

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Presented and read a first time, 7 November 1991

(Minister for Health, Housing and Community Services)

A BILL

FOR

An Act relating to fees payable for certain purposes of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Health Insurance (Pathology) (Fees) Act 1991*.

5 Commencement

2. This Act commences on the day on which the *Health Insurance (Pathology) Amendment Act 1991* commences.

Interpretation

3. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears:

10 “**approved pathology authority undertaking**” means an undertaking signed and given by a person under subsection 23DF(1) of the Health Insurance Act;

15 “**approved pathology practitioner undertaking**” means an undertaking signed and given by a medical practitioner under subsection 23DC(1) of the Health Insurance Act;

“**Health Insurance Act**” means the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

External Territories

4. This Act extends to:

- (a) the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands; and
- (b) the Territory of Christmas Island.

Fees payable

5. A fee is payable to the Commonwealth in respect of:

- (a) the acceptance of an approved pathology practitioner undertaking under subsection 23DC(1) of the Health Insurance Act; and
- (b) the acceptance of an approved pathology authority undertaking under subsection 23DF(1) of the Health Insurance Act; and
- (c) the approval of premises as an accredited pathology laboratory under section 23DN of the Health Insurance Act.

Amount of fee

6.(1) The fee payable in respect of the acceptance of an approved pathology practitioner undertaking is \$500. 15

(2) The fee payable in respect of the acceptance of an approved pathology authority undertaking is \$1,500.

(3) The fee payable in respect of the approval of premises as an accredited pathology laboratory is: 20

- (a) if the highest category of accreditation is allocated to the laboratory—\$2,500; or
- (b) if the second highest category of accreditation is allocated to the laboratory—\$2,000; or
- (c) if the third highest category of accreditation is allocated to the laboratory—\$1,500; or 25
- (d) if any lower category of accreditation is allocated to the laboratory—\$750.

By whom and when fee payable

7.(1) The fee in respect of the acceptance of an approved pathology practitioner undertaking or an approved pathology authority undertaking is payable, by the person who gave the undertaking, at any time after the undertaking has been accepted under the Health Insurance Act. 30

(2) The fee in respect of the approval of premises as an accredited pathology laboratory is payable, by the person who applied for the approval, at any time after the premises have been so approved in principle under subsection 23DN(1) of the Health Insurance Act. 35

