Maritime College Amendment
Bill 1987

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House: House of Representatives

Digest of Bill

Purpose
To enable the Maritime College to charge fees for post-graduate courses. This will perform the same function for the Maritime College as the States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Bill 1987 performs in relation to State higher education institutions. The Bill will also exempt certain persons from the education administration charge.

Background
Refer to the Digest for the States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Bill 1987.

Main Provisions
Section 32 of the Maritime College Act 1978 (the Principal Act) will be amended to allow fees to be charged in respect of post graduate courses, or courses for a qualification other than a course for an initial vocational qualification, that has been specified by the Minister on the application of the College. Such fees are only to be imposed in respect of people who have earned a living (clause 3).

Section 32A of the Principal Act provides for the imposition of a higher education administration charge. The section will be amended to exempt from the charge recipients of Commonwealth pensions, benefits or allowances and dependent spouses of persons who are already exempt from the charge. A further amendment to the section will ensure that students are liable for the charge whether they undertake a full course or only part of a course during the year (clause 4).

For further information, if required, contact the Education and Welfare Group.

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