SEAMEN'S COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 1979

Date Introduced: 22 May 1979
House: House of Representatives

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To amend the Seamen's Compensation Act 1911 to accord with the Navigation Amendment Bill 1979.

Background

The Navigation Amendment Bill 1979 makes provision for various sections of the Navigation Act 1912 to apply to prescribed countries. A prescribed country is one prescribed in regulations for the purpose of particular provisions.

Section 11 of the Seamen's Compensation Act 1911 currently provides for depositions concerning an injured seaman to be taken before inter alia a judge or magistrate of a "Commonwealth Country", where this term has the same meaning as in the Navigation Act 1912. The Bill alters Section 11 so that depositions may be taken in prescribed countries before a judge or magistrate.

Provisions

Clause 3 amends Section 11 of the Seamen's Compensation Act 1911 by deleting reference "Commonwealth country or in the Republic of Northern Ireland" and inserting "prescribed country". The definition of Commonwealth country is omitted.