NAVIGATION AMENDMENT BILL 1986

Date introduced: 12 November 1986
House: Senate
Presented by: Senator the Hon. Don Grimes, Minister for Community Services

DIGEST OF BILL

Purpose

To amend the Navigation Act 1912 (the Principal Act) to empower the Minister for Transport to detain sub-standard ships where conditions on board are hazardous to safety or health.

Background

Under the Principal Act the Minister is able to detain ships that are unseaworthy to the extent that the ship or its equipment are not in a fit state to survive the voyage. The amendments contained in this Bill will implement the International Labour Organisation Merchant Shipping (Minimum Standards) Convention 1976 and allow the ship repair bounty to be introduced. Also refer to the Digest for the Bounty (Ship Repair) Bill 1986 (No. 86/158).

Main Provisions

Clause 4 will insert a new section 207A into the Principal Act to include a definition of when a ship is sub-standard. This will be where conditions on board are clearly hazardous to health or safety.
Section 210 of the Principal Act, which contains the power to detain ships, will be amended to allow sub-standard ships to be detailed (clause 6).

For further information, if required, contact the Law and Government Group.

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