

# INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION.

21° GEO. V., No. XLI.

No. 41 of 1930.

**AN ACT to make provision in the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912-1925, for the adjustment and amendment of the Basic Wage during the currency thereof.**

[Assented to 24th December, 1930.]

**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 Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Industrial Arbitration Act Amendment Act, 1930*, and shall be read as one with the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912-1925, as reprinted in the Appendix to the Sessional Volume of the Statutes for the year 1925, hereinafter referred to as the principal Act. Short title.

2. Section one hundred and twenty-one of the principal Act is amended by inserting the words "Subject to section one hundred and twenty-four A" at the beginning of each of the subsections five and six of the section. Amendment of s. 121.

3. A new section is inserted in the principal Act, after section one hundred and twenty-four, as follows:— New section

124A. (1.) The State Government Statistician shall, as soon as practicable after the end of each and every quarter in the year, supply to the court a statement indicating by price index numbers and other information the variation (if any) in the cost of living which has occurred during the then last preceding quarter, and if such statement shows that a change of one shilling or more per week has occurred in the cost of living, then, notwithstanding anything in this part of this Act to the contrary, the court shall of its own motion consider such statement, and may Provision for review and adjustment of basic wage during the currency thereof.

adjust and amend the basic wage declared and for the time being in operation under this Act for the unexpired term of such basic wage, or until the same is again reviewed under this section; and the court shall, when making any adjustment and amendment of the said basic wage, have regard to the change in the cost of living indicated as aforesaid.

(2.) Any adjustment and amendment made by the court under subsection one of this section shall be deemed to be a determination of the court, and shall be presented to the Minister, who shall cause the same to be published forthwith in the *Gazette*.

(3.) As and whenever the basic wage is adjusted and amended by the court under this section, the basic wage for the time being prescribed in every award and industrial agreement shall automatically become increased or decreased so that it conforms to and is in parity with the basic wage as so adjusted and amended by the court until the expiration of the term of the said basic wage, or until the same is further adjusted and amended by the court under this section.