



New South Wales

# Health Services Amendment (Paramedics) Bill 2015

## Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

## Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Health Services Act 1997* to prevent a person who does not have recognised qualifications, training or experience from holding himself or herself out to be a paramedic.

A *paramedic* means:

- (a) a person who holds qualifications, or who has received training, or who has experience, prescribed by the regulations, or
- (b) a person who is authorised under the legislation of another Australian jurisdiction to hold himself or herself out to be a paramedic, or
- (c) a member of staff of the Ambulance Service of NSW, or other person, who is authorised by the Health Secretary to hold himself or herself out to be a paramedic.

## Outline of provisions

**Clause 1** sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

**Clause 2** provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on a day to be appointed by proclamation.

**Clause 3** makes the amendment described above in the Overview.



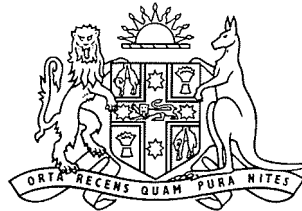
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## A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Health Services Act 1997* to restrict the class of persons who can hold themselves out to be paramedics.

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<b>The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:</b>	1
<b>1 Name of Act</b>	2
This Act is the <i>Health Services Amendment (Paramedics) Act 2015</i> .	3
<b>2 Commencement</b>	4
This Act commences on a day to be appointed by proclamation.	5
<b>3 Amendment of Health Services Act 1997 No 154</b>	6
<b>Chapter 5A, Part 6A</b>	7
Insert after Part 6 (as inserted by the <i>Health Services Amendment (Ambulance Fees) Act 2014</i> ):	8 9
<b>Part 6A Paramedics</b>	10
<b>67ZDA Holding out as paramedic</b>	11
(1) A person who is not a paramedic must not, in any way, hold himself or herself out to be a paramedic.	12 13
Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units.	14
(2) For the purposes of this section, a <i>paramedic</i> is:	15
(a) a person who holds qualifications, or who has received training, or who has experience, prescribed by the regulations, or	16 17
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