## COAL MINE WORKERS (PENSIONS).

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No. 40 of 1960.

## AN ACT to amend the Coal Mine Workers (Pensions) Act, 1943-1957.

[Assented to 3rd November, 1960.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Coal Mine Short title and citation. Workers (Pensions) Act Amendment Act, 1960.

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S.7 amended. (2) In this Act the Coal Mine Workers (Pensions) Act, 1943-1957, is referred to as the principal Act.

(3) The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Coal Mine Workers (Pensions) Act, 1943-1960.

2. (1) Section seven of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the passage, "continuously engaged for a period of three years in any work" in lines four, five and six of paragraph (b) of the proviso to subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (c) of subsection (1), the passage, "engaged in work which occupies the whole of the time normally required for full-time employment,".

(2) The amendment referred to in subsection (1) of this section shall operate and take effect, and shall be deemed to have operated and have had effect, on and from the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and forty-four.

S. 21 amended. 3. Section twenty-one of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the passage commencing with the word, "but" in line six of paragraph (b) of subsection (7) and ending with the word, "Act" being the last word in that paragraph the following—

but

- (i) any such person who has made regular contributions to the Fund for a period of ten years shall be deemed to be eligible for invalidity benefits under and in accordance with the provisions of section seven of this Act; and
- (ii) the widow of any such person, if that person dies before attaining the age of sixty years and has made regular contributions to the Fund for a period of not less than five years in all, shall

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be deemed to be eligible for pension benefits under and in accordance with the provisions of section ten of this Act.

4. Section twenty-one A of the principal Act is  $\frac{S.21A}{amended}$ . amended by adding after subsection (4) the following subsection—

(5) Where a person previously employed as a mine worker in the coal mining industry was last re-employed as such after having attained the age of thirty-five years, and was still so employed on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and sixty, then if that person—

- (a) has paid contributions to the Fund for a continuous period of fifteen years immediately prior to the date on which he attains the age of sixty years; and
- (b) has been employed as a mine worker in the coal mining industry for periods aggregating not less than twenty-five years; and
- (c) has not, after his employment as such has been terminated at any time, received a refund of any portion of the contributions so paid by him,

he shall, on attaining the age of sixty years and complying with the requirements of this Act, be entitled to pension benefits and all other benefits under this Act.