

Health (Radiographers) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

OUTLINE

The aim of this Bill is to separate responsibility for the regulation of radiographers and radiation technologists under the **Health Act 1958** from the licensing function of the Chief General Manager of the Department of Health.

CLAUSE NOTES

Clause 1 describes the purposes of the Act.

Clause 2 provides for commencement of the Act on a day to be proclaimed.

Clause 3 inserts a new sub-section (1A) in section 108AF of the **Health Act 1958** (the “Principal Act”).

The new sub-section exempts a person who is registered as a radiographer or nuclear medicine technologist from having to obtain a licence to use radiation equipment from the Chief General Manager.

Clause 4 amends section 108AK (5) of the Principal Act. Its effect is to enable fees for members and co-opted members of the Radiation Advisory Committee to be fixed by Order-in-Council rather than prescribed by regulation.

Clause 5 makes a number of changes to section 108AL of the Principal Act.

In essence these—

- (a) change the name of Radiographers and Radiation Technologists Registration Board of Victoria to the Medical Radiation Technologists Board of Victoria; and
- (b) enable the Board to register persons to practice in radiography or nuclear medicine technology as—
 - (i) medical imaging technologists; or
 - (ii) radiation therapy technologists; or
 - (iii) nuclear medicine technologists.
- (c) enable fees for members of the Board to be fixed by Order-in-Council rather than prescribed by regulation.

Clause 6 amends section 108AL (3) of the Principal Act, which contains the heads of power to regulate the functions, powers and the procedures of the Board.

The amendments are designed to resolve uncertainties in the existing provision which have precluded the development of viable regulations governing the operation of the Board.

Clause 7 contains the various transitional and savings clauses with respect to persons currently licensed by the Chief General Manager and as a result of the change of name of the Board.

Clause 8 makes a consequential amendment to the Schedule to the **Health Services (Conciliation and Review) Act 1982**.

