WAREHOUSEMEN'S LIENS AMENDMENT BILL 2013

Introduction and First Reading

Bill introduced, on motion by **Hon Peter Collier (Leader of the House)** on behalf of Hon Michael Mischin (Attorney General), and read a first time.

Second Reading

HON PETER COLLIER (North Metropolitan — Leader of the House) [5.58 pm]: I move —

That the bill be now read a second time.

The Warehousemen's Liens Act 1952 regulates individuals who are in the business of storing goods as a bailee for hire or reward. Section 13 of the Act confers power to the Governor to make rules and prescribe forms and fees to regulate applications to the Magistrates Court for an order staying the sale of goods under section 7 and payments into court under section 10. The Warehousemen's Liens Amendment Bill 2013 will amend the act by deleting section 13. This will obviate the need to seek approval from the Governor for such rules and allow the Magistrates Court to make rules through the powers provided in the Magistrates Court (Civil Proceedings) Act 2004. Section 12 of the Warehousemen's Liens Act 1952 allows the Governor to make regulations to prescribe a number of things for carrying the act into effect. An exception needs to be made in relation to the fees paid for matters in the jurisdiction of the Magistrates Court. The bill will amend the act so the fees in such cases can be prescribed under section 42 of the Magistrates Court Act 2004. Pursuant to standing order 126 (1), I advise that this bill is not a uniform legislation bill. It does not ratify or give effect to an intergovernmental or multilateral agreement to which the government of the state is a party, nor does this Bill, by reason of its subject matter, introduce a uniform scheme or uniform laws throughout the commonwealth.

I commend the bill to the house and table the explanatory memorandum.

[See paper 1055.]

Debate adjourned, pursuant to standing orders.

Sitting suspended from 6.00 to 7.30 pm