

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 148 of 1979

AN ACT

To amend the Hospitals and Medical Services Act

[Assented to 12 December 1979]

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory of Australia, with the assent as provided by the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* of the Commonwealth, as follows:

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| 1. This Act may be cited as the <u>Hospitals and Medical Services Act 1979</u> . | Short title |
| 2. This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Administrator by notice in the <u>Gazette</u> . | Commencement |
| 3. The <u>Hospitals and Medical Services Act</u> is in this Act referred to as the <u>Principal Act</u> . | Principal Act |
| 4. Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the definition of "charge" and substituting the following definition:

"charge' means a charge declared by the Minister by notice in the <u>Gazette</u> or prescribed for the purposes of section 5A;" | Interpretation |
| 5. Section 6A of the Principal Act is amended - | Charges for hospitalization |
| (a) by omitting from sub-section (2) "The regulations may prescribe" and substituting "Subject to this Act, the Minister may declare by notice in the <u>Gazette</u> "; | |
| (b) by omitting from sub-section (3) "The regulations may prescribe" and substituting "The Minister may declare by notice in the <u>Gazette</u> "; | |
| (c) by omitting from sub-section (4)" or the regulations"; and | |
| (d) by omitting from sub-section (4)(a) "prescribed" and substituting "declared by the Minister by notice in the <u>Gazette</u> ". | |

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6. Section 19 of the Principal Act is amended -

(a) by omitting from paragraph (a) "for medical services supplied under this Ordinance" and substituting "for services supplied under section 5A"; and

(b) by omitting paragraph (e).
