

HOSPITALS AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Clause 1 relates to the Short Title.

Clause 2 inserts a new section 140A into the Hospitals Act 1957. The effect of the new section is to require that if it is to be exempted from criminal liability by section 182 (2) of the Crimes Act 1961 a therapeutic abortion must be carried out in an institution under the control of a Hospital Board under that Act except where because of the urgency of the case the life of the mother is likely to be prejudiced by the time occupied in conveying her to such an institution.

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HOSPITALS AMENDMENT

ANALYSIS

Title
1. Short Title

2. Therapeutic abortions to be carried
out only in institutions under the
control of a Hospital Board

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Hospitals Act 1957

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

1. **Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Hospitals
Amendment Act 1974, and shall be read together with and
deemed part of the Hospitals Act 1956* (hereinafter referred
to as the principal Act).

10 2. **Therapeutic abortions to be carried out only in institu-
tions under the control of a Hospital Board**—The principal
Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 140 the
following section:

15 “140A. Nothing in section 182 (2) of the Crimes Act 1961
(which relates to the causing of the death of a child in good
faith for the preservation of the life of the mother) shall apply
unless the operation is performed in an institution under the
control of a Hospital Board under this Act.

20 “Provided that nothing in this section shall apply in any
case where by reason of the urgency of the case the life of
the mother is likely to be prejudiced by the time occupied in
conveying her to such an institution.”

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