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An Act to amend the Shearers Accommodation Act,
1922-1958.

[Assented to 16th November, 1967]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South
Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament
thereof, as follows :

Short titles.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Shearers Accommodation
Act Amendment Act, 1967", and shall come into operation upon
the expiration of six months from the day on which it is assented
to.

(2) The Shearers Accommodation Act, 1922-1958, as amended
by this Act, may be cited as the "Shearers Accommodation Act,
1922-1967".

(3) The Shearers Accommodation Act, 1922-1958, is herein-
after referred to as "the principal Act".

Incorporation.

2. This Act is incorporated with the principal Act and that
Act and this Act shall be read as one Act.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 3—
Exception.

3. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by striking out
paragraphs (a) and (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the following
paragraphs :—

(a) until the expiration of two years from the commence-
ment of the Shearers Accommodation Act Amend-
ment Act, 1967, to accommodation provided in
respect of any shearing-shed in or about which
fewer than six shearers are for the time being

employed and thereafter to accommodation provided in respect of any shearing-shed in or about which fewer than four shearers are for the time being employed ;

or

(b) to accommodation provided for shearers engaged in the shearing of sheep in any city, town or township ;

or

(c) to accommodation provided by an employer in any hotel, motel, boarding or lodging house in any city, town or township, or in his own homestead.

4. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the definition of "employer" and inserting in lieu thereof the following definition :—

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 4—
Interpretation.

"employer" includes a manager, foreman, overseer, or other person having control of a shearing-shed or engaged in the superintendence of any shearer and the owner or lessee of, or holder of any estate or interest in, the holding on which the shearing-shed is situated.

5. Subsection (2) of section 6 of the principal Act is amended—

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 6—
What is proper
and sufficient
accommoda-
tion.

(a) by striking out paragraph 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following paragraph :—

- i. Each room or compartment provided as sleeping accommodation for shearers shall contain not less than four hundred and eighty cubic feet of air space for each person sleeping therein and for the purpose of calculating such air space no allowance shall be made in respect of air space at a greater height than eleven feet from the floor but a room or compartment constructed before the commencement of the Shearers Accommodation Act Amendment Act, 1958, shall during a period of two years after the commencement of the Shearers Accommodation Act Amendment Act, 1967, but not thereafter, be deemed to comply with this paragraph if it contains not less than three hundred cubic feet of air space for each person sleeping therein, no allowance being made, for the purpose of calculating such air space, in respect of any air space at a greater height than fourteen feet from the floor. ;

- (b) by striking out paragraph II ;
- (c) by striking out paragraph IIA and inserting in lieu thereof the following paragraph :—
- IIA. Any building provided as sleeping accommodation for shearers shall comply with the regulations and shall be divided into compartments to accommodate not more than two persons in each compartment but a building erected before the commencement of the Shearers Accommodation Act Amendment Act, 1967, shall during a period of two years after the commencement of that Act but not thereafter, be deemed to comply with this paragraph if the building complies with the regulations and is divided into compartments to accommodate not more than three persons in each compartment. ;
- (d) by striking out paragraph IIB and inserting in lieu thereof the following paragraph :—
- IIB. Separate sleeping accommodation that complies with the regulations shall be provided for cooks and cooks' assistants and if a female cook is employed, suitable and separate sleeping and sanitary accommodation and bathroom shall be provided ;
- (e) by striking out the passage "a bedstead or bunk and every bedstead or bunk shall be not less than six feet six inches in length and not less than two feet six inches in width" in paragraph IIC and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "a bed that complies with the regulations" ;
- (f) by striking out the passage "filled in each case with woolflock, flock or kapok" in paragraph IID and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "either filled with woolflock, flock or kapok or of a prescribed type or kind."
- (g) by striking out all the words after the passage "at least one chair" in paragraph IIE and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "each of which shall be of sturdy construction, and with electric light or where there is no electric light available, with power lights";
- (h) by striking out paragraph IV and inserting in lieu thereof the following paragraph :—

iv. Sufficient sanitary conveniences shall be provided and shall be so situated, constructed and maintained as to prevent any unpleasant odour and any possibility of the pollution of any water supply and where the effluent from such conveniences does not pass through an efficient septic tank or bacteriolytic tank and is not subjected to any other method of treatment approved by the Central Board of Health, such conveniences shall be not less than one hundred feet from any building used as sleeping quarters or for the preparation or consumption of meals. ;

(i) by inserting after paragraph viia the following paragraph :—

viiia. Each kitchen shall be provided with a kitchen sink of galvanized iron, enamelled iron, stainless steel, plastic or any other material approved in writing by an inspector, and with suitable drainage boards. ;

(j) by striking out paragraph viib and inserting in lieu thereof the following paragraph :—

viib. Each dining room shall be provided with a dining table or tables sufficient to provide a space of two feet for each shearer and every such table shall be of sturdy construction with an upper surface of dressed timber closely cramped or of such other material as an inspector approves in writing and if shearers are to be accommodated on both sides of any such table, it shall be not less than three feet six inches in width. ;

(k) by striking out paragraph viid and inserting in lieu thereof the following paragraph :—

viid. A dining room or other room that is available and convenient for use by all shearers shall contain a fire place or efficient room heater sufficient to provide adequate warmth for the shearers and so constructed as not to introduce smoke or any noxious or unpleasant fumes into the room.

(l) by inserting after paragraph x the following paragraph :—

xa. A washing room shall be provided for the use of the shearers which shall comply with the following specifications :—

(a) it shall have walls of galvanized iron, timber, brick, stone, concrete or other material approved in writing by an inspector ;

(b) the walls shall be of a minimum height of eight feet and shall extend to within six inches of the roof ;

and

(c) it shall have a concrete floor. ;

and

(m) by striking out paragraph XI and inserting in lieu thereof the following paragraphs :—

XI. Every washing room shall contain tubs for the washing of clothes by shearers in such number that there is not less than one tub for every five shearers, and a water copper for boiling clothes.

XIa. Suitable galvanized wire clothes lines shall be provided for the use of shearers, together with suitable props, so that each shearer has at least five feet of clothes line for the drying of clothes.

XIb. If the effluent from a bathroom or a washing room does not pass through an efficient septic tank or a bacteriolytic tank, and is not subjected to any other method of treatment approved by the Central Board of Health, the effluent shall be discharged by means of an enclosed drain or pipe at a point not less than thirty feet from any building used as sleeping quarters or for the preparation or consumption of meals.

XIc. A bathroom, or if a bathroom is not provided, a washing room shall contain separate basins for the personal ablutions of shearers in such number that there is not less than one basin for every five shearers.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 11—
Penalty on
failure to
carry out
requirements
of notice.

6. Section 11 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out the passage “ten pounds” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “twenty dollars” ;

and

(b) by striking out the passage “two pounds” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “four dollars”.

7. Section 13 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the passage "ten pounds" and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "twenty dollars".

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 13—
Obstruction
of inspector.

8. Subsection (3) of section 17 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the passage "ten pounds" and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "twenty dollars".

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 17—
Regulations.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby
assent to this Bill.

J. M. NAPIER, Governor's Deputy.