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Health Professions Boards (Elections) (Amendment) Bill 1997

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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HEALTH PROFESSIONS BOARD (ELECTIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1997

OUTLINE

The *Health Professions Boards (Elections) (Amendment) Bill 1997* ("the Bill") amends the *Health Professions Boards (Election) Act 1980* ("the Act") for the purposes of removing certain age discriminatory provisions which restrict persons who have attained the age of sixty five years from being nominated as a candidate for election as a member of a health profession registration board

The Health Professions Boards (Elections) Act 1980

The Act makes sets out processes for the election of members to

- the Chiropractors and Osteopaths Board,
- the Dental Board,
- the Medical Board,
- the Nurses Board,
- the Optometrists Board,
- the Pharmacy Board,
- the Physiotherapists Board,
- the Veterinary Surgeons Board

Section 8 of the Act makes provisions for members of health profession boards to be appointed by the Minister and to hold office for such period, not exceeding three years, as specified in the instrument of appointment

Subsection 8 of the Act sets out the processes for persons wishing to nominate as a candidate of election to a Board Subsection 8(4) provides that a person is not eligible to be nominated as a candidate for election if he or she, before the date fixed for the close of the poll as provided in paragraph 5(1)(d) of the Act, has attained 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 *Health Professions Boards (Elections) Act 1980*

Clause 4

This clause removes the provisions of subsection 8(4) of the Act This will enable persons who have reached the age of sixty five years to be nominated as a candidate for election as a member of a health professions registration board

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this Bill