

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

**Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists
Registration (Amendment) Bill 1997**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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DENTAL TECHNICIANS AND DENTAL PROSTHETISTS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1997

OUTLINE

The *Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Registration (Amendment) Bill 1997* ("the Bill") amends the *Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Registration Act 1988* ("the Act") for the purposes of removing certain age discriminatory provisions which restrict persons who have attained the age of sixty five years, or who will attain the age of sixty five years during their term of appointment, from serving as a member of the Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Registration Board

Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Registration Act 1988

The Act makes provides for the registration of persons engaged in the performance of dental work or the provision of dental prosthetic services and for related purposes. The Act is a stand alone piece of health professions legislation and is not subject to the *Health Professions Boards (Procedures) Act 1981* or the *Health Professions Boards (Elections) Act 1980*

Section 7 of the Act provides for all members of the Board to be appointed by the Minister. Subsection 7(2) of the Act provides, in part, that

"a person who has the attained the age of sixty five years shall not be appointed or reappointed as a member, and a person shall not be appointed or reappointed as a member for a period that extends beyond the date on which he or she will attain the age of sixty five years"

DETAIL OF THE BILL

Clauses 1,2 and 3

These are formal clauses stating the formal title of the Bill, the commencement provisions and the title of the Principal Act which this Bill is intended to amend. The Bill will commence on the date on which notice of its enactment appears in the *Gazette*. The Principal Act is the *Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Registration Act 1988*

Clause 4

This clause removes the provisions of subsection 7(2) of the Act. This will enable persons who have reached the age of sixty five years, or will reach the age of sixty five years during the term of an appointment, to nominate and serve as a member of a health professions registration board

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this Bill