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[Assented to 17 December 1997]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Act 1997*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on 21 March 1998.

3 Definitions

In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears:

charge limit for a registration application made in a financial year has the meaning given by section 7.

registration application has the same meaning as in Part 3 of the *Migration Act 1958*.

4 Imposition of charge

Charge is imposed on an individual's making of a registration application on or after 21 March 1998.

5 Who must pay charge?

Charge is payable by the individual making the registration application.

6 Amount of charge

- (1) The amount of charge payable on an individual's making of a registration application is the amount prescribed by the regulations for an individual of that kind.
- (2) The regulations may prescribe different amounts (including nil amounts) for different kinds of individuals making registration applications.
- (3) The regulations must not prescribe an amount more than the charge limit for the registration application.

7 What is the *charge limit*?

- (1) The **charge limit** for a registration application made in the financial year ending at the end of 30 June 1998 is \$1,100.
- (2) Work out the **charge limit** for a registration application made in a later financial year by:

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- (a) multiplying the charge limit for the immediately preceding financial year by the greater of:
- (i) the indexation factor worked out using the formula in subsection (3); and
 - (ii) 1.0; and
- (b) rounding the product to the nearest multiple of \$5 (rounding an odd multiple of \$2.50 to the next higher multiple of \$5).

- (3) The formula for the indexation factor is:

$$\frac{\text{Sum of the index numbers for the CPI quarters in the 12 months ending on 31 December before the later financial year}}{\text{Sum of the index numbers for the CPI quarters in the 12 months ending on the previous 31 December}}$$

where:

CPI quarter means a period of 3 months ending on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September or 31 December.

index number means the All Groups Consumer Price Index number (being the weighted average of the 8 capital cities) published by the Australian Statistician.

- (4) The indexation factor is to be calculated to 3 decimal places, but increased by .001 if the 4th decimal place is more than 4.
- (5) When working out the indexation factor:
- (a) use only the index numbers published in terms of the most recently published reference base for the Consumer Price Index; and
 - (b) disregard index numbers published in substitution for previously published index numbers (except where the substituted numbers are published to take account of changes in the reference base).

Section 8

8 Regulations

The Governor-General may make regulations for the purposes of section 6.

*[Minister's second reading speech made in the—
House of Representatives on 1 October 1997
Senate on 11 November 1997]*

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