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[*Assented to 16 March 2023*]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

1 Short title

This Act is the *Private Health Insurance (Prostheses Application and Listing Fees) Amendment (Cost Recovery) Act 2023*.

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 to 3 and anything in this Act not elsewhere covered by this table | The day this Act receives the Royal Assent. | 16 March 2023 |
| 2. Schedule 1 | The later of:  (a) the start of the day after this Act receives the Royal Assent; and  (b) immediately after the commencement of Schedule 2 to the *Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Medical Device and Human Tissue Product List and Cost Recovery) Act 2023*.  However, the provisions do not commence at all if the event mentioned in paragraph (b) does not occur. | 1 July 2023  (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Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted.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 Schedules

Legislation that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Private Health Insurance (Prostheses Application and Listing Fees) Act 2007

1 Title

Omit “**, as a tax, fees in relation to applications for listing, and listing, of prostheses**”, substitute “**levy in relation to listing of medical devices and human tissue products**”.

2 Section 1

Omit “*Prostheses Application and Listing Fees*”, substitute “*Medical Devices and Human Tissue Products Levy*”.

Note: This item amends the short title of the Act. If another amendment of the Act is described by reference to the Act’s previous short title, that other amendment has effect after the commencement of this item as an amendment of the Act under its amended short title (see section 10 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*).

3 Sections 3 to 9

Repeal the sections, substitute:

3 Definitions

In this Act:

***human tissue product*** has the same meaning as in the *Private Health Insurance Act 2007*.

***listed item*** means a kind of medical device, or a kind of human tissue product, that is listed in the Private Health Insurance (Medical Devices and Human Tissue Products) Rules made under the *Private Health Insurance Act 2007*.

***medical device*** has the same meaning as in the *Private Health Insurance Act 2007*.

4 Imposition of levy

(1) Levy is imposed for a financial year in respect of the ongoing listing of each listed item.

(2) Levy is imposed on each day specified as a levy imposition day in the Private Health Insurance (Medical Devices and Human Tissue Products Levy) Rules made under section 6.

(3) The amount of the levy imposed in respect of the ongoing listing of a listed item is the amount prescribed by the regulations.

(4) Before the Governor‑General makes regulations for the purposes of subsection (3) prescribing the amount of the levy for a financial year, the Minister must be satisfied that the amount is set at a level that is designed to recover no more than the Commonwealth’s likely costs in connection with the ongoing listing of all listed items for that financial year.

5 Matters relating to levy

(1) The regulations may prescribe different amounts for the purposes of subsection 4(3) for different circumstances.

(2) Two or more amounts may be prescribed in relation to a single listed item, and a single amount may be prescribed in relation to 2 or more listed items.

(3) The regulations may prescribe an amount for the purposes of subsection 4(3) by:

(a) specifying an amount; or

(b) specifying a method for calculating the amount.

(4) The amount of a levy may be nil.

(5) The regulations may provide for exemptions from levy.

Note: Other matters relating to the levy, such as who is liable to pay, may be specified in Private Health Insurance (Levy Administration) Rules made under the *Private Health Insurance Act 2007*.

6 Private Health Insurance (Medical Devices and Human Tissue Products Levy) Rules

The Minister may, by legislative instrument, make Private Health Insurance (Medical Devices and Human Tissue Products Levy) Rules, providing for matters:

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

(b) necessary or convenient to be provided in order to carry out or give effect to this Act.

7 Regulations

The Governor‑General may make regulations prescribing matters:

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

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

4 Application—financial year

Section 4 of the *Private Health Insurance (Medical Devices and Human Tissue Products Levy) Act 2007* as amended by this Schedule applies in relation to the financial year beginning on 1 July 2024 and each later financial year.

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

*House of Representatives on 1 December 2022*

*Senate on 8 February 2023*]

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