

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY  
BLOOD DONATION (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY  
SYNDROME) ORDINANCE 1985

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

No. 27 of 1985

The Blood Donation (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) Ordinance has been prepared to protect the Red Cross Society which administers the Blood Transfusion Service in the Australian Capital Territory. Without this Ordinance the Society will not be able to obtain insurance against liability to persons who may sue the Society as the result of themselves or persons on whom they are dependent contracting acquired immune deficiency syndrome as a result of a blood transfusion using blood obtained through the service administered by the Society.

The Ordinance also provides protection for hospitals and other bodies, medical practitioners and persons acting on behalf of medical practitioners where blood or blood products are administered by those bodies or persons if prescribed procedures are complied with.

The Ordinance makes it an offence for a blood donor, when he fills in a declaration (as required by the Ordinance) in relation to his conduct to make a false statement. The donor is also protected against civil or criminal liability other than for false statements as set out above.

The schedule to the Ordinance sets out the declaration to be signed by a person intending to donate blood.

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