



## ANALYSIS

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**An Act to amend the Workers' Compensation Act 1956**

[26 October 1967]

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 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act 1967, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Workers' Compensation Act 1956 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

**2. Time for claiming compensation in respect of hydatid disease**—Section 19 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in subsection (2), after paragraph (a), the following paragraph:

“(aa) In the case of hydatid disease, a period of ten years:”.

**3. Notification of accidents and of claims**—(1) Section 96 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsections:

“(5) Notwithstanding anything in section 78 of this Act or in any other enactment or in any rule of law, no notification of any accident, and no information concerning any

accident, given by an employer to his insurer or to an Inspector of Factories pursuant to this section, and no report of the accident given by the employer or his insurer to the Government Statistician, shall be admissible as evidence in any Court or before any person acting judicially within the meaning of the Evidence Act 1908, except with the consent of the employer or in proceedings for an offence against subsection (1) of section 119 of this Act.

“(6) Notwithstanding anything in subsection (5) of this section, the fact that any report, information, or notification as mentioned in that subsection has or has not been made or given shall be admissible in evidence in any proceedings for an extension of time under the Limitation Act 1950 or under subsection (4) of section 53 of this Act.”

(2) Section 78 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, before the words “In any action”, the words “Subject to subsection (5) of section 96 of this Act”.

**4. Levies to cover liabilities and expenses of Board**—Section 113 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:

“(3) The amount of any such levy imposed on any person shall be paid by him to the Board within one month after the date on which notice thereof in writing is given to him by the Board. If the amount of any such levy is not paid before the expiration of that period, the person liable shall be liable to pay to the Board forthwith, in addition to the levy, an amount equal to five percent of the levy as a penalty for his default, which shall be recoverable as a debt due to the Board:

“Provided that the Board, after considering all the circumstances of the case, may if it thinks fit reduce or remit in whole or in part any penalty so incurred, and may if it thinks fit refund in whole or in part any penalty so paid.”