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**AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY (LICENCE
CHARGES) BILL 1998**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Health and Aged Care,
the Hon. Michael Wooldridge, MP)

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(LICENCE CHARGES) BILL 1998**

GENERAL OUTLINE

The purpose of this Bill is to enable annual charges to be levied in respect of licences issued under the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This Act will not have any significant financial impact for the Commonwealth. There will be notional transfers of monies between Commonwealth Departments.

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NOTES ON CLAUSES

PART 1 - PRELIMINARY

Clause 1 - Short title

This is a formal provision that specifies the short title of the Act as the *Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (Licence Charges) Act 1998*.

Clause 2 - Commencement

This clause provides that the Act will commence on the same day as the *Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998* commences.

Clause 3 - Definitions

This clause sets out the definitions for “facility licence” and “source licence”, which refer to licences issued under the *Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998*.

Clause 4 - Facility licence - annual charge

Subclause 4(1) provides that any person who is a holder of a facility licence at any time during a financial year is liable for a charge for the licence for that year.

Subclause 4(2) provides that the amount of the charge for a year is to be the amount prescribed in the regulations.

Clause 5 - Source licence - annual charge

Subclause 5(1) provides that any person who is a holder of a source licence at any time during a financial year is liable for a charge for the licence for that year.

Subclause 5(2) provides that the amount of the charge for a year is to be the amount prescribed in the regulations.

Clause 6 - Regulations

This clause enables the Governor-General to make regulations prescribing matters required or permitted to be prescribed, or necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.