

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019

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Proposed amendments

No. 1 **Conscientious objection**

Page 3, proposed section 8, lines 37-43 and page 4, lines 1-18. Omit all words on those lines. Insert instead—

8 Conscientious objection

- (1) A registered health practitioner may refuse to perform a termination, assist in the performance of a termination or otherwise facilitate the performance of a termination if the health practitioner has a conscientious objection to the performance of the termination.
- (2) A medical practitioner who refuses to perform a termination, assist in the performance of a termination or otherwise facilitate the performance of a termination under subsection (1) must inform the person who requested the termination of the conscientious objection as soon as practicable after the request is made.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not apply to a medical practitioner who refuses under subsection (1) to assist in the performance of a termination or otherwise facilitate the performance of a termination if the medical practitioner is not involved in consultations, or otherwise have any contact, with the person about the termination.
- (4) A registered health practitioner who refuses to perform a termination, or to assist in or otherwise facilitate the performance of a termination, because of a conscientious objection is not, because of the refusal—
 - (a) in breach of any duty, however imposed, or
 - (b) otherwise in contravention of any law of the State.