

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

**Drugs of Dependence
(Amendment) Bill (No.2) 1997**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL (NO. 2) 1997

OUTLINE

The *Drugs of Dependence (Amendment) Bill (No 2) 1997* will provide greater flexibility in the administration of Division 4 of the *Drugs of Dependence Act 1989* by removing a restriction on the qualifications of officers who can carry out the functions of the Government Analyst

The requirement of Subsection 183A (3) that a person acting as the Government Analyst must first be an analyst under Section 183 of the Act unnecessarily restricts the range of officers who can act in that position

DETAILS OF THE BILL

1 Formal requirements (clauses 1, 2 & 3)

Clauses 1, 2 & 3 are the formal requirements of all Acts, specifying the title, commencement arrangements and reference to the Principle Act. These clauses take effect from the day on which the Bill is notified in the *Gazette*. The rest of the Bill's provisions take effect from the date, or dates the Minister notifies in the *Gazette*.

2 Government Analyst (clause 4)

The Bill removes the requirement that the Government Analyst be an analyst under Section 183 by

- a omitting from section 183A subsection (3) and
- b omitting from subsection (4), reference to subsection (3)