

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Health Services Amendment (Ambulance Services) Bill 2015

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Proposed amendments

No. 1 **Requirement to be assessed, and obtain consent, before providing supported non-emergency transport**

Page 3, Schedule 1 [4]. Insert after line 20:

67FA Unauthorised provision of supported non-emergency transport

- (1) A person must not directly or indirectly provide or take part in the provision of supported non-emergency transport for fee or reward unless the person has the consent of the Health Secretary and acts in accordance with such conditions (if any) as the Health Secretary may from time to time impose on that consent.
Maximum penalty: 200 penalty units.
- (2) The Health Secretary must not give consent under this section unless:
 - (a) regulations setting out prescribed standards are in force under section 67FB (Regulation of supported non-emergency transport), and
 - (b) the Health Secretary is satisfied that:
 - (i) any vehicles or other methods of transportation proposed to be used to provide the supported non-emergency transport are equipped in a manner that ensures patient safety, and
 - (ii) clinical care or monitoring proposed to be provided as part of that transport will be provided in a manner that ensures patient safety, and
 - (iii) all aspects of the supported non-emergency transport will meet the prescribed standards under section 67FB.
- (3) The consent of the Health Secretary under this section has effect for the period specified in the consent, which must not be more than 2 years.

No. 2 **Obligation on Minister to ensure regulations are made prescribing standards to be complied with**

Page 4, Schedule 1 [4]. Insert after line 3:

- (4) The Minister must consult with such persons as the Minister considers represent the interests of providers of health services, health academics and employees of public health organisations about the making of initial regulations providing for prescribed standards under this section.

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- No. 3 **Requirement to be assessed, and obtain consent, before providing supported non-emergency transport**
Page 4, Schedule 1 [4]. Insert after line 35:
 (a) the service provider holds a consent under section 67FA (Unauthorised provision of supported non-emergency transport) and is complying with any conditions of the consent, and
- No. 4 **Removal of exemptions**
Page 5, Schedule 1 [4], lines 1–10. Omit all words on those lines.
- No. 5 **Requirement to be assessed, and obtain consent, before providing supported non-emergency transport**
Page 5, Schedule 1 [4], line 11. Omit “**Prohibition orders**”. Insert instead “**Revocation or modification of consent**”.
- No. 6 **Requirement to be assessed, and obtain consent, before providing supported non-emergency transport**
Page 5, Schedule 1 [4], lines 12–17. Omit all words on those lines. Insert instead:
 (1) The Health Secretary may, by order in writing served on a person:
 (a) revoke any consent given to the person under section 67FA (Unauthorised provision of supported non-emergency transport), or
 (b) revoke or vary any condition imposed on any consent given to the person under section 67FA, or
 (c) impose an additional condition on any consent given to the person under section 67FA.
- No. 7 **Requirement to be assessed, and obtain consent, before providing supported non-emergency transport**
Page 5, Schedule 1 [4]. Insert after line 26:
 (a) a requirement imposed by or under section 67FA (Unauthorised provision of supported non-emergency transport), or
- No. 8 **Requirement to be assessed, and obtain consent, before providing supported non-emergency transport**
Page 5, Schedule 1 [4], lines 43–46. Omit all words on those lines.