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Act No. 99, 1993

An Act to amend the Fire Brigades Act 1989 with respect to returns by insurance companies, and for related purposes. [Assented to 2 December 1993]

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Fire Brigades (Amendment) Act 1993.

Commencement

2. This Act commences on the date of assent.

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3. The Fire Brigades Act 1989 is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

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(Sec. 3)

(1) Section 3 (**Definitions**):

Omit the definition of "policy of insurance", insert instead: "policy of insurance" includes:

- (a) any certificate or declaration as to the existence of, and any agreement for, any insurance; or
- (b) any instrument in writing by which any contract of insurance is made or agreed to be made or is evidenced,

but does not include a policy of reinsurance.

(2) Section 55 (Advance payment by insurance companies):

From section 55 (2), omit "calendar year immediately preceding the last preceding calendar year", insert instead "financial year that last ended before that calendar year".

- (3) Section 56 (Assessments and adjustments):
 - (a) From section 56 (l), omit "the last preceding calendar year", insert instead "that year".
 - (b) From section 56 (2) and (3), omit "1 July" wherever occurring, insert instead "31 December".
- (4) Section 58 (**Returns by insurance companies**):
 - (a) From section 58 (1), omit "March", insert instead "September".
 - (b) From section 58 (1) (a), omit "calendar", insert instead "financial".

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(5) Section 59 (Definition of "total amount of premiums"):

From the definition of "total amount of premiums", omit the words "but does not include:" and omit paragraphs (d) and (e), insert instead:

but does not include stamp duty payable in respect of any policy of insurance the subject of any such premium.

(6) Section 61 (Returns by owners of property):

- (a) From section 61 (l), omit "March", insert instead "September".
- (b) From section 61 (2), omit "12 months", insert instead "financial year".

(7) Section 61A:

After section 61, insert:

Transitional arrangement—special returns by insurance companies (and by certain property owners) for 6 month period ending 30 June 1993

- 61A. (1) The purpose of this section is to facilitate the changeover, from a calendar year to a financial year basis, of returns by insurance companies under section 58 and by owners of property under section 61 as a result of the amendments made by the Fire Brigades (Amendment) Act 1993.
- (2) As soon as practicable after the commencement of that Act (but not later than 1 month after that commencement):
 - (a) an insurance company must submit to the Director-General a return (in accordance with section 58) in respect of the period of 6 months beginning 1 January 1993 and ending 30 June 1993; and
 - (b) a person to whom section 57 applies must submit to the Director-General a return (in accordance with section 61) in respect of the period of 6 months beginning 1 January 1993 and ending 30 June 1993.
- (3) A return under this section is to be in a form approved by the Director-General.

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- (4) Such returns are to be used by the Director-General to effect the assessments and adjustments under section 56 for the 1993 calendar year and to determine the advance payments under section 55 for the 1994 calendar year.
- (5) Without limiting clause 2 of Schedule 4, the regulations may make provision for or with respect to returns under this section and the assessments, adjustments and advance payments referred to in subsection (4).
- (8) Schedule 4 (Savings and transitional provisions):
 - (a) From clause 2 (l), omit "this Act.", insert instead: the following Acts:

this Act

the Fire Brigades (Amendment) Act 1993.

(b) From clause 2 (2), omit "this Act", insert instead "the Act concerned".

[Minister's second reading speech made in— Legislative Assembly on 27 October 1993 Council on 19 November 1993]