

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY LEGISLATION
TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY ORDINANCE 1978

The Ordinance provides for a permanent prohibition on the termination of a pregnancy other than at a hospital conducted by the Capital Territory Health Commission and repeals the Termination of Pregnancy (Temporary Provisions) Ordinance (No.2) 1977, the expiry date of which is 29 June 1978.

The penalty for contravening the Ordinance is a fine of \$1,000.

The opportunity has also been taken to update the Second Schedule of the Seat of Government (Administration) Ordinance 1930 that specifies the ordinances administered by the Minister of State for Health.

The Ordinance has been considered by the Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly but the Assembly has declined to agree to the Ordinance in principle.

