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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE AUSTRALIAN

CAPITAL TERRITORY

ADOPTION (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1993

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

CIRCULATED BY THE AUTHORITY OF

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OUTLINE

This Bill changes existing legislation to make provision for the new law regulating adoption in the ACT - the *Adoption Act 1993*. Adoption in the ACT was formerly regulated by the *Adoption of Children Act 1965*, but this Act was repealed by the *Adoption Act 1993*. The Acts amended by this Bill are the *Artificial Conception Act 1985*, the *Birth (Equality of Status) Act 1988*, the *Children's Services Act 1986*, and the *Testamentary Guardianship Act 1984*.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This Bill has no financial implications.

CLAUSE NOTES

Clauses 1 and 2 are formal requirements. They provide for the long title and commencement of the Act.

Artificial Conception Act 1985

Clause 3 amends this Act to -

> replace references to provisions in the *Adoption of Children Act 1965*, which was repealed by the *Adoption Act 1993*, with references to the corresponding provision of the latter Act.

Birth (Equality of Status) Act 1988

Clause 4 amends this Act to -

> replace references to provisions in the *Adoption of Children Act 1965*, which was repealed by the *Adoption Act 1993*, with references to this corresponding provisions of the latter Act.

Children's Services Act 1986

Clause 5 amends this Act to -

> replace a reference in a provision to the repealed *Adoption of Children Act 1965* with a reference to the *Adoption Act 1993*

Testamentary Guardianship Act 1984

Clause 6 amends this Act to -

> replace references to provisions in the *Adoption of Children Act 1965*, which was repealed by the *Adoption Act 1993*, with references to the corresponding provisions of the latter Act.