An Act to amend the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act 1963

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The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment) Act 1991.

**Commencement**

2. This Act commences on a day fixed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.

**Principal Act**

3. In this Act, “Principal Act” means the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act 1963.¹
Certificate of death to be furnished by medical practitioner

4. Section 34 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting paragraph (5) (e) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(e) died during or within 72 hours after, or as a result of—

(i) an operation of a medical, surgical, dental or like nature; or

(ii) an invasive medical or diagnostic procedure;”;

(b) by inserting in paragraph (5) (f) “or her” after “his”;

(c) by omitting paragraph (5) (h) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(h) died—

(i) in a prison, a remand centre within the meaning of the *Remand Centres Act 1976*, or a lock-up; or

(ii) while the subject of emergency procedures, or while subject to a treatment order, under the *Mental Health Act 1983*;”; and

(d) by inserting after subsection (5) the following subsection:

“(5A) In paragraph (5) (e) a reference to—

(a) an operation of a medical, surgical, dental or like nature; or

(b) an invasive medical or diagnostic procedure;

shall be read as a reference to such an operation or procedure within the meaning of paragraph 11 (1) (e) of the *Coroners Act 1956*, as construed in accordance with regulations (if any) made for the purposes of subsection 11 (1A) of that Act.”.

NOTE


[Presentation speech made in Assembly on 15 August 1991]