



TASMANIA

**WORKERS REHABILITATION AND
COMPENSATION AMENDMENT ACT 2019**

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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

[Royal Assent 2 September 2019]

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*.

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2. Commencement

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

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:

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This Act is repealed on the first anniversary of the day on which it commenced.

*[Second reading presentation speech made in:–
House of Assembly on 21 May 2019
Legislative Council on 8 August 2019]*