



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 111 of 1981

AN ACT

To amend the Motor Accidents (Compensation) Act

[Assented to 24 December 1981]

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 1981.

2. COMMENCEMENT

This Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 July 1981.

3. MEDICAL AND REHABILITATION EXPENSES

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

- (a) by omitting from sub-section (1) "There is payable" and substituting "Subject to sub-section (3), there is payable";
- (b) by omitting from sub-section (1) ", to a maximum of \$15,000 in respect of any one accident" and substituting "other than accommodation and treatment in a hospital in the Territory";
- (c) by omitting from sub-section (2) all words before and including "otherwise than in a hospital in the Territory;" and substituting the following:

"(2) In sub-section (1) 'treatment' means -

- (a) medical, surgical or dental treatment or nursing or other care provided to the person referred to in that sub-section;"

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(d) by omitting from sub-section (3) all words before and including "a particular medical practitioner," and substituting "Where a person referred to in sub-section (1) who is admitted to a hospital requests the Board to approve the provision to him of treatment or care of a particular kind or by a particular medical practitioner, whether or not in the Territory,"; and

(e) by adding at the end the following:

"(4) In addition to any payment the Office may make under sub-section (1), where standard rate hospital charges are raised in respect of a person referred to in that sub-section -

(a) who is not a person referred to in section 20(1)(a) of the States (Tax Sharing and Health Grants) Act 1981 of the Commonwealth as -

(i) an eligible pensioner or the dependant of an eligible pensioner; or

(ii) a disadvantaged person or the dependant of a disadvantaged person; or

(b) who is not indemnified, by any means, against the cost of the hospital accommodation and treatment in respect of which the charges are raised,

the Office may pay to the hospital an amount equivalent to those charges.

"(5) Payments made under this section to, on behalf of or in respect of a person shall not, in the aggregate, exceed \$50,000 in respect of any one accident."