



ANALYSIS

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1972, No. 51

An Act to amend the Construction Act 1959

[20 October 1972]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Construction Amendment Act 1972, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Construction Act 1959 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Protection from harmful noise—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 17, the following section:

“17A. (1) If, in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health, any noise arising from the carrying out of any construction work is likely to cause impairment to the hearing of workmen, the employer shall take all such steps as may be practicable to prevent the workmen from being exposed to the noise.

“(2) If, in the opinion of the Inspector, it is not practicable to prevent exposure to the noise by reducing the noise level, or by isolating or insulating the work, the employer shall cause

every workman exposed to the noise to be provided with a personal ear protection device of a type approved by the Medical Officer of Health.”

3. Duties of workmen—Section 23 of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the word “wilfully” where it first occurs, and substituting the words “without reasonable cause”.

This Act is administered in the Department of Labour.
