

# AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

## Health Professions Boards (Procedures) (Amendment) Ordinance 1986

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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The Health Professions Boards (Procedures) (Amendment) Ordinance 1986 (the Amending Ordinance) amends the Health Professions Boards (Procedures) Ordinance 1981 (the Principal Ordinance) to reflect changes in the Chiropractors Registration Ordinance 1983 resulting from the standardisation of the Chiropractic Board in its procedures and composition with other health profession boards in the Australian Capital Territory.

The Amending Ordinance has been implemented in conjunction with related amendments to the Chiropractors Registration Ordinance 1983 and the Health Professions Boards (Elections) Ordinance 1980.

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

Section 4 amends section 3 of the Principal Ordinance, to include the Chiropractic Board in the definition of “Board”, to include a definition of Chiropractors Ordinance as the Chiropractors Registration Ordinance 1983 and to include in the definition of “proceeding” a reference to inquiries under the Chiropractors Ordinance.

Section 5 amends sub-section 11(4) of the Principal Ordinance to include a registered chiropractor in the definition of “registered practitioner”, wherever the latter term appears in section 11 of the Principal Ordinance dealing with vacation of office by Board members.

Section 6 amends section 32 of the Principal Ordinance to permit the appointment of any person to assist the Chiropractic Board and any other Board in any proceeding before it or any other Board. The Principal Ordinance restricted the giving of such assistance to barristers and solicitors appointed for that purpose by the Attorney-General.

Section 7 amends sub-section 33(1) of the Principal Ordinance to confer the same protection and immunity as a barrister and solicitor has in appearing for a party in proceedings in the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory upon persons assisting the Chiropractic Board or any other Board in proceedings before it or any other Board.