

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) ACT 1910

CHIROPRACTORS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE 1983, No. 28, 1983.

The Chiropractors Registration Ordinance 1983 provides for the control of the practice of chiropractic which for the purposes of the Ordinance is defined as the application of manipulation to the articulations of the human body for the purpose of preventing, alleviating or correcting a physical disability or abnormality and includes osteopathy.

Part II of the Ordinance establishes the Chiropractic Board as a body corporate consisting of a Chairman and four other members all appointed by the Minister. The term of office of each member is a period not exceeding three years as specified in the instrument of appointment.

The board is required by Part III to keep a register of chiropractors. This Part sets out the qualifications which entitle a person to apply for registration and the procedure for registration. Each registered chiropractor will be issued a certificate of registration and will be required to pay an annual fee to maintain registration. Part III also provides for provisional registration for persons who have lodged an application for registration and also for temporary registration for a chiropractor registered in a State or another Territory who wishes to carry on the practice of chiropractic on behalf of a registered chiropractor for a short time. The Board is empowered, after holding an inquiry, to cancel or suspend the registration of a registered chiropractor or to reprimand him for conduct that renders him unfit to practise or for the other grounds listed in section 22. The Board may, after holding an inquiry, suspend a chiropractor's registration on health grounds.

Part IV limits the practice of chiropractic for fee or reward to persons who are registered chiropractors and restricts the use of the title of chiropractor or osteopath to a registered chiropractor. Limitations are placed on a person's right to take legal action to recover fees or remuneration due to him for a chiropractic service and the Board is empowered to review accounts for fees for chiropractic services.

Part V sets out the procedures to be followed by the Board in holding meetings and in particular the requirements as to a quorum, the method of voting and the requirements as to motions and resolutions. This Part also sets out the procedures to be followed by a Board when it holds an inquiry under Part III. Specific provision is made for notice of proceedings, for minimising formality and technicality, for proceedings to be in public, for taking evidence on oath or affirmation and in relation to witnesses.

Part VI covers miscellaneous matters including appeals to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, the disclosure of pecuniary interests by members of the Board, offences in relation to the Board, impartiality of the Board and the Minister's power to determine fees and make regulations.

Part VII contains transitional provisions required by the introduction of the Ordinance.

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