

Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Bill

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An Act to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act (Chapter 354 of the 1985 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act 1990.

Amendment of section 8

2. Section 8(1) of the Workmen's Compensation Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

- (a) by deleting paragraph (b) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(b) where the workman has been exclusively employed by the employer for any period which is less than a month, his monthly earnings shall be deemed to be the earnings he would have received for the whole month;”;

- (b) by deleting the semicolon at the end of paragraph (c) and substituting a full-stop; and

- (c) by deleting paragraph (d).

Amendment of section 12

3. Section 12 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) Every employer shall give notice to the Commissioner in the prescribed form and to his insurer in writing of the occurrence of any accident as follows:

- (a) where the accident results in death, within 10 days of its occurrence;

- (b) where the accident results in any incapacity that renders the workman unfit for work for more than 14 days, within 18 days of its occurrence; and
- (c) where the accident results in any incapacity that renders the workman unfit for work for 14 days or less, not later than the 15th day of the month following its occurrence.”; and

(b) by deleting “\$1,000” in subsection (2) and substituting “\$2,000”.

Amendment of section 23

4. Section 23(3) of the principal Act is amended by deleting “\$4,000” and substituting “\$10,000”.

Amendment of section 24

5. Section 24 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (7), the following subsections:

“(8) For the purposes of this section, the Commissioner may by notice in writing require any person to attend at such time and place as may be specified in the notice and to produce any document concerning any injured workman and to answer any question relating to his employment and the accident.

(9) Any person who fails to attend or to produce any document as required in the notice under subsection (8) and any person who gives any answer which he knows to be untrue shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or to both.”.

Amendment of First Schedule

6. The First Schedule to the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting items 15 to 20 and substituting the following items:

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15. Loss of thumb —

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| (a) | both phalanges | 30 |
| (b) | one phalanx | 20 |