

BILL No. 1 of 1958.

**WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1958.
ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS**

Section

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 34 (1) of Chapter 111.

A BILL

Intituled

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WORKMEN'S
COMPENSATION ORDINANCE.**

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Ordinance, 1958, and shall be construed and read as one with the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance and any Ordinance amending the same.

Short title.

Cap. 111.

2. Subsection (1) of section 34 of the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance is hereby amended—

Amendment
of section 34
of Chapter
111.

(a) by the substitution for paragraph (a) of the proviso thereto of the following:

“(a) proceedings for compensation or in respect of any other matter under this Ordinance may be taken in the magistrate's court of the district on which both parties mutually agree or in which the employer ordinarily resides or has his registered office or principal place of business;” and

(b) by the substitution for the words “may be taken in respect of” in paragraph (b) of the said proviso of the words “or in respect of any other matter under this Ordinance may be taken in connection with”.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill seeks to amend section 34 of the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance so as to entitle a workman to bring proceedings under the Ordinance either in the court of the district in which the accident occurred or in the court of the district where the employer ordinarily resides or has his registered office or place of business. This amendment seeks to overcome the difficulty sometimes experienced by workers in the remoter areas of the country in bringing proceedings under the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance in the court of district in which the accident occurred.

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