

OPTICAL DISPENSERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987

NEW SOUTH WALES



EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)

This Bill is cognate with the Physiotherapists Registration (Amendment) Bill 1987.

The object of this Bill is to amend the Optical Dispensers Act 1963 to vary the composition of the Optical Dispensers Licensing Board and for other purposes.

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act.

Clause 3 gives effect to the Schedule of amendments to the Principal Act.

Clause 4 gives effect to the Schedule of savings and transitional provisions.

Schedule 1 (1) amends section 6 of the Principal Act to increase the size and vary the composition of the Optical Dispensers Licensing Board.

Schedule 1 (2) amends section 7 of the Principal Act as a consequence of the amendment made by Schedule 1 (1).

Schedule 1 (3) substitutes section 12 of the Principal Act. The new section provides for the appointment of a deputy president of the board to act as president during any illness or absence of the president.

Schedule 1 (4) amends section 16 of the Principal Act to increase the number required for a quorum at any meeting of the board (as a consequence of its increased membership).

Schedule 1 (5) amends section 22A as a consequence of the amendment made by Schedule 1 (3).

Schedule 1 (6) amends section 28 of the Principal Act to increase the penalty for unqualified practice as an optical dispenser from \$100 to 10 penalty units (\$1,000).

Schedule 1 (7) amends section 29 of the Principal Act to increase the penalty for unlawful use of certain titles from \$100 to 5 penalty units (\$500).

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Schedule 1 (8) amends section 29A of the Principal Act to increase the penalty for unlawful supply of an optical appliance from \$100 to 10 penalty units (\$1,000).

Schedule 1 (9) amends section 32 of the Principal Act to increase the general penalty for offences against the Principal Act from \$100 to 10 penalty units (\$1,000) and for offences against the regulations under the Principal Act from \$100 to 5 penalty units (\$500).

Schedule 1 (10) amends section 35 of the Principal Act to enable the making of regulations in respect of advertising by optical dispensers and others and in respect of claims made about optical appliances.

Schedule 2 contains savings in relation to members of the existing board and transitional provisions in relation to the appointment of members of the board as reconstituted and its first meeting after reconstitution.

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No. , 1987

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the Optical Dispensers Act 1963 with respect to the membership of the Optical Dispensers Licensing Board and in certain other respects.

Optical Dispensers (Amendment) 1987

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Optical Dispensers (Amendment) Act 1987.

5 Commencement

2. (1) Except as provided by subsection (2), this Act shall commence on a day to be appointed by proclamation.

(2) Section 4 and Schedule 2 shall commence on the date of assent to this Act.

10 Amendment of Act No. 35, 1963

3. The Optical Dispensers Act 1963 is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

Savings and transitional provisions

4. Schedule 2 has effect.

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SCHEDULE 1—AMENDMENTS

(Sec. 3)

(1) Section 6 (**The board**)—

(a) Section 6 (1)—

Omit “seven”, insert instead “12”.

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(b) Section 6 (2)—

Omit the subsection, insert instead:

(2) Of the members so appointed—

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(a) 1 shall be an optical dispenser nominated by the Australian Association of Dispensing Opticians;

(b) 1 shall be an optical dispenser nominated by The Guild of Dispensing Opticians (N.S.W.) Limited;

(c) 1 shall be an optical dispenser nominated by the Association of Spectacle Makers Limited;

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(d) 1 shall be a medical practitioner who is practising as an ophthalmologist, nominated by the Royal Australian College of Ophthalmologists;

(e) 1 shall be a registered optometrist nominated by The Board of Optometrical Registration;

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(f) 1 shall be a person engaged in optical dispensing education nominated by the Minister;

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- (g) 1 shall be an officer of the Department of Health nominated by the Minister;
- (h) 1 shall be a barrister or solicitor nominated by the Minister; and
- 5 (i) 4 shall be persons nominated by the Minister.
- (c) Section 6 (3)—
Omit “(b), (c), (d), (e) or (f)”, insert instead “(a), (b), (c), (d) or (e)”.
- (2) Section 7 (**Deputy of member from Department of Health**)—
10 Omit “(a)”, insert instead “(g)”.
- (3) Section 12—
Omit the section, insert instead:
President and deputy president
- 15 12. (1) Of the members of the board, one member (being an optical dispenser) shall, in and by the relevant instrument of appointment as such a member, or by another instrument executed by the Governor, be appointed as president of the board and one member shall be so appointed as deputy president of the board.
- 20 (2) The deputy president, during the absence or illness of the president, shall act in the office of the president and, while so acting, has (except as provided by section 22A) all the powers, authorities, duties and functions of the president.
- 25 (3) The president or, in the absence of the president, the deputy president or, in the absence of both the president and the deputy president, another member of the board elected to chair the meeting by the members present shall preside at a meeting of the board.
- 30 (4) The person presiding at any meeting of the board has a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, has a second or casting vote.
- (5) The Governor may remove a member of the board from the office of president or deputy president at any time.
- 35 (6) A person vacates office as president or deputy president if the person—
- (a) is removed from that office by the Governor;
- (b) resigns that office by instrument in writing addressed to the Minister; or
- (c) ceases to be a member of the board.

*Optical Dispensers (Amendment) 1987*SCHEDULE 1—AMENDMENTS—*continued*(4) Section 16 (**Quorum and procedure of board**)—

Section 16 (1)—

Omit “four”, insert instead “7”.

(5) Section 22A (**Provisional licence**)—

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Section 22A (1)—

Omit “chairman”, insert instead “president”.

(6) Section 28 (**Practice by unlicensed persons prohibited**)—

Section 28 (1)—

At the end of the subsection, insert:

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Penalty: 10 penalty units.

(7) Section 29 (**Use of certain titles**)—

At the end of the section, insert:

Penalty: 5 penalty units.

(8) Section 29A (**Supply of optical appliance pursuant to prescription**)—

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At the end of the section, insert:

Penalty: 10 penalty units.

(9) Section 32 (**Offences and penalties**)—

Section 32 (1)—

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Omit “one hundred dollars”, insert instead “10 penalty units in the case of a contravention of a provision of this Act and not exceeding 5 penalty units in the case of a contravention of a provision of a regulation”.

(10) Section 35 (**Regulations**)—

Section 35 (1) (e1)—

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After section 35 (1) (e), insert:

(e1) regulating or prohibiting advertising with respect to optical dispensing by optical dispensers and others (including, despite section 3, medical practitioners and optometrists), including the advertising or the making of claims or representations concerning optical appliances and other matters relating to optical appliances and optical dispensing;

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SCHEDULE 2—SAVINGS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

(Sec. 4)

Definitions

1. In this Schedule—
- 5 “new board” means the Optical Dispensers Licensing Board under the Optical Dispensers Act 1963 on the commencement of this Act;
“old board” means the Optical Dispensers Licensing Board under the Optical Dispensers Act 1963 before the commencement of this Act.

Members of old board

- 10 2. A person who, immediately before the commencement of this Act, held office as a member of the old board—
 - (a) shall cease to hold office as such on that commencement; and
 - (b) is eligible (if otherwise qualified) to be appointed as a member of the new board.

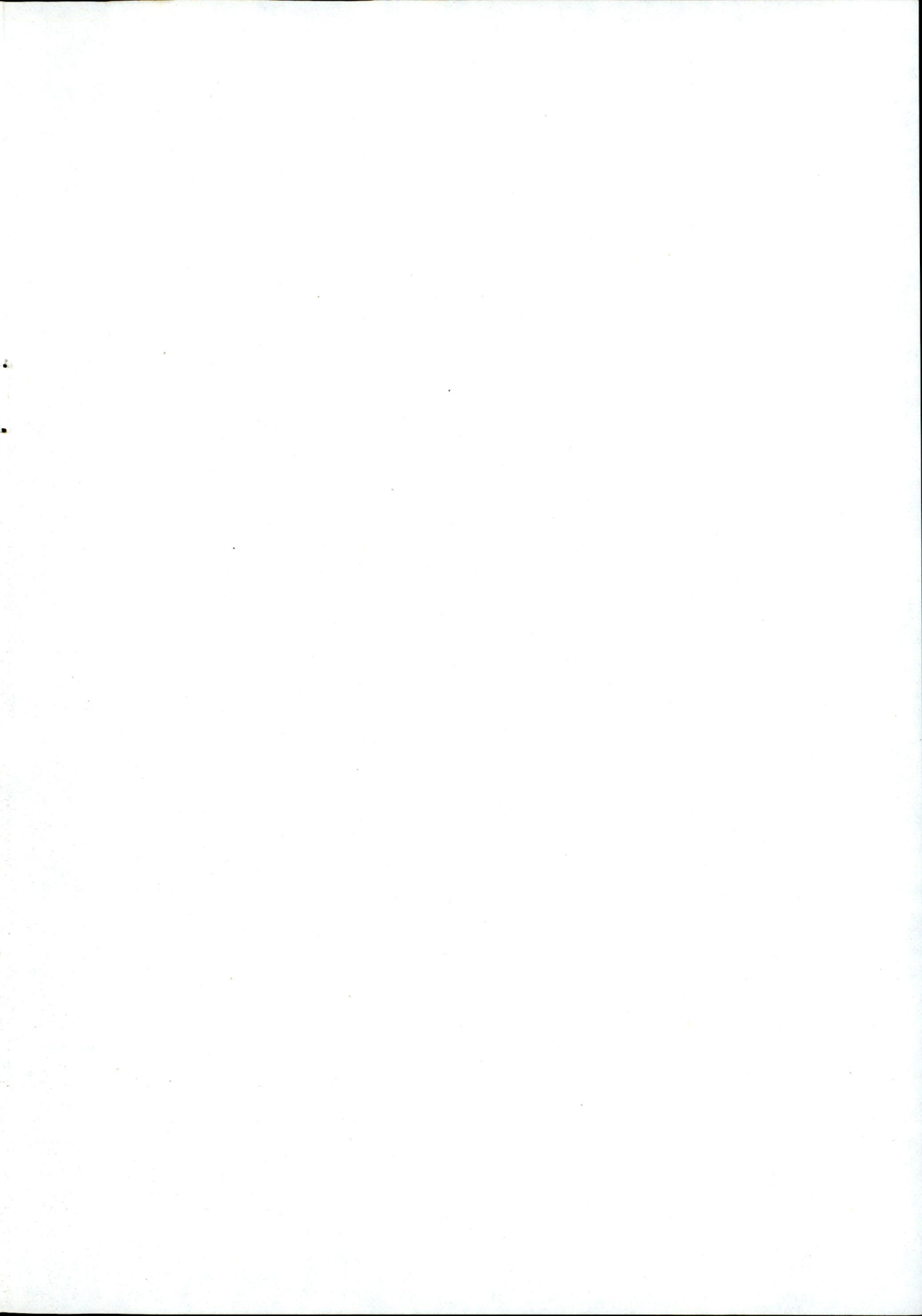
Appointments etc. before commencement

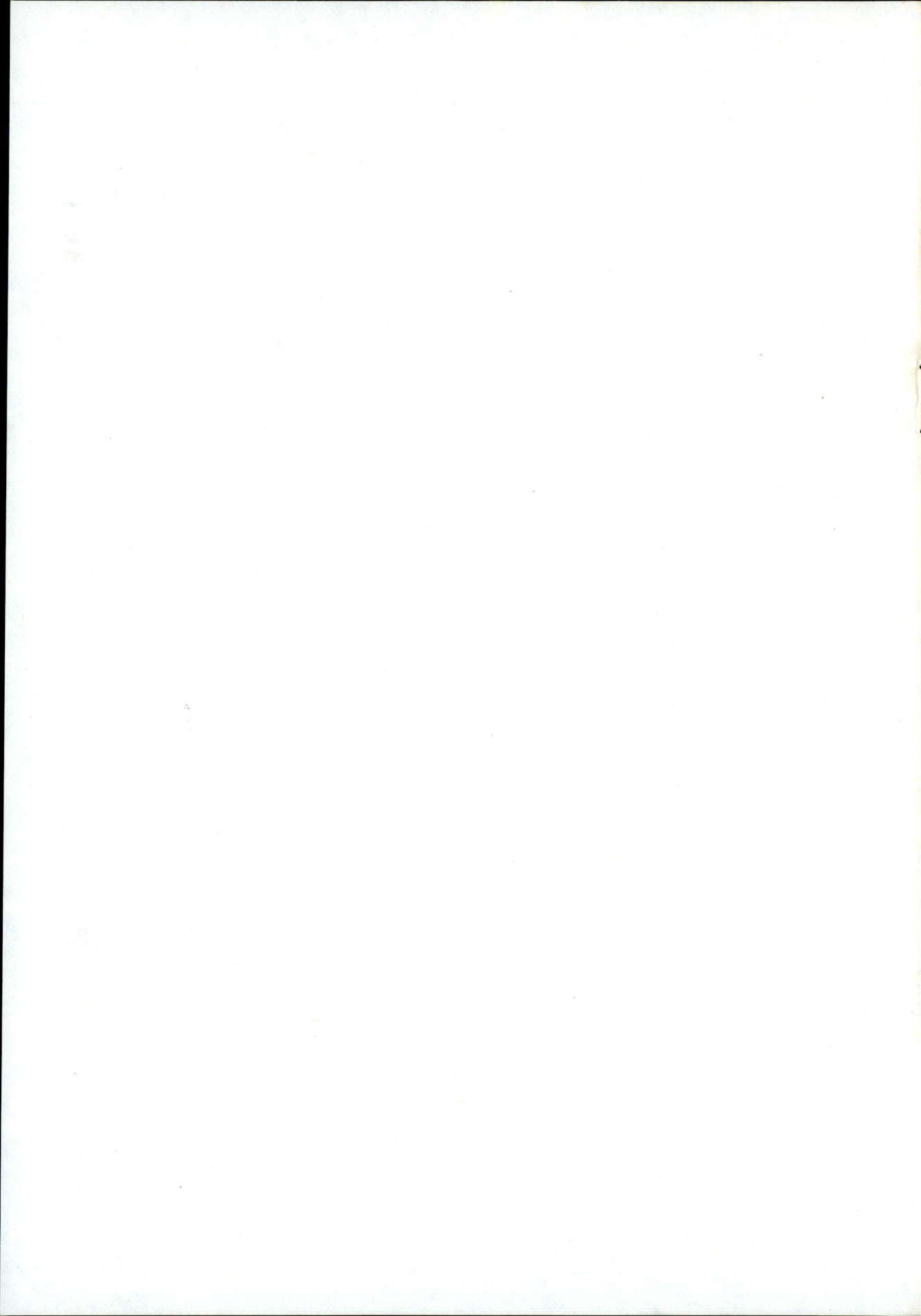
- 15 3. For the purpose only of enabling the new board to be constituted on or after (but not before) the commencement of this Act, appointments may be made under the Optical Dispensers Act 1963, as amended by this Act, and anything else may be done, before that commencement, as if this Act commenced on the date of assent to this Act, but so
- 20 that no appointment as a member of the new board as so constituted takes effect before that commencement.

First meeting of new board

4. The Minister for Health shall call the first meeting of the new board in such manner as the Minister thinks fit.







OPTICAL DISPENSERS (AMENDMENT) ACT 1987 No. 276

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PROPERTY TAX



NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT

Notice is hereby given that the State Board of Equalization has approved the assessment of the State of California for the year 1988. The assessment is based on the value of the property as of January 1, 1988. The assessment is subject to appeal.

OPTICAL DISPENSERS (AMENDMENT) ACT 1987 No. 276

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Act No. 276, 1987

An Act to amend the Optical Dispensers Act 1963 with respect to the membership of the Optical Dispensers Licensing Board and in certain other respects. [Assented to 16 December 1987]

*Optical Dispensers (Amendment) 1987***The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:****Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Optical Dispensers (Amendment) Act 1987.

Commencement

2. (1) Except as provided by subsection (2), this Act shall commence on a day to be appointed by proclamation.

(2) Section 4 and Schedule 2 shall commence on the date of assent to this Act.

Amendment of Act No. 35, 1963

3. The Optical Dispensers Act 1963 is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

Savings and transitional provisions

4. Schedule 2 has effect.

SCHEDULE 1—AMENDMENTS

(Sec. 3)

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Omit "seven", insert instead "12".

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SCHEDULE 1—AMENDMENTS—*continued*

- (g) 1 shall be an officer of the Department of Health nominated by the Minister;
 - (h) 1 shall be a barrister or solicitor nominated by the Minister; and
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Omit “(b), (c), (d), (e) or (f)”, insert instead “(a), (b), (c), (d) or (e)”.
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Omit the section, insert instead:
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12. (1) Of the members of the board, one member (being an optical dispenser) shall, in and by the relevant instrument of appointment as such a member, or by another instrument executed by the Governor, be appointed as president of the board and one member shall be so appointed as deputy president of the board.
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- (3) The president or, in the absence of the president, the deputy president or, in the absence of both the president and the deputy president, another member of the board elected to chair the meeting by the members present shall preside at a meeting of the board.
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- (4) Section 16 (**Quorum and procedure of board**)—
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Appointments etc. before commencement

3. For the purpose only of enabling the new board to be constituted on or after (but not before) the commencement of this Act, appointments may be made under the Optical Dispensers Act 1963, as amended by this Act, and anything else may be done, before that commencement, as if this Act commenced on the date of assent to this Act, but so that no appointment as a member of the new board as so constituted takes effect before that commencement.

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