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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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(As presented)

(Attorney-General)

## **Legal Aid Amendment Bill 2010**

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### **A Bill for**

An Act to amend the *Legal Aid Act 1977*

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

1 **1 Name of Act**

2 This Act is the *Legal Aid Amendment Act 2010*.

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 *Legal Aid Act 1977*.

9 **4 Rights of officers of commission in relation to legal  
10 practice  
11 Section 22 (7)**

12 *substitute*

13 (7) In appearing in a proceeding in a court or before a tribunal, an  
14 officer of the commission has the same protection and immunity as  
15 a barrister has in appearing for a party in a proceeding in that court  
16 or before that tribunal if the officer is appearing for—

17 (a) a legally assisted person; or

18 (b) a person to whom legal assistance is provided other than under  
19 this Act.

20 **5 Contribution towards costs and expenses  
21 Section 31 (1) (a)**

22 *omit*

23 a specified

24 *substitute*

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1 **6 Section 31 (2)**

2 *substitute*

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

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

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

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

10 **7 Section 31 (3)**

11 *after*

12 (2)

13 *insert*

14 (b)

15 **8 Dictionary, definition of *private legal practitioner***

16 *substitute*

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

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## Endnotes

**1 Presentation speech**

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 2010.

**2 Notification**

Notified under the Legislation Act on 2010.

**3 Republications of amended laws**

For the latest republication of amended laws, see [www.legislation.act.gov.au](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au).

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