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[*Assented to 23 November 2016*]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

1 Short title

 This Act is the *Narcotic Drugs (Licence Charges) Act 2016*.

2 Commencement

 (1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

| Commencement information |
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| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 |
| Provisions | Commencement | Date/Details |
| 1. Sections 1 and 2 and anything in this Act not elsewhere covered by this table | The day this Act receives the Royal Assent. | 23 November 2016 |
| 2. Sections 3 to 9 | The later of:(a) immediately after the commencement of Schedule 1 to the *Narcotic Drugs Amendment Act 2016*; and(b) the start of the day this Act receives the Royal Assent. | 23 November 2016(paragraph (b) applies) |

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this Act.

 (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this Act. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this Act.

3 Definitions

 In this Act:

***charge*** means charge imposed by this Act.

***licence*** means a licence granted under the *Narcotic Drugs Act 1967*.

4 Crown to be bound

 This Act binds the Crown in each of its capacities. However, it does not bind the Crown in right of the Commonwealth.

5 Extension to external Territories

 This Act extends to every external Territory.

6 Imposition of charge

 (1) Charge is imposed on a licence that is in force at whichever of the following times is applicable:

 (a) any time during a financial year;

 (b) any time during such other period as is prescribed by the regulations.

 (2) Without limiting subsection (1), the regulations may prescribe different periods in relation to the following:

 (a) different classes of licence;

 (b) licences of the same class that authorise different activities.

7 By whom charge payable

 Charge imposed on a licence is payable by the holder of the licence.

8 Amount of charge

 (1) The amount of the charge for a period is such amount as is prescribed by the regulations.

 (2) Without limiting subsection (1), the regulations may prescribe different charges in relation to the following:

 (a) different classes of licence;

 (b) licences of the same class that authorise different activities.

 (3) In this section:

***amount*** includes a nil amount.

9 Regulations

 The Governor‑General may make regulations prescribing matters:

 (a) required or permitted by this Act to be prescribed; or

 (b) necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.

[*Minister’s second reading speech made in—*

*House of Representatives on 14 September 2016*

*Senate on 8 November 2016*]

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