



## ANALYSIS

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1977, No. 117

**An Act to amend the Mental Health Act 1969**

[16 December 1977]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. **Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Mental Health Amendment Act 1977, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Mental Health Act 1969 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

1. **New heading and section (relating to administering of contraceptives) inserted**—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 55, the following heading and section:

*“Administering of Contraceptives*

**“55A. Administering of contraceptives**—(1) The superintendent of any hospital, or an employee acting under the direction of the superintendent, may, as part of the treatment of any female under his care who is mentally subnormal, administer any contraceptive (whether by injection or otherwise) to that female.

“(2) Without limiting section 124 of this Act, every person who, with reasonable care and skill, administers any contraceptive in accordance with subsection (1) of this section is protected from criminal and civil responsibility in respect thereof.”

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This Act is administered in the Department of Health.

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