

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

OPTOMETRIST ACT

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OPTOMETRISTS ACT

An Act to provide for the Registration of Persons engaged in the Practice of Optometry and to control Optometrical Practice

Part I Preliminary

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Optometrists Act*.

2 Commencement

This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Administrator by notice in the *Gazette*.

3 Parts

This Act is divided into Parts, as follows:

Part I Preliminary (Sections 1 – 4)

Part II The Optometrists Board (Sections 5 – 13)

Part III Registration and Qualifications (Sections 14 – 28)

Part IV The Conduct of Optometrical Practice (Sections 29 – 36)

Part V Miscellaneous (Sections 37 – 49)

4 Interpretation

(1) In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears:

Chief Health Officer means the Chief Health Officer appointed under the *Public Health Act*.

medical practitioner means a person registered or licensed as a medical practitioner under a law of a State or Territory that forms part of the Commonwealth.

member means a member of the Board.

optometry means:

- (a) the employment of methods, other than methods which involve the use of drugs, for the measurement of the powers of vision; or
- (b) the adaptation of lenses or prisms for the aid of the powers of vision,

but does not include the dispensing of prescriptions for spectacles made or given by a medical practitioner or the craft of lens-grinding and spectacles-making.

registered optometrist means a person who is registered under this Act as an optometrist.

the Board means the Optometrists Board constituted under this Act.

the Chairman means the Chairman of the Board.

the Register means The Register of Optometrists kept in accordance with section 14.

- (2) For the purposes of this Act:
 - (a) a person (not being a company or firm) shall be deemed to practise optometry if:
 - (i) he practises optometry personally on his own account;
 - (ii) in the course of a business carried on by him, a person or persons employed by him is or are engaged in optometry; or
 - (iii) he is engaged in optometry as a person employed in a business carried on by another person (including a company or firm); and
 - (b) a company or firm shall be deemed to practise optometry if, in the course of a business carried on by the company or firm, a person or persons employed by the company or firm or, in the case of a firm, a member or members of the firm, is or are engaged in optometry.

Part II The Optometrists Board

5 The Optometrists Board

- (1) For the purposes of this Act there shall be a board, which shall be known as the Optometrists Board.
- (2) The Board may sue and be sued in its own name.

6 Members of the Board

- (1) The Board shall consist of the Chairman and 2 other members or, if the Minister thinks fit, 3 other members.
- (2) The Chief Health Officer or his or her nominee shall be Chairman of the Board.
- (3) The members of the Board other than the Chairman shall be appointed by the Minister.
- (4) The Minister shall, so far as is practicable, exercise his power to appoint members of the Board so that, of the members appointed by him holding office at any time, one is a medical practitioner and the other is a person who is, or the others are persons who are, registered as an optometrist or as optometrists under the law of a State or Territory.
- (5) The members of the Board shall elect one of their number to be the Deputy Chairman of the Board during the pleasure of the Board.
- (6) The Chairman shall be the executive officer of the Board.
- (7) A nominee of the Chief Health Officer is to be a person who is registered, or entitled to be registered, as a medical practitioner under the *Medical Act*.

7 Tenure of office

- (1) A member appointed by the Minister holds office for a term of 3 years and is eligible for reappointment.
- (2) Where the office of a member becomes vacant before the expiration of his term of office, the person appointed to fill the vacancy holds office for the unexpired portion of the term of office of the member whose office has become vacant.

9 Removal of member from office

The Minister may at any time terminate the appointment of a member for misbehaviour or incapacity.

10 Vacation of office by member

A member shall be deemed to have vacated his office:

- (a) if his appointment is terminated by the Minister in pursuance of this Act;
- (b) if he becomes bankrupt;
- (c) if he becomes of unsound mind;
- (d) if he is convicted of an indictable offence;
- (e) if he resigns his office in writing addressed to the Minister and the resignation is accepted by the Minister;
- (f) if he is absent without leave of the Board from 2 consecutive meetings of the Board; or
- (g) if, having been, at the time of his appointment, a medical practitioner or a person registered as an optometrist under the law of a State or Territory, he ceases to be a medical practitioner or a person so registered, as the case may be.

11 Temporary appointments

In the event of the illness or absence from the Territory of a member, or of the temporary inability of a member to perform the duties of his office, or in the event of the office of a member becoming vacant before the expiration of his term of office, the Minister may appoint a person to act as a member during that illness, absence or temporary inability, or until the appointment of a new member, as the case may be, and a person so acting has all the powers and shall perform all the duties of a member.

12 Convening of meetings of the Board

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), a meeting of the Board shall be convened by the Chairman by notice in writing to the other members, and shall be held at the time and place specified in the notice.
- (2) The Minister may, by notice in writing to each member, direct that a meeting be held at the time and place specified in the notice.

13 Procedure at meetings

- (1) The Chairman of the Board shall preside at all meetings of the Board at which he is present.
- (2) In the absence of the Chairman from a meeting the Deputy Chairman shall preside and, when so presiding, have a deliberative vote.
- (3) At a meeting of the Board, the Chairman or Deputy Chairman and one member constitute a quorum.
- (4) Subject to subsection (5), all questions before a meeting of the Board shall be decided by a majority of votes of the members present.
- (5) At a meeting of the Board at which he is present, the Chairman has a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, also has a casting vote.
- (6) If, at a meeting of the Board at which the Chairman is not present, the members present differ upon a question, the determination of that question shall be postponed until the next meeting of the Board.
- (7) Subject to this Act, the procedure of the Board shall be as the Board determines.

Part III Registration and qualifications**14 Register**

The Board shall keep a register called The Register of Optometrists.

15 Mode of registration

- (1) Where the Board has authorized the registration of a person, the registration shall be effected by entering in the Register:
 - (a) his name;
 - (b) his professional address or addresses (if any) in the Territory or, if he has no such professional address, his place of residence (whether in the Territory or elsewhere);
 - (c) particulars of his qualifications;
 - (d) a registration number allotted to him;

- (e) the date of his registration; and
 - (f) such other particulars (if any) as are prescribed.
- (2) An entry in the Register shall be signed by the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Board.
- (3) Where a person is registered as an optometrist, the Board shall, upon payment to it of the fee determined under section 28A for the purposes of this subsection cause to be issued to him a certificate of registration, in a form approved by the Board, under the hand of the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Board.

16 Persons entitled to registration

- (1) The Board shall authorize the registration of a person as an optometrist if he satisfies the Board that he is not less than 21 years of age and is a fit and proper person to be registered as an optometrist, and that:
- (a) he has passed the examinations prescribed by the Board or the examinations prescribed by or under the law of a State or Territory for registration as an optometrist in that State or Territory;
 - (b) he holds a certificate or other evidence satisfactory to the Board that he is registered or certified as an optometrist in a part of Her Majesty's dominions outside Australia where there is in force a law:
 - (i) which provides for the registration or certification of optometrists under a public authority;
 - (ii) which prescribes a standard of training for, and examination of, optometrists which is, in the opinion of the Board, substantially equivalent to the standards applicable under the law of any State; and
 - (iii) under which optometrists registered under this Act are or will be admitted to the register or roll for registered or certificated optometrists in that part of Her Majesty's dominions; or
 - (c) he was registered as an optometrist at the date of commencement of this Act under the law in force in a State or Territory.
- (2) The Board may require an applicant for registration to attend personally before the Board and, if he fails to attend as required, refuse the application.

17 Appeal in case of refusal by the Board to register a person

- (1) If the Board refuses to authorize the registration of a person, the Board shall, if required by that person, state in writing the reason for the refusal.
- (2) A person whose application for registration is refused by the Board may appeal to the Supreme Court against the decision of the Board.
- (3) The Board shall be the respondent upon the appeal.
- (4) The appeal shall be in the nature of a re-hearing, but the Supreme Court may have regard to material that was before the Board.
- (5) If the Court allows the appeal, it may order that the appellant shall be registered under this Act.
- (6) Jurisdiction to hear and determine appeals under this section is vested in the Supreme Court.
- (7) The provisions of this section (but not including subsection (1)) apply in relation to the refusal by the Board of an application under section 27.

18 Proof of registration

- (1) A certificate of registration issued under this Act is evidence that the person specified in the certificate was registered under this Act on the date specified in the certificate and has continued to be so registered.
- (2) Judicial notice shall be taken of the signature of the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Board appearing on a certificate of registration referred to in subsection (1) and of the fact that the person by whom the certificate purports to have been signed was, at the time the certificate was signed, the Chairman or Deputy Chairman, as the case may be.

19 Fraudulent registration

A person shall not, in connection with an application for registration under this Act, make a false or misleading statement or produce a false certificate, testimonial or other document.

Penalty: \$200.

20 Change of address to be notified

A registered optometrist who changes his professional address in the Territory, or establishes a professional address, or an additional professional address, in the Territory, shall, within 7 days after the change or establishment, notify the Chairman of the Board in writing accordingly.

Penalty: \$100.

21 Alteration of Register

- (1) The Board shall cause to be removed from the Register the names of all registered optometrists who have died and may cause to be made such alterations to the particulars recorded in the Register as are necessary.
- (2) The Board may, by notice to a registered optometrist, posted or otherwise delivered to him at his professional address or at one of his professional addresses recorded in the Register, or at his last-known place of residence, inquire whether his professional address or addresses in the Territory, or his place of residence, is or are still the address or addresses shown in the Register.
- (3) If an answer to a notice under subsection (2) is not returned within 6 months after the date of the posting or other delivery of the notice, the Board may cause the name of the optometrist to be removed from the Register.
- (4) A name removed from the Register under this section may be restored by authority of the Board.

22 Permit for locum tenens

- (1) The Board may, on the application of a registered optometrist and the payment to it of the fee determined under section 28A for the purposes of this subsection, issue a permit to an optometrist registered in a State or Territory to act as locum tenens for the first-mentioned registered optometrist for a period not exceeding 6 months from the date of issue of the permit.
- (2) The holder of a permit in force under this section shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be a registered optometrist.
- (3) The Board may at any time revoke a permit issued under this section.

23 Cancellation or suspension of registration for fraud and on other grounds

- (1) The Board may order the cancellation, or the suspension for such period as it thinks fit, of the registration under this Act of a person:
 - (a) whose registration has been obtained by fraud or misrepresentation;
 - (b) whose diploma, certificate or other evidence of qualification is withdrawn or cancelled by the University, college or other body by which it was conferred;
 - (c) who is found guilty, whether in the Territory or elsewhere, of an offence which, in the opinion of the Board, renders him unfit to practise;
 - (d) who is certified as insane; or
 - (e) who is found by the Board to have been guilty of:
 - (i) habitual drunkenness or addiction to a narcotic drug;
 - (ii) unprofessional conduct; or
 - (iii) any other prescribed misconduct.
- (2) If, in pursuance of this section, the Board orders the cancellation or suspension of the registration of a person, the Board shall, if so required by that person, state in writing the reason for the order.

24 Inquiry to be held

- (1) Before ordering the cancellation or suspension of the registration of a person in pursuance of section 23, the Board shall hold an inquiry.
- (2) At the inquiry the person may be represented by counsel, a solicitor or an agent, who may examine witnesses and address the Board on his behalf.
- (3) In conducting the inquiry, the Board is not bound by the rules of evidence or legal procedure, but may inform itself in such manner as it thinks fit.
- (4) The Attorney-General may appoint a counsel or a solicitor to assist the Board.
- (5) Pending the holding of the inquiry, the Board may suspend temporarily the registration of the person registered.

25 Surrender of certificate or cancellation or suspension of registration

- (1) Where the registration of a person is cancelled or suspended, the Board may, by notice in writing posted or otherwise delivered to that person at his professional address or at one of his professional addresses as last recorded in the Register, or at his last-known place of residence, require him, within 14 days after receipt of the notice, to deliver his certificate of registration to the Board.
- (2) A person shall not fail to comply with a notice served on him under subsection (1).

Penalty: \$10 for every day after the period of 14 days during which the certificate is not surrendered.

26 Appeal

- (1) Where, under section 23, the Board has ordered the cancellation or suspension of the registration of a person, that person may appeal to the Supreme Court against the decision of the Board.
- (2) The Board shall be the respondent upon the appeal.
- (3) The appeal shall be in the nature of a re-hearing, but the Supreme Court may have regard to material that was before the Board.
- (4) Upon an appeal under this section, the Court may:
 - (a) quash the order of the Board and (where that order has been given effect to) order the registration of the applicant to be restored or the suspension of his registration to be removed, as the case may be;
 - (b) in lieu of the order of the Board, make any order that the Board could have made under section 23; or
 - (c) dismiss the appeal.
- (5) Jurisdiction to hear and determine appeals under this section is vested in the Supreme Court.

27 Application for re-registration

- (1) Where the registration of a person has been cancelled in pursuance of an order under section 23 or section 26, that person may apply for re-registration on the ground that, by reason of a specified change in circumstances that has occurred since the date of the cancellation, it is just that his registration should be restored.

- (2) The Board may, in its discretion, upon an application under this section, order that the registration of the applicant be restored.

28 Collection of fees

The Board may demand and collect in advance such fees as are determined under section 28A.

28A Determination of fees

The Minister may, by notice in the *Gazette*, determine the fees payable under this Act.

Part IV The conduct of optometrical practice

29 No person other than registered optometrist to practise optometry

- (1) Subject to this section, a person other than a registered optometrist shall not practise optometry.

Penalty: \$200, and, in addition, \$10 for every day during which the offence continues.

- (2) In the case of a person who was practising optometry immediately before the date of commencement of this Act, subsection (1) does not apply to or in relation to the practice of optometry during the period of one month after that date or, if, before the expiration of that period, he applies for registration, pending the decision of the Board upon that application.

- (3) Notwithstanding anything contained in the *Medical Act*, a registered optometrist may practise optometry.

- (4) Subsection (1) does not apply to a medical practitioner, a firm or a company.

30 Provisions relating to practice of optometry by firms and companies

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), a firm or company shall not practise optometry unless all the members and employees of the firm, or all the employees of the company, engaged in optometry are registered optometrists.

Penalty: \$200, and, in addition, \$10 for every day during which the offence continues.

- (2) In the case of a firm or company which was practising optometry immediately before the date of commencement of this Act, subsection (1) does not apply during the period of 3 months after that date.

31 Administration of estate of deceased optometrist

Upon the death of a registered optometrist who was at the time of his death carrying on business as an optometrist, an executor, administrator or trustee of his estate may continue the business for a period of 2 months or for such longer period as is permitted by the Board if the practice of optometry in the business is carried on by a registered optometrist.

32 Use of title optometrist, &c.

- (1) A person who, by this Act, is prohibited from practising optometry, shall not:
- (a) take or use, either alone or in combination with any other words or letters, the title of optometrist or optician or a name, title, addition or description (including initials or letters placed after his name) indicating or implying that he is a registered optometrist or that he is a person qualified to practise optometry; or
 - (b) hold himself out, by advertisement or otherwise, as being qualified or authorized to practise optometry or as being a person who practises optometry.

Penalty: \$200 and, in addition, \$10 for every day during which the offence continues.

- (2) In this section, where the context so admits, *person* includes a company or firm.

33 Drugs not to be used as method of measuring powers of vision

A person other than a medical practitioner shall not employ a method for the measurement of the powers of vision which involves the use of drugs.

Penalty: \$100.

34 Sale of spectacles

- (1) A person other than a registered optometrist shall not sell spectacles except in accordance with a prescription written by a medical practitioner or by a registered optometrist and produced to him by the person to whom the spectacles are sold.

Penalty: \$100.

- (2) In this section, spectacles does not include sunglasses.

35. No unregistered person may sue for remuneration

A person, company or firm who or which is prohibited by this Act from practising optometry is not entitled to sue or counterclaim for, or set-off or recover, a charge for remuneration for an optometrical service rendered by him or it.

36 Appointments not to be held by unregistered persons

A person shall not accept or hold an appointment as an optometrist:

- (a) in a hospital, infirmary, hospital for the insane, gaol or other institution; or
- (b) to a friendly society or school,

unless he is a registered optometrist or a medical practitioner.

Penalty: \$200 and, in addition, \$10 for every day during which the offence continues.

Part V Miscellaneous**37 Power to summon witnesses**

- (1) The Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Board may, by writing under his hand, summon a person to attend the Board at a time and place specified in the summons and then and there to give evidence and produce any books, documents or writings in his custody or control which he is required by the summons to produce.
- (2) A summons under this section shall be served:
- (a) by delivering it personally to the person to be served;
- (b) by sending it by prepaid registered letter addressed to him at his place of abode or business last known to the Chairman or Deputy Chairman; or

- (c) by leaving it at his place of abode or business last known to the Chairman or Deputy Chairman with some person apparently an inmate of that place and apparently not less than 16 years of age.

38 Power to examine on oath

A member of the Board may administer an oath to a person appearing as a witness before the Board, whether the witness has been summoned or appears without being summoned, and the witness may be examined upon oath.

39 Affirmation in lieu of oath

- (1) Where a witness to be examined before the Board conscientiously objects to taking an oath, he may make an affirmation that he conscientiously objects to taking an oath, and that he will state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, in answering all questions that may be asked him.
- (2) An affirmation so made is of the same force and effect, and entails the same liabilities, as an oath.

40 Failure to attend or produce documents

- (1) A person served with a summons to attend the Board shall not fail, without reasonable excuse, to attend the Board or to produce the books, documents or writings in his custody or control which he is required by the summons to produce.

Penalty: \$100.

- (2) It is a defence to a prosecution for failing without reasonable excuse to produce a book, document or writing if the defendant proves that the book, document or writing was not relevant to the matter the subject of the Board's proceedings.

41 Refusal to be sworn or give evidence

- (1) A person appearing as a witness before the Board shall not refuse to be sworn or to make an affirmation or to answer a question relevant to the proceedings put to him by a member of the Board.

Penalty: \$100.

- (2) A statement or disclosure made by a witness to the Board is not, except in proceedings for an offence against section 44, admissible in evidence against him in civil or criminal proceedings in a court.

42 Protection of witnesses

A witness before the Board has the same protection as a witness in a matter before the Supreme Court.

43 Allowance to witnesses

- (1) A witness summoned to attend before the Board shall be paid fees in accordance with the scale of fees payable in respect of attendance before the Supreme Court or, in special circumstances, such fees as the Board directs.
- (2) The fees are payable by the person at whose request the summons was issued or, if the summons was issued otherwise than at the request of a person, by the Territory, and may be recovered as a debt in a court of competent jurisdiction.

44 False testimony

A witness before the Board shall not knowingly give false testimony.

Penalty: Imprisonment for one year.

45 Board may inspect books, &c.

The Board may inspect books, documents or writings before it, and may retain them for such reasonable period as it thinks fit and make copies of such portions of them as are relevant to a matter before the Board.

46 Power of search

For the purposes of this Act a person authorized in writing by the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Board may enter at all reasonable times the premises in which a registered optometrist is carrying on business or in which it is reasonably suspected that optometry is practised and may examine any books, papers, records, apparatus, or articles stored or used in connection with any such business or practice.

47 Obstruction

A person shall not:

- (a) molest, obstruct or endeavour to intimidate an authorized person in the performance of his duty under this Act; or

- (b) refuse to permit an authorized person to examine books, papers, records, apparatus or articles, or refuse to produce them for examination.

Penalty: \$200.

48 Offences by firms

Where a firm contravenes a provision of this Act, every member of the firm shall be deemed to have contravened that provision.

48A Regulatory offences

An offence of contravening or failing to comply with section 20, 25, 30, 33 or 41 is a regulatory offence.

49 Regulations

The Administrator may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing all matters which by this Act are required or permitted to be prescribed, or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act, and in particular for prescribing matters providing for and in relation to:

- (b) the imposition of penalties, not exceeding a fine of \$40 for offences against the regulations.

ENDNOTES
1 KEY

Key to abbreviations

amd = amended	od = order
app = appendix	om = omitted
bl = by-law	pt = Part
ch = Chapter	r = regulation/rule
cl = clause	rem = remainder
div = Division	renum = renumbered
exp = expires/expired	rep = repealed
f = forms	s = section
Gaz = Gazette	sch = Schedule
hdg = heading	sdiv = Subdivision
ins = inserted	SL = Subordinate Legislation
lt = long title	sub = substituted
nc = not commenced	

2 LIST OF LEGISLATION***Optometrists Ordinance 1958 (Act No. 14, 1958)***

Assent date	14 November 1958
Commenced	1 June 1959

Ordinances Revision Ordinance 1973 (Act No. 87, 1973)

Assent date	11 December 1973
Commenced	11 December 1973 (s 12(2))

Amending Legislation***Ordinances Revision Ordinance 1974 (Act No. 34, 1974)***

Assent date	26 August 1974
Commenced	11 December 1973 (s 3(2))

Ordinances Revision Ordinance (No. 2) 1974 (Act No. 69, 1974)

Assent date	24 October 1974
Commenced	11 December 1973 (s 3)

Ordinances Revision Ordinance 1976 (Act No. 27, 1976)

Assent date	28 June 1976
Commenced	ss 1, 2 and 6: 28 June 1976 (s 6(2)); ss 3 and 4: 11 December 1973; s 5: 24 October 1974

Transfer of Powers Ordinance 1976 (Act No. 64, 1976)

Assent date	22 December 1976
Commenced	ss 1 and 2: 22 December 1976; Remainder: 1 January 1977, but see s 2(2) and (3); 22 December 1976

Amending Legislation***Transfer of Powers Ordinance 1976 (Act No. 65, 1976)***

Assent date	22 December 1976
Commenced	22 December 1976

Transfer of Powers (Self-Government) Ordinance 1978 (Act No. 54, 1978)

Assent date 1 July 1978
 Commenced 1 July 1978, but see s 8

Transfer of Powers (Health) Act 1978 (Act No. 122, 1978)

Assent date 21 December 1978
 Commenced 1 January 1979, but see s 3

Remuneration (Statutory Bodies) Act 1979 (Act No. 9, 1980)

Assent date 14 January 1980
 Commenced 8 February 1980 (*Gaz G6*, 8 February 1980, p 6)

Optometrists Amendment Act 1983 (Act No. 20, 1983)

Assent date 24 June 1983
 Commenced 24 June 1983

Criminal Law (Regulatory Offences) Act 1983 (Act No. 68, 1983)

Assent date 28 November 1983
 Commenced 1 January 1984 (s 2, s 2 *Criminal Code Act 1983* (Act No. 47, 1983) and *Gaz G46*, 18 November 1983, p 11)

Medical (Consequential Amendments) Act 1995 (Act No. 8, 1995)

Assent date 10 April 1995
 Commenced 1 June 1995 (s 2, s 2 *Medical Act 1995* (Act No. 7, 1995) and *Gaz S21*, 1 June 1995)

Sentencing (Consequential Amendments) Act 1996 (Act No. 17, 1996)

Assent date 19 April 1996
 Commenced s 7: 19 April 1996; rem: 1 July 1996 (s 2, s 2 *Sentencing Act 1995* (Act No. 39, 1995) and *Gaz S15*, 13 June 1996)

Statute Law Revision Act 1997 (Act No. 17, 1997)

Assent date 11 April 1997
 Commenced 1 May 1997 (*Gaz G17*, 30 April 1997, p 2)

Statute Law Revision Act 1999 (Act No. 27, 1999)

Assent date 18 June 1999
 Commenced 18 June 1999

3 GENERAL AMENDMENTS

General amendments of a formal nature (which are not referred to in the table of amendments to this reprint) are made by the *Ordinances Revision Ordinance 1973* (Act No. 87, 1973) (as amended) to: ss 4, 10, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 40, 41 and 47.

4 LIST OF AMENDMENTS

s 4 amd No. 64, 1976, s 4; No. 122, 1978, s 64; No. 17, 1997, s 17
 s 5 amd No. 64, 1976, s 4
 s 6 amd No. 87, 1973, s 12; No. 64, 1976, s 4; No. 54, 1978, s 3; No. 17, 1997, s 17; No. 27, 1999, s 8
 s 7 amd No. 64, 1976, s 4; No. 54, 1978, s 3
 s 8 rep No. 9, 1980, s 6

ENDNOTES

s 9	amd No. 64, 1976, s 4; No. 54, 1978, s 3
s 10	amd No. 87, 1973, s 12; No. 64, 1976, s 4; No. 54, 1978, s 3
ss 11 – 12	amd No. 64, 1976, s 4; No. 54, 1978, s 3
s 15	amd No. 20, 1983, s 4
s 16	amd No. 87, 1973, s 12
s 22	amd No. 87, 1973, s 12; No. 20, 1983, s 4
s 23	amd No. 17, 1996, s 6
s 28	amd No. 20, 1983, s 5
s 28A	ins No. 20, 1983, s 6
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