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.