

The Workmen's Compensation Act

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The Comment reviews Act No. 3428, The Workmen's Compensation Act, as amended by Act No. 3812, Commonwealth Act No. 210 and Republic Act No. 772. Rather than presenting an exhaustive analysis of the law, the Comment limits its discussion on the changes brought about by and the new provisions of Republic Act No. 772, particularly the creation of the Office of the Workmen's Compensation Commissioner in the Department of Labor, having exclusive jurisdiction to hear and decide claims for compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Noteworthy in the Comment's discussion on the worker's entitlement to compensation for sustaining a personal injury occurring in and during his employment, and the extent of employers' liabilities resulting from such injury. Notable areas of discussion also include the following: Grounds for compensation, injuries not covered by the act, total or partial disability, jurisdiction of the Commissioner, procedure, manner of payment of compensation and enforcement of the award. As such, the Comment concludes with the hope that employers, guided by this act will cooperate in giving the employee the relief justly due to him by reason of an accident suffered in the course of his work.