



Health Legislation Amendment Bill 1997

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.*

Overview of Bill

The objects of this Bill are:

- (a) to amend the *Dental Technicians Registration Act 1975* to put it beyond doubt that dental prosthetists may make and fit mouthguards and give related advice, and
- (b) to amend the *Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985* and the *Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966* to make it clear that persons who are caring for, or assisting in caring for, another person may possess lawfully prescribed drugs for the purpose of administering, or assisting in the self-administration of, the drug to the person being cared for, and to confirm that such carers are not guilty of offences relating to supply in such circumstances, and

* Amended in committee—see table at end of volume.

- (c) to amend the *New South Wales Institute of Psychiatry Act 1964*:
 - (i) to reduce, and to alter the constitution of, the membership of the Institute, and
 - (ii) to reduce the term of office of members of the Institute, and
 - (iii) to establish 4 new committees, and
- (d) to clarify certain definitions in the *Private Hospitals and Day Procedure Centres Act 1988*.

A detailed explanation of each amendment is set out in the Schedule to the proposed Act in which the amendment appears.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called 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 is a formal provision giving effect to the Schedules of amendments to various Acts.

Clause 4 makes it clear that the explanatory notes contained in the Schedules do not form part of the proposed Act.

Schedules 1–5 contain amendments to the following Acts to give effect to the objects described above:

Dental Technicians Registration Act 1975

Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985

New South Wales Institute of Psychiatry Act 1964

Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966

Private Hospitals and Day Procedure Centres Act 1988