

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1979

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
15 of 1979

The Workmen's Compensation Ordinance 1951 was amended on 8 June 1978 to remove from the definition of "workman" sportspersons, referees and umpires who participate in sporting contests and whose remuneration in that capacity does not exceed a certain amount. This exemption was expressed to apply only until 31 December 1978. Following a recommendation from the former A.C.T. Legislative Assembly, an extension of the exemption was made until 1 July 1979, (Ordinance No. 47 of 1978) to allow for the introduction of a sporting compensation scheme in the Territory.

The Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Ordinance 1979 enables the Minister for the Capital Territory, by notice published in the Gazette, to determine the date on and from which the exemption provision will cease to apply. That date will be determined having regard to the introduction of the proposed sporting compensation scheme and also to allow time for some sporting clubs to arrange suitable insurance cover for their members. In the absence of the exemption the effect of the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance would be to make sporting clubs liable for payments of workmen's compensation to all sportspersons, referees and umpires who may be injured during the course of their sporting activities.

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