

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Chiropractors Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 1986

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

No. 66, 1986

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The Chiropractors Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 1986 (the Amending Ordinance) amends the Chiropractors Registration Ordinance 1983 (the Principal Ordinance) to apply the Health Professions Boards (Procedures) Ordinance 1981 (the Procedures Ordinance) and the Health Professions Boards (Elections) Ordinance 1980 (the Elections Ordinance), to the Principal Ordinance with a view to standardising the Chiropractic Board in its procedures and composition with other health profession boards in the Australian Capital Territory.

The Amending Ordinance accordingly has been implemented in conjunction with related amendments to the Procedures Ordinance and the Elections Ordinance.

The Amending Ordinance will commence on a date to be fixed by the Minister for Territories in the Gazette.

Section 4 amends section 4 of the Principal Ordinance by substituting for the present composition of the Chiropractic Board (the Board) a Chairman and 2 members, all appointed under the Procedures Ordinance, and 2 other members elected under the Elections Ordinance. Sub-sections 4 (2), (3), (4) and (7) of the Principal Ordinance are omitted as these will be covered by sections 4 to 15 of the Procedures Ordinance.

When developing the Amending Ordinance in 1984 and discussing the development of the legislation with the chiropractic profession, the then Australian Capital Territory Health Commission gave an undertaking to the profession to recommend to the Minister, which recommendation he subsequently accepted, to provide for a half elected and half appointed Chiropractic Board. The Commission did this in consultation with the Board and members of the profession and in accordance with their request.

Sub-section 4 (5) of the Principal Ordinance is amended to change the qualification for appointment to the Board from that of being a registered chiropractor to being a registered chiropractor for a period of 3 years immediately preceding appointment to the Board. This equates eligibility for appointment to the Board with that for election under sub-section 8(3) of the Elections Ordinance.

Sections 5, 6 and 7 repeal sections 5 to 10, part V and sections 60 and 64 of the Principal Ordinance as these provisions are either duplicated or dealt with in the Procedures Ordinance. Section 8 operates as a transitional provision to preserve existing appointments to the Board.

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