



ANALYSIS

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 1974, No. 121

An Act to amend the Shops and Offices Act 1955

[8 November 1974]

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

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Shops and Offices Amendment Act 1974, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Shops and Offices Act 1955 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. New sections as to accidents inserted—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 26 but before the heading "*Miscellaneous*", the following heading and sections:

“Accidents

“26A. Record of accidents—(1) The occupier of every shop, office, warehouse, or store shall keep on the premises a register in which he shall enter particulars of every accident to any person employed therein occurring on the premises of

which he has knowledge. That register shall be in the same form as the register of accidents prescribed by regulations made under the Industrial Relations Act 1973.

“(2) An occupier who has complied with the requirements of section 220 of the Industrial Relations Act 1973 in relation to any such accident shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of this section in relation to that accident.

“26B. **Notification of serious accidents**—(1) In this section, ‘serious injury or illness’ means any injury or illness that is likely to render a person incapable of working for a period of not less than 48 hours.

“(2) Where an accident occurs in any shop, office, warehouse, or store, causing death or serious injury or illness to any person who is employed on the premises, the occupier of the premises shall forthwith after the occurrence of the accident serve notice in writing of that fact on the Inspector.

“(3) The notice shall specify—

“(a) The name, place of residence, and age of every person who has suffered death or serious injury or illness as a result of the accident; and

“(b) The place to which such person has been removed; and

“(c) The nature of the accident.

“(4) As soon as practicable after receiving any notice of an accident to which this section applies, the Inspector may make a full inquiry into the nature and cause of the accident, and the nature and extent of the injuries or illness suffered by every victim of the accident.”

3. Metric conversions—The First Schedule to the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) By omitting from rule 4 (2) the words “1,000 square feet”, and substituting the words “100 square metres”:

(b) By omitting from rule 4 (3) the words “ten feet”, and substituting the words “3 metres”:

(c) By omitting from rule 5 (5) the words “three feet”, and substituting the words “1 metre”.