1. The Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 will amend the *Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1998* to ban smoking in cars with children under 16 and enable local governments to regulate smoking in pedestrian malls and at public transport waiting points. The *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000* will also be amended to enable the Queensland Police Service to enforce the ban on smoking in cars with children.
2. The Bill makes a number of amendments to ensure the effective operation of the health portfolio’s extensive legislative base including amendments to the:

* *Medical Practitioners Registration Act 2001* to introduce mandatory reporting of misconduct by medical practitioners;
* *Health Quality and Complaints Commission Act 2006* to require the HQCC to prepare and publish an impact assessment statement when making or amending standards and to enable the HQCC to incorporate the *Australian Charter of Healthcare Rights* into the Code of Health Rights and Responsibilities;
* *Health Services Act 1991* to allow confidential information to be disclosed to:
  + a person where it is necessary for the protection, safety or wellbeing of a child;
  + the Director-General where the disclosure is relevant to the objects of the *Health Services Act 1991*; and
  + lawyers acting for Queensland Health;
* *Public Health Act 2005* to clarify provisions relating to the release of health information for research purposes and to enable contact tracing officers to provide information to a relevant person;
* *Physiotherapists Registration Act 2001* to create new categories of special purpose registration for overseas qualified physiotherapists, to help address the shortage of physiotherapists in Queensland; and
* 13 Health Practitioner Registration Acts, the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999* and the *Nursing Act 1992* to clarify provisions and improve the workability and consistency within and across the Acts.

1. In addition, the Bill amends the *Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003* to enable nurse practitioners to issue workers’ compensation medical certificates for minor injuries and patients’ initial attendance.
2. Cabinet approved that the Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
3. *Attachments*

* [Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2008](Attachments/HOLAB08.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/HOLAB08Exp.pdf)