

**POLICE REGULATION (SUPERANNUATION) (WORKERS  
COMPENSATION) AMENDMENT BILL 1987**

NEW SOUTH WALES



**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

**(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)**

This Bill is cognate with the Workers Compensation Bill 1987.

The object of this Bill is to amend the Police Regulation (Superannuation) Act 1906 as a consequence of the enactment of the Workers Compensation Act 1987. The effect of the amendments is to ensure that those hurt on duty entitlements of members of the police force that are based on the entitlements of workers under the Workers' Compensation Act 1926 reflect the changes to be made by the Workers Compensation Act 1987.

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Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides that the proposed Act will, with minor exceptions, commence on such day as may be appointed by the Governor-in-Council.

Clause 3 is a formal provision that gives effect to the Schedule of amendments.

Clause 4 is a transitional provision to ensure that the amendments do not affect entitlements for existing injuries.

Schedule 1 (1) and (2) make consequential amendments.

Schedule 1 (3) deletes special provisions for additional pension payments based on weekly payments of compensation for incapacitated workers. As a result of movements in wages and changes to the workers compensation legislation the provisions have become obsolete.

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Schedule 1 (4) replaces the entitlement for redemption of the hurt on duty pension with the proposed new provision for limited commutation of a worker's right to weekly payments of compensation.

Schedule 1 (5) makes a consequential amendment.

Schedule 1 (6) ensures that the increased weekly payments for dependent children of deceased workers are payable in respect of members of the police force who die as a result of being hurt on duty.

Schedule 1 (7) ensures that the increased lump sum payable to the dependants of deceased workers is payable to the dependants of members of the police force who die as a result of being hurt on duty.

Schedule 1 (8) ensures that the increased payments for permanent injuries suffered by workers ("table of maims") and for the new benefit for pain and suffering apply to members of the police force who are hurt on duty.

Schedule 1 (9)-(11) make consequential amendments.

Schedule 1 (12) confers jurisdiction in hurt on duty matters on workers compensation commissioners instead of the Compensation Court in line with the changes under the Workers Compensation Act 1987.

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