

Radiation Safety Amendment Bill 2014

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM (E110)

(Introduced by Mr R. Cook, MLA)

The Radiation Safety Amendment Bill 2014 is a bill to bring about the banning of commercial tanning units or beds. The bill describes commercial beds and through the creation of a new section of the Act, creates an offence for providing or offering to provide a sun-tanning unit in new Part IIIA of the Act.

The bill also provides for a transition period and empowers the Minister to recompense owners of sun-tanning units for the early termination of the registration of a sun-tanning unit at the Minister's discretion.

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| Clause 1 | Short title. |
| Clause 2 | Commencement clause – sections 1 and 2 of the Act come into operation on the day it receives Royal Assent but the main provisions of the Act will come into operation after 3 months to provide for a transition period. |
| Clause 3 | The Act amends the <i>Radiation Safety Act 1975</i> . |
| Clause 4 | Defines sun-tanning units as being of a certain strength and which are provided for tanning in a commercial manner. This definition maintains the policy of focusing on commercial sun-tanning units. |
| Clause 5 | Includes sun-tanning units under the provisions of the Act. |
| Clause 6 | Amends section 7(1) of the Act by including sun-tanning units. |
| Clause 7 | Creates an offence under the Act to provide or operate a sun-tanning unit. This clause also provides for transitional arrangements. These arrangements cancel the registration of a solarium under the Act. It also makes provision for the Minister to pay compensation for the early termination of the registration of a sun-tanning unit of an amount determined by the Minister. |
| Clause 8 | This clause limits the powers of the Radiological Council by explicitly excluding sun-tanning units from electronic products about which regulations may be recommended by the Council. This power is not necessary as sun-tanning units will be banned under section 24B of the Act. |