

No. , 1910.

# A BILL

To amend the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900, the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901, and the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1910; to extend to sewer miners the benefits conferred by such Acts; to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910, and for other purposes.

**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

**1.** This Act may be cited as the "Miners' Accident Relief Short title. (Sewer Miners) Act, 1910," and shall be read and construed with the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900, the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901, and the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1910, hereinafter called the Principal Acts.

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- 2.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise indicates—
- “Accident” includes the disease or complaint known as pneumoconiosis or rockchopper’s disease.
  - “District” means the county of Cumberland, and includes a district proclaimed under this Act.
  - “Fund” means the fund constituted by the Principal Acts.
  - “Sewer miners” means and includes all rockchoppers, miners, labourers, and other persons employed in or about sewer construction works.

Interpretation.

- 3.** (1) Committees shall be established as follows:—
- (a) For the county of Cumberland, a committee consisting of—
    - (i) a person nominated by the Minister;
    - (ii) two persons nominated by the Contractors’ Association;
    - (iii) three persons nominated by the Rockchoppers’ Union.
  - (b) for the rest of the State of New South Wales the Governor may, by proclamation in the Gazette, declare any area to be a district for the purposes of this Act, and for every such district there shall be a committee consisting of—
    - (i) a person nominated by the Minister;
    - (ii) two persons nominated by the contractors or employers of sewer miners within such district;
    - (iii) three persons nominated by the sewer miners employed in such district.

Appointment of committees.

(2) Such committees shall be appointed by the Governor for the prescribed periods, and shall have the powers and duties prescribed under and by the Principal Acts of committees for mines constituted by those Acts, and may grant allowances in accordance with the provisions of the said Acts in case of the death or disablement of any sewer miner caused primarily by any accident occurring after the commencement of this Act in or about the construction of any sewerage works, and all such allowances shall be paid in the manner and subject to the same conditions as are prescribed by the Principal Acts in respect of allowances to persons employed in or about any mine.

Powers and duties of committees.

**4.** The Minister and the board shall have the same powers and duties in relation to committees established under this Act as he or it has in relation to a committee constituted by the Principal Acts.

Powers and duties of Minister and board.

**5.** Every contractor or employer of sewer miners within a district shall, on pay day, deduct from the amount then payable for or on account of wages in respect of the employment of each sewer miner employed by him at any time since the next preceding pay day the sum of sixpence for each week of such employment, and shall pay the aggregate of such sums as prescribed by the Principal Acts.

Deductions from wages.

If any such contractor or employer fails to make any such deduction as above directed, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *twenty* pounds.

**6.**

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**6.** There shall be paid into the fund—

Payments to fund.

- (a) by the contractors or employers of sewer miners within a district a sum equal to one-half of the aggregate of the sums deducted under the preceding section in respect of sewer miners within such district;
- (b) out of the consolidated revenue fund an amount equal to the aggregate payments of such contractors or employers.

Such payments shall be made at the times and in the manner prescribed.

**7.** (1) The regulations made under the Principal Acts shall apply to this Act so far as the same are applicable. Regulations.

(2) Section fifteen of the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900, is hereby amended by the addition of the following subsection :—

- (n) providing generally for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of the Miners' Accident Relief (Sewer Miners) Act, 1910.

**8.** The provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910, shall not apply to sewer miners.

Workmen's  
Compensation  
Act not to apply.

