

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 2 of 1962

It is proposed to amend the A.C.T. Medical Practitioners Registration Ordinance 1930-1958.

The amendments to sections 6 and 9 provide for members of the Medical Board to be appointed and removed, respectively, by the Minister for Health instead of the Governor-General as at present.

It is proposed that sections 21 and 22 be repealed and a new section 22 inserted. This new section makes provision for the conditions under which registration will be granted by the Board. Paragraph (c) of section 22 (1) enables the Board to grant registration to a medical practitioner who is the holder of a foreign degree and who has been granted a certificate of registration in one of the States by virtue of having passed the final three years of examinations at any University in the Commonwealth. Paragraph (d) will permit registration to be granted in the case of graduates of other countries whose laws permit the registration of graduates from Australia.

Proposed section 29 enables the Chairman of the Board to grant a provisional permit to allow a person to practise as a registered medical practitioner. The Chairman also has power to cancel the permit at any time.

Existing section 36 is being repealed and a new section inserted to make provision that a company shall not provide a medical service except through a registered medical practitioner.

Proposed sections 39A and 39B replace existing section 39A. Proposed section 39A makes provision for the recovery of fees for medical services by registered medical practitioners. Proposed section 39B provides for application to the Medical Board for review of accounts for fees for medical services.

Several minor amendments have been made, but these are legal machinery steps to clarify existing provisions.