Date Introduced: 24 May 1978
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. Ian Viner, M.P.,
Minister representing the Attorney-General

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To exclude from the provisions of the Commonwealth Motor Vehicles (Liability) Act 1959 statutory authorities which are created by Northern Territory laws and are under the administrative control of the Territory government.

Background

The Bill is consequential upon the Northern Territory (Self-Government) Bill 1978 and thus forms part of the program for granting responsible self-government to the Northern Territory.

Provisions

The Commonwealth Motor Vehicles (Liability) Act 1959 deals with claims for damages against the Commonwealth, or a Commonwealth statutory authority, caused by its motor vehicles. The Bill excludes Northern Territory statutory authorities from the definition of "Commonwealth authority" in sub-section 3(1). However, the new s.7 gives the Governor-General power to make regulations declaring a Northern Territory statutory authority to be a Commonwealth authority. This is inserted to cover a small number of Territory statutory authorities which are to remain under Commonwealth control.

The Bill will come into effect on 1 July 1978 (clause 2).

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