

South Australia

Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (South Australia) (Protection of Title— Paramedics) Amendment Act 2013

An Act to amend the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (South Australia) Act 2010*.

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The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (South Australia) (Protection of Title—Paramedics) Amendment Act 2013*.

2—Commencement

This Act will come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

3—Amendment provisions

In this Act, a provision under a heading referring to the amendment of a specified Act amends the Act so specified.

Part 2—Amendment of *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (South Australia) Act 2010*

4—Amendment of Schedule 2—*Health Practitioner Regulation National Law*

Schedule 2—after section 120 insert:

120A—Use of title "paramedic"

- (1) Subject to this section, a person must not knowingly or recklessly—
 - (a) take or use the title of "paramedic", whether with or without any other words; or
 - (b) take or use a title, name, word or description that, having regard to the circumstances in which it is taken or used, indicates or could be reasonably understood to indicate the person is a paramedic,

unless the person holds qualifications prescribed by regulations made by the Governor under the Act for the purposes of this section.

Maximum penalty: \$30 000.

- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(b), a paramedic is a health professional who provides emergency medical assessment, treatment and care in the pre-hospital, or out-of-hospital, environment.
- (3) Subsection (1) applies to a person while he or she is practising in South Australia.
- (4) The Minister may, by notice in the Gazette, confer exemptions from this section—
 - (a) on a specified person or specified classes of persons; or
 - (b) in specified circumstances or specified classes of circumstances.
- (5) An exemption under subsection (4) may be granted by the Minister on such conditions as the Minister thinks fit.
- (6) The Minister may, at any time, by further notice in the Gazette—
 - (a) vary or revoke an exemption; or
 - (b) vary or revoke a condition of an exemption.
- (7) A person must not contravene or fail to comply with a condition of an exemption.
Maximum penalty: \$30 000.