## ACCIDENT COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

## SAMOA

## Explanatory Memorandum

### 1.0 Object and reasons:

1.1 The Bill seeks to amend the Accident Compensation Act 1989.
1.2 The objects of the Bill are:
(a) to amend the Accident Compensation Act 1989 ("the Principal Act");
(b) to seek Cabinet approval if the amount to be paid by the Corporation for treatment overseas (in special cases) exceeds $\$ 150,000$.

## Clauses:

Clause 1: - provides for the short title and commencement. The Act commences on the date of assent.
Clause 2: - amends section 33 of the Principal Act by inserting a new subsection (1A) to provide for the amount to be paid by the Corporation for treatment overseas (in special cases) must be $\$ 150,000$ or less and if the amount exceeds $\$ 150,000$ then Cabinet approval must be sought.

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MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCIDENT COMPENSATION CORPORATION

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## Arrangement of Provisions

1. Short title and commencement
2. Section 33 amended

## 2019, No.

## A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Accident Compensation Act 1989 ("Principal Act") and for related purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislative Assembly of Samoa in Parliament assembled as follows:

1. Short title and commencement:
(1) This Act may be cited as the Accident Compensation Amendment Act 2019.
(2) This Act commences on the date of assent.

## 2. Section 33 amended:

Section 33 of the Principal Act is amended as follows:
(a) in subsection (1) omit ":PROVIDED THAT in no case shall the amount paid or contributed by the Corporation exceed \$150,000";
(b) after subsection (1) insert:
"(1A) Subject to subsection (1) the amount to be paid or contributed by the Corporation must be $\$ 150,000$ or less, and if the amount exceeds $\$ 150,000$, Cabinet approval must be sought.".

