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South Australia

Asbestos (Protective Measures) Bill 2004

A BILL FOR

An Act to provide for protective measures in relation to the presence of asbestos in premises.

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The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

1—Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Asbestos (Protective Measures) Act 2004*.

2—Interpretation

In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

- 5 *asbestos* means the fibrous form of mineral silicates that belong to the serpentine or amphibole groups of rock-forming minerals, including actinolite, amosite (brown asbestos), anthophyllite, crocidolite (blue asbestos), chrysotile (white asbestos) and tremolite, or a combination of two or more of these;

hotline—see section 3.

10 3—Minister to establish hotline

- (1) The Minister must ensure that a telephone information service (the *hotline*) is established to provide members of the public (and in particular home renovators) with information and advice relating to the presence of asbestos in any premises.

- (2) The hotline must—

- 15 (a) be provided free of charge; and
(b) operate during ordinary business hours; and
(c) be staffed by people with appropriate knowledge of, and experience in dealing with, asbestos in premises.

- (3) The Minister—

- 20 (a) must ensure that the existence of the hotline and the telephone number of the hotline is publicised in a newspaper circulating generally in the State at intervals not exceeding one month; and
(b) may publicise the hotline in any other ways that the Minister thinks appropriate.

25 4—Provision of home inspection services

- (1) The Minister must ensure that an asbestos inspection service is established through which a member of the public may request the inspection of any premises to determine whether any asbestos is present and, if so, to assess the level of danger that the asbestos presents and provide advice in relation to the asbestos.

- 30 (2) The asbestos inspection service established under this section must—

- (a) be provided free of charge; and

- (b) be available during ordinary business hours; and
 - (c) be staffed by people with appropriate knowledge of, and experience in dealing with, asbestos in premises.
- 5 (3) A member of the public who telephones the hotline must be informed about the existence of the inspection service established under this section.