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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

LONG SERVICE LEAVE (CONTRACT CLEANING INDUSTRY) AMENDMENT BILL 2006

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Outline

The Long Service Leave (Contract Cleaning Industry) Act (LSL Cleaning Act) creates a portable long service leave scheme for workers in the contract cleaning industry. Under the scheme workers are entitled to take long service leave after 10 years of service. The costs of long service leave are met by contributions made by employers for each employee to the Cleaning Long Service Leave Board.

Section 64 of LSL Cleaning Act requires employees who are entitled to long service leave under both the LSL Cleaning Act and the *Long Service Leave Act 1976* (LSL Act) to choose the law they wish to use to access their entitlement. This section also ensures that where employers make payments to employees who elect for the LSL Act, the Board administering the LSL Cleaning Act must repay the employer for the contributions the employer made.

Currently subsection (6) is a sunset provision which effectively ends section 64 on 31 December 2006. This bill will remove subsection (6).

Clause Notes

1. Name of Act

This clause establishes the name of the Act as the Long Service Leave (Contract Cleaning Industry) Amendment Bill 2006.

2. Commencement

This is a formal provision specifying when the Act will commence. The Act commences on the day after its notification day.

3. Legislation amended

This clause provides that the purpose of the bill is to amend the *Long Service Leave (Contract Cleaning Industry) Act 1999.*

4. Benefits under other laws Section 64 (6)

Currently section 64(6) provides that section 64 will expire on 31 December 2006. The purpose of the amendment is to remove this expiration date so that section 64 continues to operate after 31 December 2006.