



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 79 of 1982

AN ACT

To amend the *Workmen's Compensation Act*

[Assented to 14 December 1982]

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory of Australia, with the assent as provided by the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* of the Commonwealth, as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the *Workmen's Compensation Amendment Act 1982*.

2. NEW SECTIONS

The *Workmen's Compensation Act* is amended by inserting after section 14 the following:

"14A. JOINT POLICIES

"(1) Where 2 or more persons may become liable under this Act in respect of an injury to the same person and they have obtained from an approved insurer a joint policy of insurance or indemnity in respect of their liability, section 18(1) is deemed to have been complied with by each of them.

"(2) In respect of a joint policy under subsection (1), an approved insurer shall not charge a premium in excess of prevailing rates for insurance of an employer's liability in respect of workmen engaged in the same trade, occupation, calling or industry."

"14B. PRINCIPAL CONTROLLED SITES

"(1) Where a person (in this section referred to as 'the principal') intends to contract or has contracted, other than under a contract of service or apprenticeship, with another person (in this section referred to as 'the contractor') for work to be done by or on behalf of the

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contractor, the principal may obtain from an approved insurer a policy of insurance or indemnity (in accordance with the form in Schedule 5, with the necessary changes) which, in relation to the work specified in the policy of insurance or indemnity as work to be done by or on behalf of that contractor, covers -

- (a) the principal's liability under this Act;
- (b) the contractor's liability under this Act; and
- (c) the liability under this Act of those persons with whom the contractor intends to contract or has contracted in order to fulfil his contractual obligations with the principal.

"(2) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against section 18 where the defendant satisfies the Court that his liability under this Act is the subject of a policy of insurance or indemnity under sub-section (1).".

3. COMPULSORY INSURANCE

Section 18(9) of the *Workmen's Compensation Act* is amended by inserting after "workmen in his employment" the words ", except a workman the subject of a joint policy of insurance or indemnity under section 14A(1),".
