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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Pharmacy Amendment Bill 2004

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this Bill is to ensure that pharmacists in the ACT operate out of their own premises and not as sub-lessees of supermarkets.

This amendment Bill, in essence, tightens up the pharmacy legislation that stipulates that pharmacies must be owned and operated by registered pharmacists (s9A, s48 and s48A of the Pharmacy Act). If a pharmacist operates as a sub-lessee, it brings into doubt who is operating the pharmacy—the pharmacist or the lessee. This amendment will remove any such doubt through prohibiting pharmacists to operate a pharmacy as a sub-lessee.

This bill will ensure pharmacists continue to operate with the health needs of the community as a major priority.

This Bill will not affect any pharmacist currently operating in the ACT, including those operating in shopping centres and town centres.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This Bill will have no revenue impact on the ACT.