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EXPLANATORY NOTE

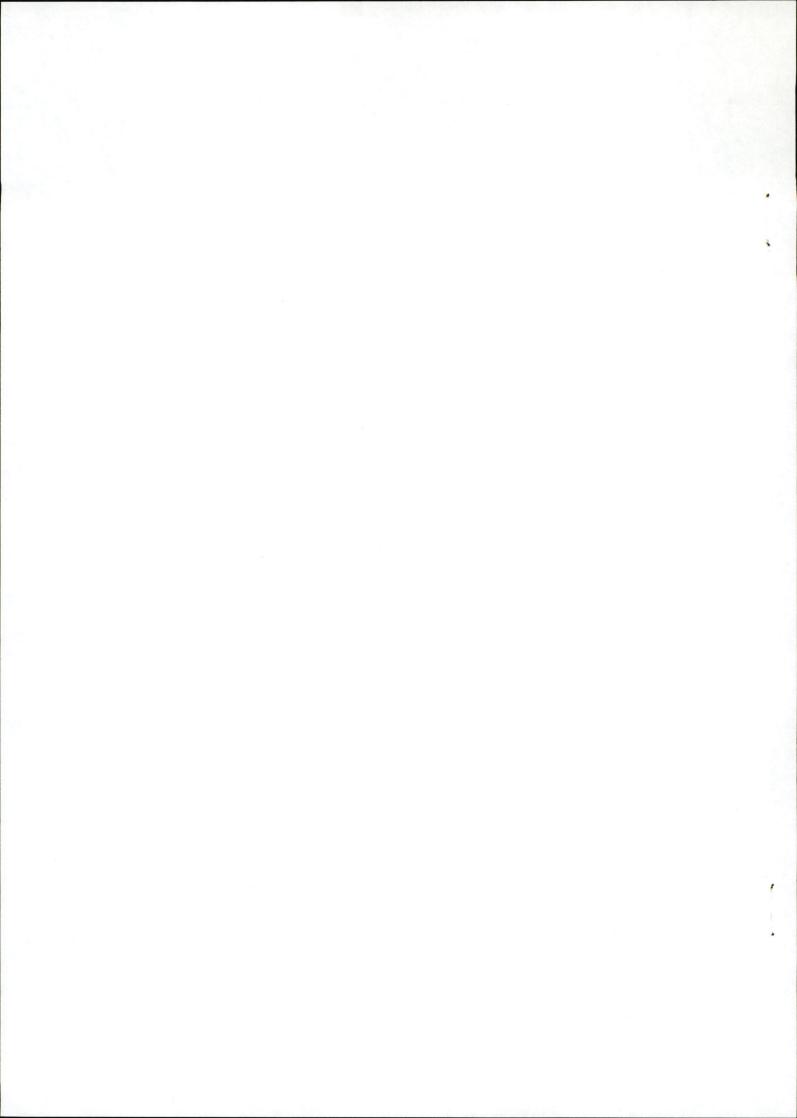
(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)

The object of this Bill is to amend the Nurses Act 1991 so as to allow a nurse to decline to take part in the provision of medical treatment or nursing services in respect of which the nurse has a conscientious objection on the grounds of moral or religious belief.

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent.

Clause 3 makes the amendment referred to above.



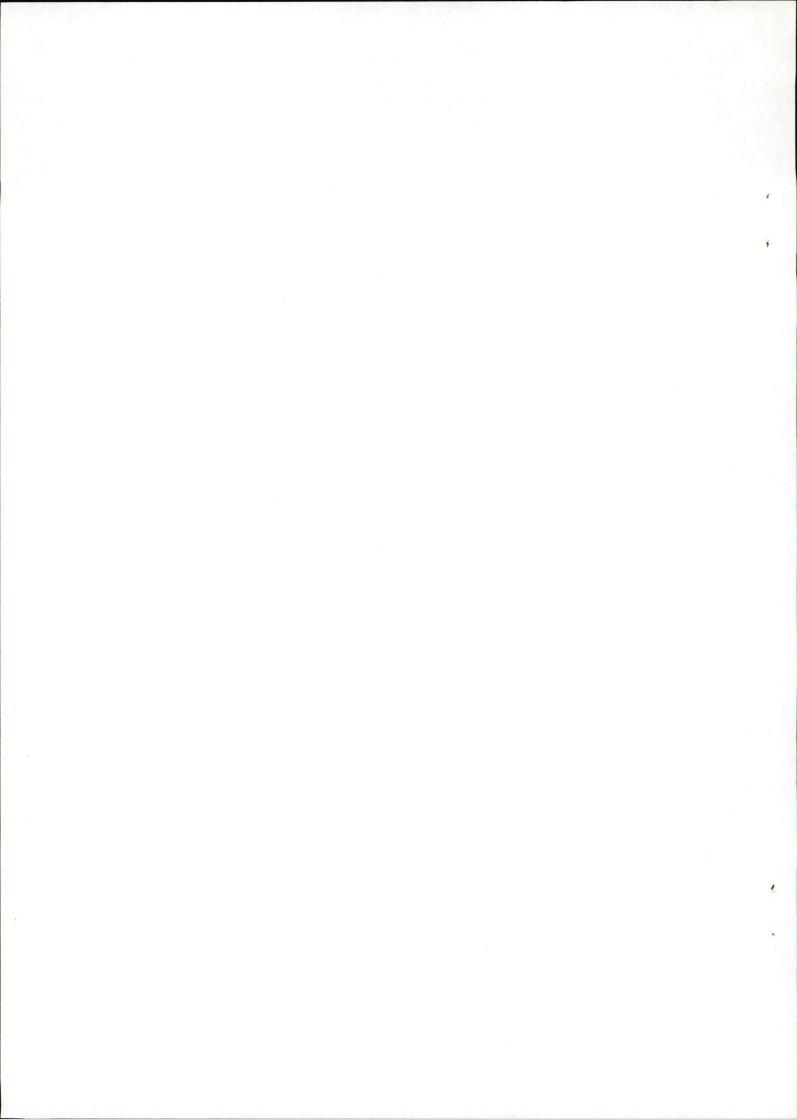
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No. , 1991

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the Nurses Act 1991 to provide for conscientious objection by nurses on the grounds of moral or religious beliefs.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Nurses (Conscientious Objection) Amendment Act 1991.

Commencement

2. This Act commences on the date of assent.

Amendment of Nurses Act 1991 No. 9

3. The Nurses Act 1991 is amended by inserting after section 43 the following section:

Conscientious objection

- 43A. (1) An accredited nurse has no duty arising under contract or otherwise to take part in any treatment or nursing service in respect of which the nurse has a conscientious objection on the grounds of moral or religious belief.
- (2) In any legal or other proceedings to which the accredited nurse is a party, a statement by the nurse that he or she has such a conscientious objection is proof, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, of the conscientious objection.