

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Read 1° 8 April 1986

(Brought in by the Honourable D. R. White)

A BILL

to amend the *Pathology Services Accreditation Act 1984* and for other purposes.

Pathology Services Accreditation (Amendment) Act 1986

The Parliament of Victoria enacts as follows:

Purpose.

- 5 1. The purpose of this Act is to make amendments to the *Pathology Services Accreditation Act 1984* including providing for the deeming of pathology services to be accredited.

Commencement.

2. This Act comes into operation on the day on which it receives Royal Assent.

Principal Act.

- 10 3. In this Act, the *Pathology Services Accreditation Act 1984* is called the Principal Act.

Inspection of Pathology Services.

4. In section 13 (6) of the Principal Act, for “fourteen days of the completion of the inspection” substitute “a period of time specified by the Board in each case”.

New section 18A inserted.

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5. (1) After section 18 of the Principal Act, insert—

Deemed accreditation.

“18A. (1) If an application under section 13 for accreditation of a pathology service is made, the Board may deem the pathology service to be accredited, although an inspection report on the service has not been submitted to the Board and any further enquiries proposed to be made by the Board have not been concluded.

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(2) A pathology service deemed to be accredited under this section continues to be deemed to be accredited—

(a) until the service is granted or refused accreditation under section 13 (8);

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(b) for twelve months; or

(c) until the deemed accreditation is suspended or cancelled—
whichever first occurs.

(3) On receipt of an application in the prescribed form and on payment of the prescribed fee, the Board may again deem to be accredited a pathology service which has ceased to be deemed to be accredited under this section.

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(4) A pathology service deemed to be accredited under this section—

(a) need not be placed in a category by the Board under section 13 (8) (a); and

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(b) need not comply with the standards prescribed under section 14 (3).”.

(2) If an application for accreditation of a pathology service is made under section 13 of the *Pathology Services Accreditation Act* 1984 within three months after the commencement of that section and is not withdrawn, the pathology service is deemed to be a pathology service which has been granted accreditation under section 13 (8) (a) of that Act, from the date of the commencement of section 13 until—

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(a) the service is granted or refused accreditation under section 13 (8);

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(b) the service is deemed to be accredited under section 18A of that Act; or

(c) the deemed accreditation is suspended or cancelled—
whichever first occurs.

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(3) A pathology service deemed to be accredited under sub-section (2)—

- 5 (a) need not be placed in a category by the Pathology Services Accreditation Board under section 13 (8) (a) of the *Pathology Services Accreditation Act* 1984; and
- (b) need not comply with the standards prescribed under section 14 (3) of that Act.

Fees.

- 10 6. The Principal Act is amended as follows:
- (a) In section 28 (1), omit “(which shall not in any case exceed \$2000)”;
- (b) After section 40 (j), insert—
- 15 “(ja) prescribing fees to be paid by a pathology service—
- (i) for an application for accreditation of the service or for the Board to again deem the service to be accredited;
- (ii) for a grant of accreditation to the service or for the deeming of the service to be accredited;
- 20 (iii) for the renewal of accreditation of the service; and
- (iv) for the inspection of the service;
- (jb) prescribing the fees to be paid by a pathology service or person for the supply of an extract from the Register;”.

Regulations.

- 25 7. Section 40 of the Principal Act is amended as follows:
- (a) For “40.” substitute “40. (1)”;
- (b) At the end of the section, insert—
- “ (2) The regulations may apply, adopt or incorporate (with or without modification)—
- 30 (a) the provisions of any document, code, standard, rule, specification or method formulated, issued, prescribed or published by any authority or body whether as formulated, issued, prescribed or published at the time the regulation is made, or at any time before then; or
- 35 (b) the provisions of any Act of the Commonwealth or of another State or of a Territory or the provisions of any subordinate instrument under any such Act, whether as in force at a particular
- 40 time or from time to time.”.





