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**WORKERS REHABILITATION AND  
COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019**

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# **WORKERS REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019**

This Public Bill originated in the House of Assembly, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*  
21 May 2019

*(Brought in by the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency  
Management, the Honourable Michael Darrel Joseph  
Ferguson)*

## **A BILL FOR**

**An Act to amend the *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* to remove certain restrictions in relation to weekly payments in respect of police officers injured while on active duty**

Be it enacted by Her Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:

### **1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Act 2019*.

### **2. Commencement**

This Act commences on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

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**3. Principal Act**

In this Act, the *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988\** is referred to as the Principal Act.

**4. Section 69B amended (Period for which benefits are payable)**

Section 69B of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after subsection (2D) the following subsection:

(2DA) Despite subsection (1), a weekly payment in respect of a worker who is a police officer is not reduced by a percentage specified in subsection (1)(b) or (c) if, had the person not been a police officer, it is unlikely that the person would have been in the circumstances as a result of which the injury was suffered.

**5. Section 164BB inserted**

After section 164BA of the Principal Act, the following section is inserted in Part XIII:

**164BB. Application of *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Act 2019***

Section 69B(2DA), as inserted by the *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Act 2019*, does not apply in relation to an injury in

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respect of which a claim for compensation was made before that Act came into force.

**6. Repeal of Act**

This Act is repealed on the first anniversary of the day on which it commenced.