



Australian Capital Territory

Legal Aid Amendment Act 2011

A2011-5

An Act to amend the *Legal Aid Act 1977*

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Legal Aid Amendment Act 2011*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day after its notification day.

Note The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on the notification day (see Legislation Act, s 75 (1)).

3 Legislation amended

This Act amends the *Legal Aid Act 1977*.

**4 Rights of officers of commission in relation to legal practice
Section 22 (7)**

substitute

- (7) In appearing in a proceeding in a court or before a tribunal, an officer of the commission has the same protection and immunity as a barrister has in appearing for a party in a proceeding in that court or before that tribunal if the officer is appearing for—
- (a) a legally assisted person; or
 - (b) a person to whom legal assistance is provided other than under this Act.

**5 Contribution towards costs and expenses
Section 31 (1) (a)**

omit

a specified

substitute

an

6 Section 31 (2)

substitute

(2) An amount required to be paid by a legally assisted person under this section—

(a) may be varied by the commission after the grant of assistance because of a change to a relevant matter; and

Note Section 28 (3) mentions matters that may be considered relevant by the commission.

(b) must be paid in the way that the commission directs.

7 Section 31 (3)

after

(2)

insert

(b)

8 Dictionary, definition of *private legal practitioner*

substitute

private legal practitioner means a principal of a law practice under the *Legal Profession Act 2006*, section 9.

Endnotes

1 Presentation speech

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 18 November 2010.

2 Notification

Notified under the Legislation Act on 24 February 2011.

3 Republications of amended laws

For the latest republication of amended laws, see www.legislation.act.gov.au.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Legal Aid Amendment Bill 2011, which originated in the Legislative Assembly as the Legal Aid Amendment Bill 2010 and was passed by the Assembly on 17 February 2011.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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