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WORKERS' COMPENSATION AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Workers' Compensation Act, 1908.

Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1919, and shall be read together with and deemed to form part of the Workers' Compensation Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. (1.) Section four of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (b) the following paragraph:—

Compensation payable in respect of death of person under twenty-one years of age leaving no dependants.

“(bb.) If the worker is a person under the age of twenty-one years and leaves no dependants, but leaves a father or mother him surviving, there shall be payable by way of compensation an amount equal to one hundred and fifty-six times his average weekly earnings, but not exceeding in any case the sum of two hundred pounds.”

(2.) Any compensation payable as aforesaid in respect of the death of a person under the age of twenty-one years shall be payable to the father of the worker if surviving, and, if not, shall be payable to the mother.

3. Section five of the principal Act is hereby amended—

Compensation payable if incapacity lasts more than one day.

(a.) By omitting from subsection four the words “seven days,” and substituting the words “one day”; and

(b.) By repealing subsection five thereof.

4. The period of twelve months specified in subsection one of section ten of the principal Act shall have no application to disablement arising out of lead poisoning, and in any such case compensation shall, subject to the provisions of the principal Act, be payable, notwithstanding that the disease may have been contracted more than twelve months previous to the date of the disablement.

Special provisions as to compensation for disablement arising out of lead poisoning.