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2010

A Bill

for

**An Act to amend the *Carers (Recognition) Act 2008* for
particular purposes**

The Parliament of Queensland enacts— 1

Clause 1	Short title	2
	This Act may be cited as the <i>Carers (Recognition) Amendment Act 2010</i> .	3 4
Clause 2	Commencement	5
	This Act commences on a day to be fixed by proclamation.	6
Clause 3	Act amended	7
	This Act amends the <i>Carers (Recognition) Act 2008</i> .	8
Clause 4	Amendment of s 5 (Definitions)	9
	Section 5, definition <i>statutory body</i> —	10
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	11
	‘ <i>statutory body</i> see the <i>Financial Accountability Act 2009</i> , section 9.’.	12 13
Clause 5	Amendment of s 6 (Meaning of carer)	14
	(1) Section 6(2)—	15
	<i>renumber</i> as section 6(4).	16
	(2) Section 6—	17
	<i>insert—</i>	18
	‘(2) Also, a grandparent is a <i>carer</i> of his or her grandchild if—	19
	(a) the child lives with the grandparent; and	20
	(b) the grandparent is the primary care-giver and decision-maker for the child.	21 22

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- ‘(3) However, if a child’s parent or parents remain the primary care-givers and decision-makers for the child, the child’s grandparent is not the child’s carer only because—
- (a) the grandparent cares for the child while the child’s parent or parents are working; or
 - (b) the child, together with the child’s parent or parents, lives with the grandparent.’.
- (3) Section 6(4), as renumbered, ‘However, for’—
omit, insert—
‘For’.

- Clause 6 Amendment of s 9 (Obligation of public authorities to consider carers charter)**
- (1) Section 9(2)—
renumber as section 9(3).
- (2) Section 9—
insert—
- ‘(2) A public authority, to the extent its internal human resources policies may significantly affect an employee in carrying out the employee’s role as a carer, must ensure the policies are developed taking into consideration the principles of the carers charter.’.

- Clause 7 Amendment of s 10 (Reporting obligations)**
- Section 10(3), definition *annual report*—
omit, insert—
‘**annual report** see the *Financial Accountability Act 2009*, schedule 3.’.

- Clause 8 Amendment of s 14 (Membership)**
- (1) Section 14(1), ‘10’—
omit, insert—

[s 9]

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| ‘12’. | 1 |
| (2) Section 14(3)— | 2 |
| <i>omit, insert—</i> | 3 |
| ‘(3) Four members must be carers, one of whom must be a grandparent-carer.’. | 4 |
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| (3) Section 14— | 6 |
| <i>insert—</i> | 7 |
| ‘(5) One member must be a representative of grandparent-carers. | 8 |
| ‘(6) In this section— | 9 |
| <i>grandparent-carer</i> means a carer mentioned in section 6(2).’. | 10 |

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| Clause 9 | Amendment of schedule (The Queensland carers charter) | 11 |
| (1) | Schedule, preamble, after ‘their role as carers; and’— | 12 |
| | <i>insert—</i> | 13 |
| | ‘grandparents who are carers for their grandchildren make a significant contribution to the lives of their grandchildren and deserve respect and support for their role as carers; and’. | 14 |
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| (2) | Schedule, items 10 and 11— | 17 |
| | <i>renumber</i> as items 12 and 13. | 18 |
| (3) | Schedule— | 19 |
| | <i>insert—</i> | 20 |
| ‘10 | Grandparents who are carers for their grandchildren, after having raised their own children, should be supported in their important and challenging role. | 21 |
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| 11 | Grandparents who are carers for their grandchildren need easy access to information that is clear and relevant to their role as a carer.’. | 24 |
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