



AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Drugs of Dependence (Amendment) Act (No. 2) 1992

No. 61 of 1992

An Act to amend the *Drugs of Dependence Act 1989*

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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 *Drugs of Dependence (Amendment) Act (No. 2) 1992*.

Principal Act

2. In this Act, “Principal Act” means the *Drugs of Dependence Act 1989*.¹

Interpretation

3. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from subsection (1) the definition of “methadone program treatment centre” and substituting the following definition:

“ ‘methadone program treatment centre’ means a treatment centre or other facility where methadone is administered to drug dependent persons for the treatment of their drug dependency—

- (a) conducted by the Board or the Territory; or

- (b) approved under Division 4 of Part IX for that purpose; whether or not the primary purpose of the centre or facility is to provide treatment for persons who are drug dependent;”.

Interpretation

4. Section 95 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the definitions of “prescribed person” and “ward” and substituting the following definitions:

“ ‘prescribed person’ means—

- (a) a licensee;
- (b) a pharmacist in control of a dispensary;
- (c) a Chief Pharmacist;
- (d) a medical practitioner, dentist or veterinary surgeon; or
- (e) a person in charge of a methadone program treatment centre;

‘ward’ includes a methadone program treatment centre, whether or not the centre forms part of an institution;”.

Patients’ records

5. Section 108 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting “, where the centre is not a ward” and substituting “that does not form part of an institution”.

Approval—grant

6. Section 150 of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end the following subsection:

"(3) The Board shall, within 28 days after receiving an application in accordance with section 149, make a decision under subsection (1) granting or refusing to grant an approval to the applicant to conduct a treatment centre of the type, and at the premises, specified in the application."

NOTE

1. Ordinance No. 11, 1989 as amended by Nos. 21 and 38, 1989; Act No. 63, 1990; Nos. 5 and 44, 1991; No. 52, 1992.

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