AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH

AMENDMENTS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH (BOARDING-HOUSES) REGULATIONS

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

No. 12 of 1979

The Minister of State for Health has made Regulations under the Public Health Ordinance 1928 to amend the Public Health (Boarding-Houses) Regulations.

The amendments to the Regulations have been necessitated by the fact that there are a number of establishments which carry on a commercial business as boarding-houses but which do not fall within the ambit of the present Regulations. They are well-known as boarding-houses and are in fact advertised as such. However, they are outside the provisions of the Regulations because the nature of their business is such that they have a fast turn-over of guests who lodge for periods of less than a week.

By redefining a 'boarding-house' for the purposes of the Regulations and by the addition of sub-regulations to Regulation 4 these establishments will be brought within the purview of the Regulations.

On 19 February 1979, the Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly agreed to the proposed amendments of the Public Health (Boarding-Houses) Regulations without amendment.