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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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OUTLINE

The purpose of this Bill is to provide, as a consequence of the States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Bill 1987, amendments to the Maritime College Act 1978.

The Bill will enable:

- . a limited relaxation of the legislative prohibition on tuition fees in a designated range of tertiary education courses as approved by the Minister;
- . provision to require students withdrawing from a course after teaching has commenced to be liable for the higher education administration charge; and
- . extension of exemption from the charge to dependant spouses of certain persons already exempted from the charge.

The Bill will ensure consistency of treatment with tertiary institutions in the States and Northern Territory. Financial implications cannot be quantified precisely at this stage, but are expected to be minimal.

## NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1 : Short title

Clause 2 : Commencement: Provides for the legislation to come into operation at the same time as the States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1987.

Clause 3 : Fees: This clause provides amendments to enable fees to be charged in specific post-basic courses approved and gazetted by the Minister after an approach in regard to those courses from the College.

Clause 4 : Higher Education administration charge: This clause amends existing provisions so that students commencing in courses and who may, or may not withdraw, are liable to pay the charge. It also extends exemption from payment of the charge to dependant spouses of certain categories of students who are themselves exempt.