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Abortion Law Reform Amendment (Health Care Access) Bill 2025

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Proposed amendments

No. 1 Sex selection prohibition

Page 4, Schedule 1. Insert after line 13—

[10A] Section 11A

Insert after section 11—

11A Prohibition of terminations for sex selection

Despite any provision of this Act, a registered health practitioner must not perform, or assist in the performance of, a termination on a person for the purposes of sex selection.

No. 2 Sex selection prohibition

Page 4, Schedule 1. Insert after line 15—

[11A] Section 16, heading

Insert "-report to Parliament" after "selection".

[11B] Section 16(1) and (6)

Omit the subsections.

No. 3 Sex selection prohibition

Page 5. Insert after line 9—

Schedule 3 Amendment of Assisted Reproductive Technology Act 2007 No 69

[1] Section 29A

Insert after section 29—

29A Prohibition of ART treatment for purposes of sex selection

(1) The object of this section is to prohibit the provision of ART treatment for the purposes of sex selection.

(2) An ART provider must not provide ART treatment to a woman using a gamete or an embryo, or perform the treatment in a particular way, with the purpose of producing or attempting to produce a child of a particular sex.

Maximum penalty—

- (a) for an individual—200 penalty units or imprisonment for 5 years, or both, or
- (b) otherwise—400 penalty units.

[2] Section 75

Insert after section 74—

75 Review of section 29A

- The Minister must conduct a review of section 29A to determine if the section—
 - (a) has prevented the provision of ART services for the purposes of sex selection, and
 - (b) remains appropriate for securing that objective.
- (2) The review must be conducted as soon as possible after 2 years after the commencement of section 29A.
- (3) The Minister must table a report on the outcome of the review in each House of Parliament within 3 years after the commencement of section 29A.