

OPTICAL DISPENSERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987

NEW SOUTH WALES



EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)

This Bill is cognate with the Physiotherapists Registration (Amendment) Bill 1987.

The object of this Bill is to amend the Optical Dispensers Act 1963 to vary the composition of the Optical Dispensers Licensing Board and for other purposes.

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act.

Clause 3 gives effect to the Schedule of amendments to the Principal Act.

Clause 4 gives effect to the Schedule of savings and transitional provisions.

Schedule 1 (1) amends section 6 of the Principal Act to increase the size and vary the composition of the Optical Dispensers Licensing Board.

Schedule 1 (2) amends section 7 of the Principal Act as a consequence of the amendment made by Schedule 1 (1).

Schedule 1 (3) substitutes section 12 of the Principal Act. The new section provides for the appointment of a deputy president of the board to act as president during any illness or absence of the president.

Schedule 1 (4) amends section 16 of the Principal Act to increase the number required for a quorum at any meeting of the board (as a consequence of its increased membership).

Schedule 1 (5) amends section 22A as a consequence of the amendment made by Schedule 1 (3).

Schedule 1 (6) amends section 28 of the Principal Act to increase the penalty for unqualified practice as an optical dispenser from \$100 to 10 penalty units (\$1,000).

Schedule 1 (7) amends section 29 of the Principal Act to increase the penalty for unlawful use of certain titles from \$100 to 5 penalty units (\$500).

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Schedule 1 (8) amends section 29A of the Principal Act to increase the penalty for unlawful supply of an optical appliance from \$100 to 10 penalty units (\$1,000).

Schedule 1 (9) amends section 32 of the Principal Act to increase the general penalty for offences against the Principal Act from \$100 to 10 penalty units (\$1,000) and for offences against the regulations under the Principal Act from \$100 to 5 penalty units (\$500).

Schedule 1 (10) amends section 35 of the Principal Act to enable the making of regulations in respect of advertising by optical dispensers and others and in respect of claims made about optical appliances.

Schedule 2 contains savings in relation to members of the existing board and transitional provisions in relation to the appointment of members of the board as reconstituted and its first meeting after reconstitution.
