HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1984
(PRIVATE SENATOR'S BILL)

Date Introduced: 28 March 1984
House: Senate
Presented by: Senator Baume

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose


Background

Please refer to Bills Digest for Health Insurance Amendment Bill 1984.

Main Provisions

1. Health Insurance Act 1973

Clause 4(a) seeks to amend s.17 of the Principal Act by omitting paragraphs (1)(aa) and ss(2)(3) and (4).

Paragraph 1(aa) relates to the agreements which must be signed before medicare benefits are paid for services performed by doctors exercising private practice rights in public hospitals.

Ss.(2) and (3) are machinery provisions relating to the agreements referred to in s.17(1)(aa). Ss.17(4) defines the agreement.

Clause 5 seeks to omit clause 6 of Schedule 2 (Heads of Agreement) of the Principal Act. Clause 6 states:

"The agreement is to provide for the State to ensure that medical practitioners will not render on their own behalf in recognized hospitals in the State professional services in respect of which medicare benefit would not be payable by reason of paragraph 17(1)(aa) of this Act."

Clause 7 seeks to repeal ss.18(2) and (3) of the Principal Act.

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