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An Act to amend the Shearers Accommodation Act, 1922-1947.

[Assented to 23rd October, 1958.]

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

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Shearers Accommodation Act Amendment Act, 1958". Short titles.

(2) The Shearers Accommodation Act, 1922-1947, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Shearers Accommodation Act, 1922-1958".

(3) The Shearers Accommodation Act, 1922-1947, is hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

2. The provisions of the Shearers Accommodation Act Amendment Act, 1958, shall come into force on a day to be fixed by proclamation after the expiration of a period of six months from the date on which this Act is assented to. Date of operation of this Act.

3. Subsection (2) of section 6 of the principal Act is amended as follows :— Amendment of subsection (2) of section 6 of principal Act—

(1) Paragraph 1 is amended by adding the following at the end thereof "Provided that in the case of a building erected after the date on which the Shearers Accommodation Act Amendment Act, 1958, comes into force the following conditions shall apply :— What is proper and sufficient accommodation.

Not less than four hundred and eighty cubic feet of air space shall be allowed to each person sleeping in any room or compartment; in calculating air space pursuant to this paragraph, no allowance shall be made in respect of any air space at a greater height than eleven feet from the floor” :

- (2) Paragraph *ia* is amended by striking out the last sentence thereof and inserting the following in lieu thereof :—

Every building (other than a building of brick, stone or concrete) which is used for sleeping, dining, recreation or cooking, shall be lined and ceiled with tongued and grooved timber, fibrous sheeting, or a substantial building board : Provided that an inspector may in relation to any particular building approve in writing of the use of some other substantial material for lining or ceiling if he is of the opinion that such other material would be equally suitable for the purpose.

- (3) Paragraph *ib* is amended by striking out the whole of the paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof the following :—

ib. Sleeping accommodation for cooks and cooks' assistants shall be provided in a separate compartment which may adjoin the kitchen or dining room or sleeping compartment of the shearers. Any partition between the cooks' and cooks' assistants' sleeping accommodation and any other compartment or room shall (unless constructed of brick, stone, concrete or like material) be double lined with wood, fibrous sheeting or other substantial building material approved in writing by an inspector as equally suitable for the purpose. There shall be no direct means of access between the cooks' and cooks' assistants' sleeping accommodation and any other room or compartments. If a female cook is employed, suitable and separate sanitary accommodation (other than a bathroom) shall be provided.

- (4) Paragraph *ic* is amended by striking out the words and numerals “which is first provided after the passing of the Shearers Accommodation Act Amendment Act, 1942”.

- (5) Paragraph IID is amended by adding the following at the end of the paragraph :—
Mattresses supplied under this paragraph shall be approximately four inches in depth.
- (6) Paragraph IIE is amended by striking out the word “separate” and by inserting after the word “table” the words “wardrobe and at least one chair”.
- (7) Paragraph III is amended by striking out the whole of the paragraph and inserting the following in lieu thereof :—
III. A compartment or room used for sleeping shall not be used for the preparation or serving of meals, and a kitchen shall be separated from a dining room : Provided that, where both kitchen and dining room are under the same roof a partition shall be built from floor to ceiling between such rooms, which said partition shall (unless constructed of brick, stone, concrete or like material) be constructed with wood or fibrous sheeting or other substantial material approved in writing by an inspector as equally suitable for the purpose. In every such partition a door shall be provided and a serving window or counter may be provided.
- (8) Paragraph IIIA is amended by adding after the word “bathroom” in line two the words “with equipment which supplies hot water”.
- (9) Paragraph IV is amended by adding the following at the end thereof :—“Provided that where such latrine accommodation is provided by means of an efficient septic tank or bacteriolytic tank or other method of treatment approved by the Central Board of Health, it may be less than one hundred feet from the buildings used for sleeping and for serving meals”.
- (10) The following paragraph is added after paragraph VI :—
VIa. Where there is no electric light available, power lights shall be provided for the kitchen and dining room.
- (11) The following paragraph is added after paragraph VIIIc :—

viii. Each dining room shall contain a fire-place or an efficient room heater which shall be so constructed as to effectively draw off all smoke through the chimney thereof. The opening of such fire-place shall be not less than four feet wide where up to ten shearers are accommodated, not less than five feet wide where up to fifteen shearers are accommodated, and not less than six feet wide where twenty or more shearers are accommodated. Where eight or less shearers are accommodated a wood, coal or coke stove may, subject to the prior approval in writing of an inspector being obtained, be installed in lieu of a fire-place. Where a fire-place or efficient room heater is provided in a room other than the dining room and such fire-place or room heater is available and convenient for use by all the shearers, it shall not be necessary to provide a fire-place in the dining room as required by this section :

(12) By inserting the following paragraph before paragraph VIII :—

viii. (1) Between the fifteenth day of October in each year and the fifteenth day of May in the next following year, refrigeration shall be provided on premises for the use of shearers who are then employed and have meals on the premises. Such refrigeration shall be provided and used for the exclusive purpose of storing perishable foodstuffs intended for consumption by such shearers :

(2) The refrigeration shall be provided by means of—

- (a) a refrigerator or refrigerators of the standard upright household type or of the chest type ; or
- (b) a deep freeze unit or units ; or
- (c) a cool room of a type designed to store and preserve large quantities of foodstuffs.

Such equipment shall be operated by electricity, gas, kerosene, or other suitable

means. Such means of refrigeration shall be installed in the kitchen or dining room, or, in the case of a cool room, within fifty feet of the kitchen :

- (3) The amount of refrigeration space to be provided shall be—
- (a) where not more than six shearers who have meals on the premises are employed—not less than four cubic feet ;
 - (b) where more than six but not more than eleven such shearers are employed—not less than five and a half cubic feet ;
 - (c) where more than eleven but not more than twenty such shearers are employed—not less than eight cubic feet ;
 - (d) where more than twenty but not more than thirty such shearers are employed—not less than eleven cubic feet ;
 - (e) where more than thirty such shearers are employed—not less than fifteen cubic feet ;
- (4) All means of refrigeration provided pursuant to this section shall at the date of commencement of shearing—
- (a) be in good condition and in efficient working order ;
 - (b) be kept supplied with sufficient kerosene, gas or other fuel for their efficient operation, or in the case of electrically-operated units be connected to a suitable electricity supply, without cost to the shearers ;
 - (c) be under the control of the cook or of some other person designated for the purpose by the employer. It shall be the duty of such cook

or such other person to control temperatures, defrost, trim wicks, ensure that doors are closed, and otherwise see to the proper use and operation of the equipment.

- (13) By striking out paragraph viiia and inserting the following in lieu thereof:—

viiia. Any water supply for a kitchen, bathroom or washing room, shall be so placed that it will not be necessary for any person to carry water to the kitchen, bathroom or washing room, as the case may be.

- (14) Paragraph xi is amended by adding the following words at the end thereof “, together with suitable props. Such clothes lines shall provide a clothes line space of at least five feet for each shearer”.

Amendment of
subsection (3)
of section 6
of principal
Act—
Distance from
shearing shed,
etc.

4. Subsection (3) of section 6 is repealed and the following section enacted in lieu thereof:—

(3) Such building shall be distant at least fifty yards from any shearing shed, pig-sty, cowshed, stable or wool scour and shall be distant less than two hundred yards from the shearing shed in or about which the shearers are employed.

Provided—

- (a) that in the case of a building erected prior to the fifth day of October, nineteen hundred and sixteen the fifty yards limit shall not apply where the building in all other respects complies with the provisions of this Act, and where the pig-sty, cowshed, stable or wool scour has not been used for a period of twenty-one days prior to the date of commencement of shearing and has been thoroughly disinfected within the seven days prior to the date of commencement of shearing ;
- (b) that in the case of a building erected prior to the date on which this Act comes into force, the two hundred yards limit shall not apply where the building in all other respects complies with the provisions of this Act.

5. Subsection (4) of section 6 is repealed.

Repeal of
subsection (4)
of section 6
of principal
Act—
War-time
exemption
clause.

6. Subsection (1) of section 9 is amended by striking out the words "and shall be inspected by an inspector at least once in every twelve months".

Amendment of
subsection (1)
of section 9
of principal
Act—
Inspection of
buildings.

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

R. A. GEORGE, Governor.