



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 8 of 1991

AN ACT

to amend the *Motor Accidents (Compensation) Act*

[Assented to 7 March 1991]

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory of Australia, with the assent as provided by the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* of the Commonwealth, as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the *Motor Accidents (Compensation) Amendment Act 1991*.

2. COMMENCEMENT

This Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 July 1990.

3. MEDICAL AND REHABILITATION EXPENSES

Section 18 of the *Motor Accidents (Compensation) Act* is amended -

- (a) by omitting from subsection (1) all words after "that injury" and substituting the following:

"other than -

- (a) accommodation and treatment as a public patient in a public hospital;
 - (b) accommodation as a private patient in a public hospital; or
 - (c) single room accommodation in a private hospital, in the Territory";
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- (b) by omitting from subsection (3) "Where a person referred to in subsection (1) who is admitted to a hospital" and substituting "Subject to subsection (4), where a person referred to in subsection (1)"; and
- (c) by omitting subsection (4) and substituting the following:

"(4) The Board shall not give its approval to a request under subsection (3) unless it is satisfied on medical advice that the requested treatment or care is necessary on medical grounds."

4. APPLICATION

The amendments made by section 3 apply only in relation to accidents occurring on or after -

- (a) in relation to the change effected by the inclusion of paragraph (c) in section 18(1) of the Principal Act - the day on which the Administrator's assent is given to this Act; and
 - (b) in all other cases - 1 July 1990.
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