

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

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HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL

Proposed Amendments

Hon. Dr MICHAEL BASSETT, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Proposed new clause 8A: To insert on page 5, after clause 8, the following new clause:

8A. Medical Officer of Health for every health district—

The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing section 20, and substituting the following section:

“20. (1) For every health district there shall be a Medical Officer of Health appointed in accordance with section 6 (2) of this Act.

“(2) A person may be appointed as a Medical Officer of Health for more than one health district.”

Clause 14: To insert on page 7, before subclause (1), the following subclause:

“(1A) Section 120A of the principal Act (as inserted by section 2 of the Health Amendment Act 1958) is hereby amended by inserting in subsection (1), after paragraph (a) (as substituted by section 7 (1) of the Health Amendment Act 1973), the following paragraph:

“(aa) Requiring compliance by the proprietors of all such homes with specified codes of practice, or specified standards, relating to fire safety and prevention.”

To omit from lines 2 and 3 on that page the words “(as inserted by section 2 of the Health Amendment Act 1958) is hereby”, and substitute the words “(as so substituted) is hereby further”.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The first amendment makes it clear that a person may be appointed to be the Medical Officer of Health for 2 or more health districts. It also removes the requirement that a Medical Officer of Health be in charge of a Health District, so long as such an officer is appointed for each District.

The second amendment allows regulations to be made in respect of old people's homes requiring compliance with codes of practice or standards relating to fire safety and prevention.