Purpose

The purpose of this Bill is to extend the life of the Stevedoring Industry Charge Amendment Act 1975 to 1 July 1977 consequent upon the extension of the Stevedoring Industry (Temporary Provisions) Act 1967 to that date. (clause 3).

Previous Legislation

The Stevedoring Industry Charge Act 1947 provides for the imposition and collection of a levy by the Commissioner of Taxation upon registered employers of waterside workers. The charge is based upon the number of hours worked by waterside workers and its proceeds are used by the Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority to meet its statutory commitments.

The amending Act of 1975 increased the maximum amount of charge that could be prescribed under section 5 of the Act of 1947 (as amended). Section 4 of the 1975 Act provided that: “The operation of this Act shall cease on 1 July 1976 …”. This date was extended to 1 January 1977 by Act No. 49 of 1976 and is now being again extended to 1 July 1977 by this Bill.

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