal Act—
Meaning of workman.
4. Section 16 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the word "nine" in paragraph (b) of the proviso to subsection (1) and inserting in its place the words "one thousand five". Amendment of s. 16 of principal Act—
Compensation when workman dies leaving dependants.
5. Section 17 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the word "twenty" in the last line and inserting in its place the word "thirty". Amendment of s. 17 of principal Act—
Compensation where workman dies leaving no dependants.

Amendment of
s. 18 of
principal Act—
Compensation
for incapacity.

6. Section 18 of the principal Act is amended as follows :—

- (a) The words “ two-thirds ” in the fourth line of subsection (1) are struck out and the words “ three-quarters ” inserted in their place :
- (b) After the words “ one pound ” in the twelfth line of subsection (1) the words “ ten shillings ” are inserted :
- (c) Subsection (2) is repealed and the following subsections inserted in its place :—

(2) The weekly payment to a workman having a wife or a child under the age of sixteen years totally or mainly dependent on his earnings shall not exceed eleven pounds a week or his average weekly earnings during the period aforesaid, whichever is lower.

(2a) The weekly payment to a workman not having a wife or a child under the age of sixteen years totally or mainly dependent on his earnings shall not exceed eight pounds a week.

- (d) The word “ one ” occurring before the word “ hundred ” in subsection (3) is struck out and the word “ seven ” inserted in its place.

Amendment of
s. 18a of
principal Act—
Compensation
in respect of
medical
expenses.

7. Section 18a of the principal Act is amended as follows :—

- (a) The word “ fifty ” in the third line of subsection (1) is struck out and the word “ seventy-five ” inserted in its place ;
- (b) The word “ two ” in the first line of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) is struck out and the word “ five ” is inserted in its place ;
- (c) The word “ twenty-five ” in the first line of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) is struck out and the word “ thirty-five ” is inserted in its place ;
- (d) The word “ three ” in the first line of paragraph (c) of subsection (1) is struck out and the word “ five ” is inserted in its place ;
- (e) The word “ twenty ” in the first line of paragraph (d) of subsection (1) is struck out and the word “ thirty ” inserted in its place ;

- (f) The word "fifty" occurring in the seventh and ninth lines of subsection (2) and in the second and eighth lines of subsection (3) is struck out and the word "seventy-five" inserted in its place in each of the said lines.

8. Section 26 of the principal Act is amended as follows:—

Amendment of
s. 26 of
principal Act—
Consequential
amendments.

- (a) The word "one" appearing before the word "hundred" in the last line of subsection (5) is struck out and the word "seven" inserted in its place ;
- (b) The word "one" appearing before the word "hundred" in the heading of the right-hand column of the "table" in the said section is struck out and the word "seven" inserted in its place.

9. Subject as hereinafter provided sections 3 to 8 (inclusive) of this Act shall apply only in relation to injury or death caused by an accident occurring after the commencement of this Act.

Application of
Act.

Where injury or death was caused by an accident occurring before the commencement of this Act, the provisions of the principal Act, as in force immediately before the said commencement shall apply.

Provided that where a workman is at the time of the commencement of this Act in receipt of or entitled to a weekly payment for total or partial incapacity resulting from injury caused by an accident occurring before the said commencement, such weekly payment shall, on and after the said commencement, be at the rate which would be payable if this Act had been in force when the accident occurred ; but the total liability of the employer in respect of weekly payments for any such incapacity shall not exceed one thousand one hundred and fifty pounds.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty, I hereby
assent to this Bill.

C. W. M. NORRIE, Governor.