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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

(As presented)

(Minister for Industrial Relations)

Workers Compensation Amendment Bill 2008

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Workers Compensation Act 1951*

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

1 **1 Name of Act**

2 This Act is the *Workers Compensation Amendment Act 2008*.

3 **2 Commencement**

4 This Act commences on the day after its notification day.

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

7 **3 Legislation amended**

8 This Act amends the *Workers Compensation Act 1951*.

9 **4 New section 70 (1) (aa)**

10 *insert*

11 (aa) in relation to the cost of alteration to the worker's place of
12 residence—the cost of the alteration if—

13 (i) the worker has an impairment as a result of the injury;
14 and

15 (ii) the worker has received, or is receiving, medical
16 treatment in relation to the injury; and

17 (iii) the alteration is reasonably required by the worker in
18 relation to the worker's impairment; and

19 *Note* See also s 73A and s 73B.

1 **5 New sections 73A and 73B**

2 *insert*

3 **73A Working out costs of alterations to residences**

4 The following matters must be considered when working out the
5 amount of compensation payable in relation to a worker under
6 section 70 (1) (aa):

- 7 (a) the likely period for which the alteration will be required;
- 8 (b) any difficulty faced by the worker in gaining access to, or
9 enjoying reasonable freedom of movement in the worker's
10 place of residence;
- 11 (c) if the worker previously received compensation under
12 section 70 (1) (aa) in relation to an alteration to the worker's
13 place of residence and later disposed of the place—whether the
14 value of that place increased as a result of the alteration.

15 **73B Payments for costs of alterations to residences**

16 For section 70 (1) (aa), a regulation may prescribe—

- 17 (a) what is or is not included in the cost of an alteration; and
- 18 (b) when an alteration is or is not reasonably required by a worker
19 in relation to the worker's impairment.

Endnotes

1 Presentation speech

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 2008.

2 Notification

Notified under the Legislation Act on 2008.

3 Republications of amended laws

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