TASMANIA

HEALTH PRACTITIONERS TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT BILL 2015

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HEALTH PRACTITIONERS TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT BILL 2015

This Public Bill originated in the Legislative Council, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the House of Assembly for its concurrence.

D. T. Pearce, *Clerk of the Council* 20 August 2015

(Brought in by the Minister for Justice, the Honourable Dr Vanessa Goodwin)

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the Health Practitioners Tribunal Act 2010

Be it enacted by Her Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Health Practitioners Tribunal Amendment Act 2015*.

2. Commencement

This Act commences on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

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3. Principal Act

In this Act, the *Health Practitioners Tribunal Act 2010** is referred to as the Principal Act.

4. Section 8 amended (Chairperson)

Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

- (1) The Minister may appoint to be the Chairperson of the Tribunal
 - (a) a magistrate recommended by the Chief Magistrate; or
 - (b) an Australian lawyer of not less than 5 years' standing as an Australian legal practitioner.

5. Section 9 amended (Deputy Chairperson)

Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

- (1) The Minister may appoint to be the Deputy Chairperson of the Tribunal
 - (a) a magistrate recommended by the Chief Magistrate; or

(b) an Australian lawyer of not less than 5 years' standing as an Australian legal practitioner.

6. Schedule 1 amended (Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson)

Schedule 1 to the Principal Act is amended as follows:

- (a) by omitting from clause 1(4) "Chairperson" and substituting "Chairperson, by a magistrate,";
- (b) by omitting from clause 2(4) "Deputy Chairperson" and substituting "Deputy Chairperson, by a magistrate,";
- (c) by omitting paragraph (b) from clause 3(1) and substituting the following paragraph:
 - (b) he or she ceases to be a magistrate, or an Australian lawyer, whichever is relevant to his or her appointment.

7. Repeal of Act

This Act is repealed on the three hundred and sixty fifth day from the day on which it commences.