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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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(As presented)

(Ms Carnell)

**Poisons and Drugs (Amendment) Bill 1993**

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**A BILL  
FOR**

**An Act to amend the *Poisons and Drugs Act 1978***

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

**Short title**

- 5     1. This Act may be cited as the *Poisons and Drugs (Amendment) Act 1993*.

**Commencement**

- 10     2. (1) Sections 1, 2 and 3 commence on the day on which this Act is notified in the *Gazette*.  
      (2) Section 4 commences on a day fixed by the Minister by notice in the *Gazette*.  
      (3) If section 4 has not commenced before the end of the period of 6 months commencing on the day on which this Act is notified in the *Gazette*, that provision, by force of this subsection, commences on the first day after the end of that period.

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**Principal Act**

3. In this Act, "Principal Act" means the *Poisons and Drugs Act 1978*.<sup>1</sup>

**Insertion**

- 5      4. Before section 48 of the Principal Act the following provision is inserted in Part IV:

**Possession of anabolic steroids**

"47A. (1) A person shall not, without reasonable excuse, possess an anabolic steroid.

10      **Penalty:**

(a) if the offender is a natural person—\$5,000 or imprisonment for 6 months, or both;

(b) if the offender is a body corporate—\$25,000.

"(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a person who—

15      (a) is licensed or authorised, under this Act or another Act, to manufacture, possess or supply an anabolic steroid;

(b) is a registered medical practitioner, registered dentist or registered veterinary surgeon, and possesses the anabolic steroid for the purposes of his or her practice;

20      (c) is a registered pharmacist and possesses the anabolic steroid for the purposes of dispensing it; or

(d) obtained the anabolic steroid on presentation of a prescription signed by a registered medical practitioner, a registered dentist or a registered veterinary surgeon authorising the sale or supply to, or dispensing for, that person of the anabolic steroid."

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**NOTE**

1. Ordinance No. 38, 1978 as amended by Nos. 19 and 56, 1981; No. 47, 1982; No. 67, 1985; Nos. 32 and 76, 1986; Nos. 29 and 96, 1988; Nos. 13, 21 and 38, 1989; Act No. 63, 1990; No. 4, 1991.

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