

**LONG SERVICE LEAVE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1985**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

**(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)**

The object of this Bill is to amend the Long Service Leave Act, 1955 ("the Act"), so as—

- (a) to reduce the qualifying period for long service leave by providing for the accrual and grant of long service leave under the Act after a worker has completed 10 years service with an employer and thereafter at the completion of each 5 years service (Schedule 1 (1) (a)–(f));
- (b) to extend the amount of long service leave to which a worker is entitled under the Act by the number of days, if any, on which public holidays fall during a period of long service leave taken by the worker (Schedule 1 (1) (g) and (h)); and
- (c) to provide that the basis of entitlement to long service leave shall be the continuous service of a worker under one or more contracts of employment instead of service under an unbroken contract of employment (Schedule 1 (1) (i) and (j)).

Schedule 2 of the Bill contains amendments by way of statute law revision.

The Bill also contains provisions of a consequential, saving or transitional nature.

