

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE 1977

This is a new ordinance which requires that a medical practitioner shall not carry out treatment in the A.C.T. for the termination of a pregnancy otherwise than at Canberra Hospital or Woden Valley Hospital.

A penalty of one thousand dollars is provided for each occasion on which the ordinance is contravened.

The ordinance is a temporary provision in order to allow the Legislative Assembly time to examine the issue of abortion in the A.C.T. and to recommend appropriate action. Accordingly the ordinance ceases to be of effect after three months from the date of its gazettal.

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