

# **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

## **RATES AND CHARGES (REBATES AND DEFERMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 2000 (No. E152)**

*(Introduced by Hon. P. G. Pendal, MLA)*

**The Bill amends the Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992 to permit administrative authorities to allow rebates on certain amounts payable by way of rates or charges by low-income self-funded retirees and residents of privately-owned retirement villages.**

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| <b>Clause 1</b> | Short Title<br><br>The Short Title of the Bill is the Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Amendment Bill 2000.   |
| <b>Clause 2</b> | Commencement<br><br>The Bill commences on Assent.   |
| <b>Clause 3</b> | Principal Act   |
| <b>Clause 4</b> | Section 3 of the Act is amended to provide for eligibility for rebates to be extended to eligible low-income self-funded retirees. The clause provides for eligibility to be extended to holders of a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card as defined.  |
| <b>Clause 5</b> | This amends the principal Act by defining the eligibility of a low-income self-funded retiree.  |
| <b>Clause 6</b> | This amends the principal Act by extending the scope of the legislation to include residents of privately-owned retirement villages, defines who is an eligible resident and resident in relation to a retirement village, and defines what is meant by a privately-owned retirement village. |