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Leasuithe Amendments

1. In page 3, line 7, after “years” to insert the following

“; to amend a definition in the Nursing Homes Support Scheme Act 2009;”.

—An tAire Sláinte.

2. In page 3, line 7, after “years” to insert the following:

“to repeal and replace section 8 of the Opticians Act 1956 to provide for the years which are to be election years for the purposes of that Act;”.

—An tAire Sláinte.

3. In page 4, lines 19 and 20, to delete all words from and including “and” in line 19 down to and including line 20 and substitute the following:

“and:

(a) has not attained the age of six years, or

(b) other eligibility criteria as set out by ministerial order, following the approval of both Houses of the Oireachtas.”.

—Denis Naughten, Róisín Shortall.

4. In page 5, to delete lines 33 to 40 and substitute the following:

“(8) (a) The Minister may define the manner in which consultations under subsection (5) are to be conducted and, in doing so, shall have regard to any agreement entered into between the Minister and representatives of relevant medical practitioners relating to the conduct of consultations under that subsection.

(b) The Minister or, as the case may be, the Health Service Executive shall conduct consultations under subsection (5) in the manner defined under paragraph (a) and with such representatives of relevant medical practitioners or otherwise as the Minister or, as the case may be, the Health Service Executive considers appropriate, and nothing in the Competition Act 2002 shall prevent participation by the Minister, the Health Service Executive or any such representative in such consultations, or the communication and discussion of the outcome of

such consultations by the representatives with the relevant medical practitioners they represent.”.

—An tAire Sláinte.

5. In page 7, between lines 1 and 2, to insert the following:

“Amendment of Schedule 1 to Nursing Homes Support Scheme Act 2009

6. Schedule 1 to the Nursing Homes Support Scheme Act 2009 is amended, in Part 3, in paragraph 1, in the definition of “transferred asset”, by inserting “, or at any time on or subsequent to,” after “5 years prior to”.”.

—An tAire Sláinte.

6. In page 7, between lines 1 and 2, to insert the following:

“Election years for purposes of Opticians Act 1956

7. The Opticians Act 1956 is amended by substituting the following for section 8:

“Election years

8. The year 2014 shall not be an election year for the purposes of this Act and the following years shall be election years for those purposes:

- (a) 2015;
- (b) 2019;
- (c) each fifth successive year after 2019.”.”.

—An tAire Sláinte.

7. In page 7, between lines 3 and 4, to insert the following:

- “7. (1) Information in the possession of the Health Service Executive shall be supplied, to such other Minister of the Government who requires and requests it, for the performance of his/her functions.
- (2) Notwithstanding any obligation to maintain secrecy or any other restriction on the disclosure or production of information obtained by or furnished to the Department of Social Protection, the Minister for Social Protection shall, at such intervals as are specified by the Health Service Executive, supply to the Executive such information in the Minister’s possession which may be required by the Executive when considering eligibility for services under this Act.
- (3) Notwithstanding any obligation to maintain secrecy or any other restriction on the disclosure or production of information obtained by or furnished to the Department of Children and Youth Affairs, the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs shall, at such intervals as are specified by the Health Service Executive, supply to the Executive such information in the Minister’s possession which may be required by the Executive when considering eligibility for services under this Act.”.

—Denis Naughten.

8. In page 7, between lines 3 and 4, to insert the following:

“Amendment to the Nursing Homes Support Scheme Act 2009

8. Section 14 of the Nursing Homes Support Scheme Act 2009 is amended by the insertion of the following subsection:

“(4) Where a person is offered State support under subsection (1), such person shall, as an alternative to that support, be entitled to request and be offered a home care package if such home care package meets the person’s care needs and is less costly than the long-term residential care service.”.

—Denis Naughten.

9. In page 7, line 5, to delete “Health (General Practitioner Service) Act 2014” and substitute “Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014”.

—An tAire Sláinte.

10. In page 7, between lines 7 and 8, to insert the following:

“(3) *Section 7** and the Opticians Acts 1956 and 2003 may be cited together as the Opticians Acts 1956 to 2014 and shall be construed together as one.”.

—An tAire Sláinte.

[*This is a reference to the section proposed to be inserted by amendment 6.]