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HEALTH PROFESSIONALS REGISTRATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 2008

The Bill amends the eleven health professionals registration Acts to provide more flexibility for the appointment of a Registrar for each of the following ten Boards: the Chiropractors and Osteopaths Registration Board, Dental Board of Tasmania, Dental Prosthetists Registration Board, Medical Council of Tasmania, Medical Radiation Science Professionals Registration Board of Tasmania, Optometrists Registration Board, Pharmacy Board of Tasmania, Physiotherapists Registration Board of Tasmania, Podiatrists Registration Board of Tasmania and Psychologists Registration Board of Tasmania; and for the appointment of the Executive Officer to the Nursing Board of Tasmania.

The amendments provide that the Registrar or Executive Officer may be an employee of the Board; or an independent contractor to the Board; or a person whose services are made available to the Board by arrangement.

The amendments also expand the protection from liability provision to reflect the potential changes to the status of a Registrar or Executive Officer.