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The Medical Practitioners Registration (Amendment) Bill 1989 will amend the Medical Practitioners Registration Act 1930 by exempting medical practitioners who have attained the age of 70 years and over from payment of the annual medical registration fee. The amendments will also restrict the type of qualification that can be entered in the Medical Practitioners Register, to those which are recognised for the purposes of the Commonwealth Health Insurance Act 1973.

The Medical Practitioners Registration (Amendment) Bill has negligible financial impact considerations either direct or indirect to the Government.

Details of the Medical Practitioners Registration (Amendment) Bill 1989 are as follows:-

Section 1 sets out the short title of the Bill

Section 2 defines "Principal Act" as the Medical Practitioners Registration Act 1930.

Section 3 amends section 24(A) of the Principal Act. Section 24(A) of the Principal Act is amended by:-

- a) making a registered medical practitioner's gender neutral; and
- b) exempting a medical practitioner over the age of 70 years from payment of the annual registration fee

Section 4 amends section 26 of the Principal Act. The amendment allows for a restriction on the type of qualifications that may be recognised for the purposes of registration of medical practitioners to those which are recognised for the purposes of the Commonwealth Health Insurance Act 1973.