

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION.**

18° GEO. V., No. XXXIV.

No. 34 of 1927.

**AN ACT** to amend Section seven of the *Workers' Compensation Act, 1912-1924*, and paragraph (c) in the proviso to Section one of the First Schedule thereto, and Section fourteen of the said Schedule.

[Assented to 28th December, 1927.]

**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:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Workers' Compensation Act Amendment Act, 1927*, and shall be read as one with the *Workers' Compensation Act, 1912-1924* (as reprinted in the Appendix to the 1924 Sessional Volume of the Statutes), hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

Amendment of sec.  
7, ss. (9).

2. Subsection nine of section seven of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words "medical referee" and inserting in place thereof "board consisting of one medical practitioner to be appointed by the Governor, who shall be Chairman, and two medical practitioners registered under the Medical Act, 1894, one to be nominated by the employer and the other by the worker; and the decision of the board, or any two members thereof, shall be final."

3. (1) The words "hospital charges for treatment and maintenance not exceeding ten shillings and sixpence per day" are hereby inserted after the words "to a hospital or other place for treatment" in lines four and five of paragraph (c) of the proviso to section one of the First Schedule to the principal Act. Paragraph (c) of the proviso to section one of the First Schedule to the principal Act is amended by the insertion after the word "of," in line two, the words "medicines, medical or surgical requisites, and."

(2) A paragraph is hereby added to section fourteen of the First Schedule to the principal Act, as follows:—

(f) Provided that where a medical certificate produced under the provisions of subsection eight of section seven of this Act is disputed by the employer, the reference shall be to a board of three members as prescribed by subsection nine of that section.

4. A subsection is hereby added to section seven of the principal Act as follows:—

(13) Subject to the provisions of this section, if a worker, disabled by disease from earning full wages, at the work at which he was employed, is found to be suffering from a disease to which this section does not apply, and also from silicosis, pneumoconiosis, or miners' phthisis, and his disability is partially caused by such industrial disease due to the nature of his employment, the worker shall be entitled to a proportionate part of the compensation payable under this section apportioned to the degree to which such disability is caused by silicosis, pneumoconiosis, or miners' phthisis as the case may be.