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PROPOSED HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES (FEES) (AMENDMENT No. 7)

Regulations 1987

As required by section 12 of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1962*, notice is given of the proposed making of these Regulations.

The objective of the proposed Regulations is to increase fees for private patients in public hospitals to reflect cost increases brought about by recent changes in the nurse career structure.

The effect of the regulation will be an increase of 20 per cent in fees for private patients in public hospitals. The Regulations are made pursuant to the *Hospitals and Charities Act 1958*.

A regulatory impact statement has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1962* setting out the anticipated impact of the proposed Regulations.

The conclusion of the impact statement is that increasing fees is the only way of meeting the objective. If fees are not adjusted an increasing and unreasonable share of costs attributable to private and Department of Veterans' Affairs patients in public hospitals will be borne by hospitals and the Victorian community.

Copies of the statement may be obtained from Ms. Janise Sibley, Department of Health, 21st Floor, Enterprise House, 555 Collins Street, Melbourne, 3000 (phone: 616 7281 or 616 7303) during business hours.

Submissions in response to the regulatory impact statement are invited and should be received at the above address no later than 23 February.

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