SPORTING INJURIES INSURANCE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION) AMENDMENT BILL, 1982

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)

This Bill is cognate with the Compensation Court Bill, 1982.

The object of this Bill is to amend the Sporting Injuries Insurance Act, 1978, consequent on the enactment of the Compensation Court Bill, 1982, and Workers' Compensation (Amendment) Bill, 1982.

The judicial functions of the Workers' Compensation Commission are to be vested in a Compensation Court and the Commission's administrative functions are to be vested in a State Compensation Board.

The provisions of this Bill convert references to the Commission (or to the Registrar of the Commission) to references to the Court or the Board, as the case may require, and make other amendments of a minor, consequential or ancillary nature.

The Bill (Schedule 2) also increases from 5 to 6 the membership of the Sporting Injuries Committee. The Chairman of the proposed State Compensation Board is to be a member of the Committee in place of the Registrar of the Commission. The additional member of the Committee will be the Deputy Chairman of the proposed Board.