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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

THE SENATE

(Presented and read a first time, 6 September 1989)

(SENATOR PUPPICK)

A BILL

FOR

An Act to amend the National Health Act 1953 to revoke a determination of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Remuneration Tribunal, provide for qualified membership of the Tribunal, and for related purposes

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen, and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:

Short title

5 1. (1) This Act may be cited as the National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits Determination Revocation and Tribunal Membership) Amendment Act 1989.

(2) The National Health Act 1953 is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

10 Commencement

2. This Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent or 30 September 1989, whichever is the earlier.

2 **National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits
Determination Revocation and Tribunal Membership)
Amendment No. , 1989**

Disallowance of PBRT decision

3. The determination of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Remuneration Tribunal dated 28 August 1989 and made under section 98B of the Principal Act is and shall be of no force or effect.

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Tribunal membership

4. Subsection 98A(2) of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (b) and substituting the following paragraph:

"(b) 2 additional members, appointed by the Minister from persons who have qualifications, knowledge and experience relevant to the pharmaceutical profession or industry."

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Conduct of inquiries

5. Section 98BA of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the following subsection after subsection (2):

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"(2A) In an inquiry under subsection (1) the Tribunal shall have regard to the need to ensure that variations in the Commonwealth price of any pharmaceutical benefits have the effect of facilitating the efficient and effective provision of national health care services."

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