A BILL
FOR
An Act to amend the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act 1963

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

Short title
1. This Act may be cited as the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment) Act 1991.
Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages
(Amendment) No. , 1991

Commencement

2. This Act commences on a day fixed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.

Principal Act

3. In this Act, “Principal Act” means the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act 1963.¹

Certificate of death to be furnished by medical practitioner

4. Section 34 of the Principal Act is amended—
   (a) by omitting paragraph (5) (e) and substituting the following paragraph:
   “(e) died during or within 72 hours after, or as a result of—
   (i) an operation of a medical, surgical, dental or like nature; or
   (ii) an invasive medical or diagnostic procedure;”;
   (b) by inserting in paragraph (5) (f) “or her” after “his”;
   (c) by omitting paragraph (5) (h) and substituting the following paragraph:
   “(h) died—
   (i) in a prison, a remand centre within the meaning of the Remand Centres Act 1976, or a lock-up; or
   (ii) while the subject of emergency procedures, or while subject to a treatment order, under the Mental Health Act 1983;”;
   and
   (d) by inserting after subsection (5) the following subsection:
   “(5A) In paragraph (5) (e) a reference to—
   (a) an operation of a medical, surgical, dental or like nature; or
   (b) an invasive medical or diagnostic procedure;
   shall be read as a reference to such an operation or procedure within the meaning of paragraph 11 (1) (e) of the Coroners Act 1956, as construed in accordance with regulations (if any) made for the purposes of subsection 11 (1A) of that Act.”.

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