

**HEALTH PROFESSIONAL BOARDS LEGISLATION
(AMENDMENT) BILL 1990**

NEW SOUTH WALES



EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)

This Bill applies to the following health professional boards:

- * Chiropodists Registration Board
- * Chiropractors Registration Board
- * Dental Technicians Registration Board
- * Nurses Registration Board
- * Optical Dispensers Licensing Board
- * Board of Optometrical Registration
- * Physiotherapists Registration Board
- * Podiatrists Registration Board
- * Psychologists Registration Board

The objects of this Bill are:

- * to enable a board to which this Bill applies to operate as a self-funding body by providing for fees which it collects to be transmitted to the Health Administration Corporation to be paid into a separate Special Deposits Account in the Treasury. The money in the Account for the board is to be used by the Corporation to pay the board's administrative costs (including staff).
 - * to provide for the Corporation to employ the staff required to enable the boards to exercise their functions. (Currently, the staff are public servants.)
 - * to amend the Nurses Registration Act 1953 to enable the Minister, in consultation with the Nurses Registration Board, to determine the amount of the practising fees paid under that Act which are to be paid into the Nurses Registration Board Education and Research Account. (Currently the Act provides that 50 per cent of all practising fees paid under the Act must be paid into that Account.)
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Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.

Clause 3 gives effect to Schedule 1 which contains amendments to the following Acts:

- * Chiropodists Registration Act 1962 No. 17
- * Chiropractic Act 1978 No. 132
- * Dental Technicians Registration Act 1975 No. 40
- * Nurses Registration Act 1953 No. 10
- * Optical Dispensers Act 1963 No. 35
- * Optometrists Act 1930 No. 20
- * Physiotherapists Registration Act 1945 No. 9
- * Podiatrists Act 1989 No. 23
- * Psychologists Act 1989 No. 51

Clause 4 gives effect to Schedule 2 which contains amendments to the Health Administration Act 1982 No. 135.
