1. The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Surgeons) Amendment Bill 2023 (Bill) amends the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law to protect the title ‘surgeon’ within the medical profession to safeguard the public and strengthen the regulation of cosmetic surgery in Australia.
2. This will be achieved by making it an offence for a medical practitioner to knowingly and recklessly use the title ‘surgeon’ or to hold themselves out as a surgeon, if they are not a member of an approved ‘surgical class.’ It will also be an offence for an employer or other person to use the title ‘surgeon’ with respect to a medical practitioner that is not a member of a surgical class.
3. The Bill defines ‘surgical class’ to comprise of:
	* medical practitioners holding specialist registration in the three recognised medical specialties of: surgery, obstetrics and gynaecology, and ophthalmology;
	* medical practitioners holding specialist registration in another recognised specialty in the medical profession with the word ‘surgeon’ in a specialist title for the specialty; and
	* other classes prescribed by regulation.
4. The Bill also includes amendments to clarify the decision-making authority of tribunals after hearing a matter about a registered health practitioner.
5. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Surgeons) Amendment Bill 2023 into the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*:
* [Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Surgeons) Amendment Bill 2023](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Apr/HealthPractitionerBill/Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Apr/HealthPractitionerBill/Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Human Rights Statement of Compatibility](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Apr/HealthPractitionerBill/Attachments/SoC.PDF)