South Australia



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SURVIVAL OF CAUSES OF ACTION (DUST-RELATED CONDITIONS) AMENDMENT ACT 2001

No. 49 of 2001

[Assented to 11 October 2001]

An Act to amend the Survival of Causes of Action Act 1940.

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The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

PART 1 PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Survival of Causes of Action (Dust-Related Conditions) Amendment Act 2001.

Interpretation

2. A reference in this Act to the principal Act is a reference to the Survival of Causes of Action Act 1940.

PART 2 AMENDMENT OF SURVIVAL OF CAUSES OF ACTION ACT 1940

Amendment of s. 3-Damages in actions which survive under this Act

- 3. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by striking out subsection (2) and substituting the following subsections:
 - (2) However, if a person commences an action for damages in respect of a dust-related condition and dies as a result of that condition before the action is finally determined, damages for pain and suffering, bodily and mental harm, and curtailment of expectation of life, are recoverable for the benefit of the estate of the person.
 - (3) In subsection (2)—

"dust-related condition" means-

- (a) a disease specified in the schedule; or
- (b) any other pathological condition of the lungs, pleura or peritoneum that is attributable to dust.

Insertion of schedule

4. The following schedule is inserted after section 7 of the principal Act:

SCHEDULE Prescribed Dust Diseases

Aluminosis

Asbestosis

Asbestos induced carcinoma

Asbestos related pleural diseases

Bagassosis

Berylliosis

Byssinosis

Coal dust pneumoconiosis

Farmers' lung

Hard metal pneumoconiosis

Mesothelioma

Silicosis

Silico-tuberculosis

Talcosis

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5. The amendments made to the principal Act by this Part extend to actions commenced before the commencement of this Act, other than any action that has been finalised by a judgement of a court (whether or not the judgement is subject to an appeal), or settled or withdrawn, before the commencement of this Act.