Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Same Sex Partners) Bill 2000

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend various Acts regulating public sector superannuation schemes for the following purposes:

(a) to enable same sex partners of contributors to and members of those schemes, or of former contributors or members, to be treated under those schemes in the same way as partners of contributors and members, or former contributors or members, who are of the opposite sex, thus giving access to certain benefits,

(b) to enable the Minister to enter into arrangements to enable persons who have elected to take a conversion benefit and transfer out of the State Superannuation Scheme and the Police Superannuation Scheme and into the First State Superannuation Scheme or other schemes to undo that election and rejoin the scheme concerned, but only if the election is made within a period specified under the arrangement,

(c) to make other consequential amendments,

(d) to make savings and transitional provisions.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.

Clause 3 is a formal provision giving effect to the amendments to the Acts set out in Schedule 1.

Clause 4 makes it clear that explanatory notes contained in Schedule 1 to the proposed Act do not form part of the proposed Act.

Schedule 1   Amendments

Schedule 1 amends the following Acts:

Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Act 1971 No 53
Police Association Employees (Superannuation) Act 1969 No 33
Police Regulation (Superannuation) Act 1906 No 28
State Authorities Non-contributory Superannuation Act 1987 No 212
State Authorities Superannuation Act 1987 No 211
Superannuation Act 1916 No 28

The amendments to each Act are explained in detail in the explanatory note relating to the Act concerned set out in Schedule 1.