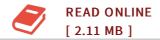# A Structural Model of Social Security s Disability Determination Process: Ores Working Paper Series Number 72 (Paperback)

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