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Public and Health Sector Legislation Amendment (Right of Return) Bill 2018

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Public and Health Sector Legislation Amendment (Right of Return) Bill 2018

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Public Sector Management Act 1994* and the *Health Services Act 2016* —

- to restrict the right of return to members of the Senior Executive Service and the Health Executive Service who are on initial contracts; and
- to reduce the maximum compensation payable to a person who ceases to be a member of the Senior Executive Service or the Health Executive Service: and
- for related purposes.

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

Part 1

Preliminary

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1		Part 1 — Preliminary
2	1.	Short title
3 4		This is the <i>Public and Health Sector Legislation Amendment</i> (Right of Return) Act 2018.
5	2.	Commencement
6		This Act comes into operation as follows —
7		(a) Part 1 — on the day on which this Act receives the
8		Royal Assent;
9		(b) the rest of the Act — on a day fixed by proclamation,
10		and different days may be fixed for different provisions.

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2	3.	Act amended
3		This Part amends the Public Sector Management Act 1994.
4	4.	Section 57 amended
5 6		Delete section 57(1)(c) and insert:
7 8 9 10 11		(c) in the case of an executive officer to whom section 58 applies, any election by the executive officer to retain a right of return as defined in section 58(7).
12	5.	Section 58 amended
13 14		(1) Before section 58(1) insert:
15		(1A) This section applies to an executive officer who —
16 17 18 19		(a) is appointed under section 45 or 53 on or after the day on which the <i>Public and Health Sector Legislation Amendment (Right of Return)</i> Act 2018 section 5 comes into operation; and
20 21 22 23		(b) has not, at any time before that appointment, been a member of the Senior Executive Service.
24		(2) In section 58(1):
25 26		(a) after "executive officer" (1 st occurrence) insert:
27 28		to whom this section applies

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1 2 3	(b)		te "his or her first appointment as an executive er," and insert:
4 5		the a	appointment referred to in subsection (1A)(a),
6 7	(3) Dele	te section	on 58(2) and insert:
8	(2)	An ele	ection referred to in subsection (1) —
9 10 11 12		(a)	can only be made in the executive officer's first contract of employment, being the contract entered into upon the appointment referred to in subsection (1A)(a); and
13 14 15 16 17		(b)	may, by notice in writing delivered to the executive officer's employing authority, be revoked by the executive officer at any time before, as referred to in subsection (3A), subsection (3) ceases to apply to the executive officer; and
19 20 21		(c)	if revoked as referred to in paragraph (b), cannot be made again during the term of the first contract of employment; and
22 23 24		(d)	cannot be made in any subsequent contract of employment for the same or another office in the Senior Executive Service.
25 26 27 28	(2A)	officer effluxi	ction (2)(d) applies whether the executive s's first contract of employment expired by ion of time or was terminated under this Act it so expired.

1 2 3 4	(4)	retai		of retu	ete "An executive officer who has elected to urn is entitled to employment in a department d insert:
5 6 7 8 9		unde	er subsec	etion (1) in the	on (3A), an executive officer who has elected to retain a right of return is entitled to executive officer's SES place of
10 11	(5)	Afte	r sectior	n 58(3)	insert:
12 13	((3A)	Subsection of su) ceases to apply to an executive
14 15 16			(a)	a term	case of an executive officer appointed for exceeding 2 years, on the earlier of the ving days —
17 18 19				(i)	the day that is 2 years after the day on which the executive officer is first appointed;
20 21 22				(ii)	the day after the day on which the executive officer's first contract of employment is terminated;
23				or	
24 25 26			(b)	a term	case of an executive officer appointed for not exceeding 2 years, on the earlier of llowing days —
27 28 29 30				(i)	the day after the day on which the executive officer's first contract of employment expires by effluxion of time;
31 32 33				(ii)	the day after the day on which the executive officer's first contract of employment is terminated.

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1 2	(3B)	When officer	subsection (3) ceases to apply to an executive
3 4 5		(a)	the election contained in the executive officer's first contract of employment ceases to have any effect; and
6 7 8 9		(b)	the executive officer cannot, during the remainder (if any) of the term of the first contract of employment, make another election; and
10 11 12 13 14		(c)	as referred to in subsection (2)(d), the executive officer cannot, in any subsequent contract of employment for the same or another office in the Senior Executive Service, elect to retain a right of return.
16 17	(6) In se	ction 58	8(7) insert in alphabetical order:
18 19 20		officer	lace of employment, in relation to an executive who has an entitlement under subsection (3) to yment, means —
21 22 23 24 25		(a)	in the case of an executive officer other than a chief executive officer — the department or organisation in which the executive officer was employed immediately before the circumstances referred to in subsection (3)(a) and (b) arose; or
27 28 29		(b)	in the case of a chief executive officer — the department principally assisting in the administration of this Act;

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1 2 3	(7)	In section 58(7) in the definition of <i>right of return</i> delete "a department or organisation" and insert:
4 5		the executive officer's SES place of employment
6 7		Note: The heading to amended section 58 is to read: Right of return for executive officers under first appointment
8	6.	Section 59 amended
9 10 11	(1)	In section 59(1)(b) delete "within the meaning of section 58." and insert:
12 13		as defined in section 58(7).
14 15	(2)	In section 59(2) and (3) delete "remuneration" and insert:
16 17		salary
18	7.	Part 9 Division 4 inserted
19 20		At the end of Part 9 insert:
21 22		Division 4 — Public and Health Sector Legislation Amendment (Right of Return) Act 2018
23		Part 2 amendments: transitional provisions
24	11	5. Transitional provisions (Sch. 9)
25 26		Schedule 9 sets out transitional provisions.

Part 2 Public Sector Management Act 1994 amended

1	8.	Schedule 9 inserted
2		After Schedule 8 insert:
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4		chedule 9 — Public and Health Sector Legislation
5	Amena	<i>lment (Right of Return) Act 2018</i> Part 2 amendments:
6		transitional provisions
7		[s. 115]
8	1.	Terms used
9		In this Schedule —
10		commencement day means the day on which the Public and
11		Health Sector Legislation Amendment (Right of Return)
12		Act 2018 section 8 comes into operation;
13 14		contract of employment means a contract of employment referred to in section 56;
15		existing contract, in relation to an executive officer, means
16		the contract of employment under which the executive
17 18		officer is employed immediately before commencement day;
19		new section 58 means section 58 as amended by the Public
20		and Health Sector Legislation Amendment (Right of Return)
21		Act 2018 section 5;
22		new section 59 means section 59 as amended by the Public
23		and Health Sector Legislation Amendment (Right of Return)
24		Act 2018 section 6;
25		old section 58 means section 58 as in force immediately
26		before the day on which the <i>Public and Health Sector</i>
27 28		Legislation Amendment (Right of Return) Act 2018 section 5 comes into operation;
29		old section 59 means section 59 as in force immediately
30		before the day on which the Public and Health Sector
31		Legislation Amendment (Right of Return) Act 2018 section 6
32		comes into operation.

1 2	2.	Right of return for executive officers on initial contracts not exceeding 2 years
3	(1)	This clause applies to an executive officer if —
4		(a) the executive officer's existing contract —
5 6 7 8 9		(i) is the executive officer's first contract of employment, being the contract entered into upon the executive officer's first appointment to the Senior Executive Service; and
10		(ii) is for a term not exceeding 2 years;
11		and
12 13 14		(b) the existing contract contains an election made by the executive officer under old section 58(1) to retain a right of return; and
15 16 17		(c) immediately before commencement day, the election has not been revoked by the executive officer as referred to in old section 58(2)(c).
18 19 20 21 22	(2)	An executive officer to whom this clause applies is entitled to employment in accordance with new section 58(3) to (7) as if a reference to an executive officer in those provisions were a reference to an executive officer to whom this clause applies.
23 24 25 26	(3)	For the purposes of new section 59(1)(b), an executive officer who has an entitlement to employment under subclause (2) is taken to be a person who has a right of return as defined in new section 58(7).
27 28	3.	Right of return for executive officers on initial contracts exceeding 2 years
29	(1)	This clause applies to an executive officer if —
30		(a) the executive officer's existing contract —
31 32 33 34 35		(i) is the executive officer's first contract of employment, being the contract entered into upon the executive officer's first appointment to the Senior Executive Service; and

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1			(ii)	is for a term exceeding 2 years;
2			and	
3 4 5		(b)	election	cutive officer's existing contract contains an made by the executive officer under old 58(1) to retain a right of return; and
6 7 8		(c)	election	ately before commencement day, the has not been revoked by the executive as referred to in old section 58(2)(c).
9 10 11	(2)	than 2 y	ears bef	executive officer who was appointed less fore commencement day, this clause ceases executive officer —
12		(a)	on the la	ater of the following days —
13 14			(i)	the day that is 2 years after the day on which the executive officer was appointed;
15 16			(ii)	the day that is 6 months after commencement day;
17			or	
18 19 20 21		(b)	by efflu	xecutive officer's existing contract expires xion of time before the later of the days to in paragraph (a), on the day after the or
22 23 24		(c)	termina	secutive officer's existing contract is ted before the later of the days referred to in ph (a), on the day after the termination.
25 26 27 28	(3)	2 years ceases t	or more	before commencement day, this clause to the executive officer on the earlier of the
29		(a)	the day	that is 6 months after commencement day;
30 31 32		(b)	-	after the day on which the executive s existing contract expires by effluxion of
33 34		(c)		after the day on which the executive s existing contract is terminated.

1 2 3	(4)	An executive officer to whom this clause applies is entitled to employment in accordance with new section 58(3) and (4) to (7) as if —
4 5 6		(a) a reference to an executive officer in those provisions were a reference to an executive officer to whom this clause applies; and
7 8		(b) the words "Subject to subsection (3A)," at the beginning of new section 58(3) were omitted.
9 10 11 12	(5)	For the purposes of new section 59(1)(b), an executive officer who has an entitlement to employment under subclause (4) is taken to be a person who has a right of return as defined in new section 58(7).
13	4.	Right of return for executive officers on other contracts
14	(1)	This clause applies to an executive officer if —
15 16 17		(a) the executive officer's existing contract is not a contract of the kind referred to in clause 2(1)(a) or 3(1)(a); and
18 19 20		(b) the existing contract contains an election made by the executive officer under old section 58(1) to retain a right of return; and
21 22 23		(c) immediately before commencement day, the election has not been revoked by the executive officer as referred to in old section 58(2)(c).
24 25	(2)	This clause ceases to apply to an executive officer on the earlier of the following days —
26		(a) the day that is 6 months after commencement day;
27 28 29		 (b) the day after the day on which the executive officer's existing contract expires by effluxion of time;
30 31		(c) the day after the day on which the executive officer's existing contract is terminated.

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1 2 3	(3)	An executive officer to whom this clause applies is entitled to employment in accordance with new section 58(3) and (4) to (7) as if —
4 5 6		(a) a reference to an executive officer in those provisions were a reference to an executive officer to whom this clause applies; and
7 8		(b) the words "Subject to subsection (3A)," at the beginning of new section 58(3) were omitted.
9 10 11 12	(4)	For the purposes of new section 59(1)(b), an executive officer who has an entitlement to employment under subclause (3) is taken to be a person who has a right of return as defined in new section 58(7).
13	5.	Executive officers may elect to take compensation
14 15 16 17 18	(1)	An executive officer who has an entitlement to employment by reason of clause 2(2), 3(4) or 4(3) may elect in writing given to the Commissioner to take compensation under new section 59 instead of exercising the entitlement to employment.
19 20	(2)	On an election under subclause (1) taking effect, the executive officer concerned —
21		(a) ceases to have the entitlement to employment; and
22 23		(b) becomes entitled to compensation under new section 59.
24 25	6.	No other right of return under s. 58 or contract for executive officers on existing contracts
26 27	(1)	No executive officer employed under an existing contract has a right of return under old section 58.
28 29 30	(2)	Except as provided by clauses 2, 3 and 4, no executive officer employed under an existing contract has a right of return under new section 58.

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1 2 3	(3)	When, as referred to in clause 3(2), (3) or 4(2) (as the case requires), clause 3 or 4 ceases to apply to an executive officer —
4 5		(a) the election contained in the executive officer's existing contract ceases to have any effect; and
6 7 8		(b) the executive officer cannot, during the remainder (if any) of the term of the existing contract, make another election; and
9 10 11 12		(c) the executive officer cannot, in any subsequent contract of employment for the same or another office in the Senior Executive Service, elect to retain a right of return.
13 14	7.	Entitlements arising under s. 59 before commencement day
15 16	(1)	This clause applies if, immediately before commencement day —
17 18 19		(a) an executive officer is entitled to compensation under old section 59, whether by reason of old section 59(1) or section 60(2)(b); but
20 21 22		(b) the Commissioner has not determined under old section 59 the compensation (if any) to which the executive officer is entitled.
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1		Part 3 — 1	Health Services Act 2016 amended
2	9.	Act amende	ed
3		This Part am	nends the Health Services Act 2016.
4	10.	Section 129	amended
5 6		Delete section	on 129(1)(c) and insert:
7 8 9 10		(c)	in the case of an executive to whom section 132 applies, any election by the executive to retain a right of return as defined in section 132(1).
11	11.	Section 132	amended
12 13	(1)	In section 13	32(1) insert in alphabetical order:
14 15 16		who h	place of employment, in relation to an executive as an entitlement under subsection (4) to yment, means —
17 18 19 20 21		(a)	in the case of an executive other than a chief executive — the health service provider in which the executive was employed immediately before the circumstances referred to in subsection (4)(a) and (b) arose; or
22 23 24		(b)	in the case of a chief executive — the Department;
25 26 27	(2)		32(1) in the definition of <i>right of return</i> delete "a or organisation" and insert:
28		the executive	e's HES place of employment

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1 2	(3)	After	section	132(1) insert:
3	(1	lA)	This se	ection applies to an executive who —
4 5 6 7 8			(a)	is appointed under section 108 or 121 on or after the day on which the <i>Public and Health Sector Legislation Amendment (Right of Return) Act 2018</i> section 11 comes into operation; and
9 10 11			(b)	has not, at any time before that appointment, been appointed under section 108 or 121.
12	(4)	In sec	tion 13	2(2):
13 14		(a)	after	"executive" (1 st occurrence) insert:
15 16			to wh	nom this section applies
17 18 19		(b)	delete and in	e "executive's first appointment as an executive," nsert:
20 21			appoi	intment referred to in subsection (1A)(a),
22 23 24		(c)		ragraph (a) delete "organisation (the <i>originating</i> of <i>employment</i>); or" and insert:
25 26			organ	nisation; or
27 28 29		(d)	-	ragraph (b) delete "organisation (the <i>originating</i> of <i>employment</i>)." and insert:
30 31			organ	nisation.

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1 2	(5)	Dele	ete sectio	on 132(3) and insert:
3		(3)	An ele	ection referred to in subsection (2) —
4 5 6 7			(a)	can only be made in the executive's first contract of employment, being the contract entered into upon the appointment referred to in subsection (1A)(a); and
8 9 10 11			(b)	may, by notice in writing delivered to the executive's employing authority, be revoked by the executive at any time before, as referred to in subsection (4A), subsection (4) ceases to apply to the executive; and
13 14 15			(c)	if revoked as referred to in paragraph (b), cannot be made again during the term of the first contract of employment; and
16 17 18			(d)	cannot be made in any subsequent contract of employment for the same or another office in the Health Executive Service.
19 20 21 22		(3A)	contra	ction (3)(d) applies whether the executive's first ct of employment expired by effluxion of time or rminated under this Act before it so expired.
23 24 25 26	(6)	a rig	ht of ret	32(4) delete "An executive who has elected to retain curn is entitled to employment in the executive's and insert:
27 28 29 30		subs	ection (absection (4A), an executive who has elected under 2) to retain a right of return is entitled to a in the executive's HES

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1	(7)	After	section	132(4)	insert:
2	((4A)	Subsec	tion (4)	ceases to apply to an executive —
4 5 6			(a)	in the exceed	case of an executive appointed for a term ling 2 years, on the earlier of the ing days —
7 8				(i)	the day that is 2 years after the day on which the executive is first appointed;
9 10 11				(ii)	the day after the day on which the executive's first contract of employment is terminated;
12				or	
13 14 15			(b)	not exc	case of an executive appointed for a term ceeding 2 years, on the earlier of the ing days —
16 17 18				(i)	the day after the day on which the executive's first contract of employment expires by effluxion of time;
19 20 21				(ii)	the day after the day on which the executive's first contract of employment is terminated.
22	((4B)	When s	subsecti	ion (4) ceases to apply to an executive —
23 24 25		`	(a)	the ele	ction contained in the executive's first ct of employment ceases to have any
26 27 28			(b)	any) of	ecutive cannot, during the remainder (if f the term of the first contract of yment, make another election; and
29 30 31 32 33 34			(c)	cannot employ the He	rred to in subsection (3)(d), the executive s, in any subsequent contract of syment for the same or another office in alth Executive Service, elect to retain a f return.

Part 3 Health Services Act 2016 amended

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1		Note:	The heading to amended section 132 is to read: Right of return for executives under first appointment
3	12.	Sect	ion 133 amended
4 5 6	(1)		ection 133(1)(b) delete "within the meaning of section 132." insert:
7 8		as de	efined in section 132(1).
9 10	(2)	In se	ection 133(3) and (4) delete "remuneration" and insert:
11 12		salaı	у
13	13.	Part	t 19 Division 8 inserted
14 15		At th	ne end of Part 19 insert:
16 17			vision 8 — Public and Health Sector Legislation Amendment (Right of Return) Act 2018 Part 3
18	25	58A.	Terms used
19			In this Division —
20 21 22 23			commencement day means the day on which the Public and Health Sector Legislation Amendment (Right of Return) Act 2018 section 13 comes into operation;
24 25			contract of employment means a contract of employment referred to in section 128;
26			executive has the meaning given in section 126;
27 28 29			existing contract, in relation to an executive, means the contract of employment under which the executive is employed immediately before commencement day;

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1 2 3		new section 132 means section 132 as amended by the Public and Health Sector Legislation Amendment (Right of Return) Act 2018 section 11;
4 5 6		new section 133 means section 133 as amended by the Public and Health Sector Legislation Amendment (Right of Return) Act 2018 section 12;
7 8 9 10		old section 132 means section 132 as in force immediately before the day on which the <i>Public and Health Sector Legislation Amendment (Right of Return) Act 2018</i> section 11 comes into operation;
11 12 13 14		old section 133 means section 133 as in force immediately before the day on which the <i>Public and Health Sector Legislation Amendment (Right of Return) Act 2018</i> section 12 comes into operation.
15 16	258B.	Right of return for executives on initial contracts not exceeding 2 years
17	(1)	This section applies to an executive if —
18		(a) the executive's existing contract —
19 20 21 22		(i) is the executive's first contract of employment, being the contract entered into upon the executive's first appointment as an executive; and
23		(ii) is for a term not exceeding 2 years;
24 25 26 27		and (b) the existing contract contains an election made by the executive under old section 132(2) to retain a right of return; and
28 29 30		(c) immediately before commencement day, the election has not been revoked by the executive as referred to in old section 132(3)(c).
31 32 33	(2)	An executive to whom this section applies is entitled to employment in accordance with new section 132(1) and (4) to (8) as if a reference to an executive in those

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1 2		provisions were a reference to an executive to whom this section applies.
3 4 5 6	(3)	For the purposes of new section 133(1)(b), an executive who has an entitlement to employment under subsection (2) is taken to be a person who has a right of return as defined in new section 132(1).
7 8	258C.	Right of return for executives on initial contracts exceeding 2 years
9	(1)	This section applies to an executive if —
10		(a) the executive's existing contract —
11 12 13		(i) is the executive's first contract of employment, being the contract entered into upon the executive's first appointment as an executive; and
15		(ii) is for a term exceeding 2 years;
16		and
17 18 19		(b) the existing contract contains an election made by the executive under old section 132(2) to retain a right of return; and
20 21 22		(c) immediately before commencement day, the election has not been revoked by the executive as referred to in old section 132(3)(c).
23 24 25	(2)	In the case of an executive who was appointed less than 2 years before commencement day, this section ceases to apply to the executive —
26		(a) on the later of the following days —
27 28		(i) the day that is 2 years after the day on which the executive was appointed;
29 30		(ii) the day that is 6 months after commencement day;
31		or

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1 2 3 4		(b)	if the executive's existing contract expires by effluxion of time before the later of the days referred to in paragraph (a), on the day after the expiry; or
5 6 7		(c)	if the executive's existing contract is terminated before the later of the days referred to in paragraph (a), on the day after the termination.
8 9 10 11	(3)	or mor	case of an executive who was appointed 2 years to be before commencement day, this section ceases by to the executive on the earlier of the following
12 13		(a)	the day that is 6 months after commencement day;
14 15		(b)	the day after the day on which the executive's existing contract expires by effluxion of time;
16 17		(c)	the day after the day on which the executive's existing contract is terminated.
18 19 20	(4)	emplo	ecutive to whom this section applies is entitled to yment in accordance with new section 132(1), 1 (5) to (8) as if—
21 22 23		(a)	a reference to an executive in those provisions were a reference to an executive to whom this section applies; and
24 25		(b)	the words "Subject to subsection (4A)," at the beginning of new section 132(4) were omitted.
26 27 28 29	(5)	execut subsec	e purposes of new section 133(1)(b), an ive who has an entitlement to employment under tion (4) is taken to be a person who has a right of as defined in new section 132(1).

1	258D.	Right of return for executives on other contracts
2	(1)	This section applies to an executive if —
3 4 5		(a) the executive's existing contract is not a contract of the kind referred to in section 258B(1)(a) or 258C(1)(a); and
6 7 8		(b) the existing contract contains an election made by the executive under old section 132(2) to retain a right of return; and
9 10 11		(c) immediately before commencement day, the election has not been revoked by the executive as referred to in old section 132(3)(c).
12 13	(2)	This section ceases to apply to an executive on the earlier of the following days —
14 15		(a) the day that is 6 months after commencement day;
16 17		(b) the day after the day on which the executive's existing contract expires by effluxion of time;
18 19		(c) the day after the day on which the executive's existing contract is terminated.
20 21 22	(3)	An executive to whom this section applies is entitled to employment in accordance with new section 132(1), (4) and (5) to (8) as if —
23 24 25		(a) a reference to an executive in those provisions were a reference to an executive to whom this section applies; and
26 27		(b) the words "Subject to subsection (4A)," at the beginning of new section 132(4) were omitted.
28 29 30 31	(4)	For the purposes of new section 133(1)(b), an executive who has an entitlement to employment under subsection (3) is taken to be a person who has a right of return as defined in new section 132(1).

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1	258E.	Executives may elect to take compensation
2 3 4 5 6	(1)	An executive who has an entitlement to employment by reason of section 258B(2), 258C(4) or 258D(3) may elect in writing given to the Department CEO to take compensation under new section 133 instead of exercising the entitlement to employment.
7 8	(2)	On an election under subsection (1) taking effect, the executive concerned —
9 10		(a) ceases to have the entitlement to employment; and
11 12		(b) becomes entitled to compensation under new section 133.
13 14	258F.	No other right of return under s. 132 or contract for executives on existing contracts
15 16	(1)	No executive employed under an existing contract has a right of return under old section 132.
17 18 19	(2)	Except as provided by sections 258B, 258C and 258D, no executive employed under an existing contract has a right of return under new section 132.
20 21 22	(3)	When, as referred to in section 258C(2), (3) or 258D(2) (as the case requires), section 258C or 258D ceases to apply to an executive —
23 24		(a) the election contained in the executive's existing contract ceases to have any effect; and
25 26 27		(b) the executive cannot, during the remainder (if any) of the term of the existing contract, make another election; and
28 29 30 31		(c) the executive cannot, in any subsequent contract of employment for the same or another office in the Health Executive Service, elect to retain a right of return.

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1 2	258G.	Entitlements arising under s. 133 before commencement day
3 4	(1)	This section applies if, immediately before commencement day —
5		(a) an executive is entitled to compensation under
6		old section 133, whether by reason of old
7		section 133(1) or section 135(2)(b); but
8		(b) the Department CEO has not determined under
9		old section 133 the compensation (if any) to
10		which the executive is entitled.
11	(2)	The Department CEO is to determine the compensation
12		(if any) to which the executive is entitled under new
13		section 133.
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