

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE (NO. 2)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

ORDINANCE NO. 47 OF 1978

The Workmen's Compensation Ordinance 1951 was amended on 8 June 1978 to remove from the definition of "workmen", and thereby from the provisions of the Ordinance, sportsmen, referees and umpires who participate in sporting contests and whose remuneration in that capacity does not exceed an amount which is ascertained by multiplying by 1.4 the amount of compensation which is payable under the Ordinance to a totally incapacitated workman. The amendment was to operate only until 31.12.78 by which time a permanent and equitable solution was to have been developed.

A voluntary national sports insurance scheme has been developed by the Confederation of Australian Sport. The scheme will commence on 1 January 1979 but it will take some time to become fully operational. The Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Ordinance (No. 2) 1978, therefore, extends the period of exemption of sportsmen until 1 July 1979.

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