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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994
PROPOSED PATHOLOGY SERVICES
ACCREDITATION (GENERAL)
REGULATIONS 2001 AND THE PROPOSED
PATHOLOGY SERVICES (EXEMPTED
TESTS) REGULATIONS 2001

Notice is given as required by section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** of the proposed making of the Pathology Services Accreditation (General) Regulations 2001 and the Pathology Services (Exempted Tests) Regulations 2001.

The objectives of the Pathology Services Accreditation (General) Regulations, proposed to be made under the **Pathology Services Accreditation Act 1984**, are to-

- a. prescribe minimum standards for accredited pathology services;
- b. prescribe minimum qualifications for persons in charge of pathology services and persons conducting pathology tests;
- c. prohibit certain advertising practices;
- d. prescribe various fees, forms and other matters authorized or required to be prescribed by the **Pathology Services Accreditation Act 1984**.

The objective of the Pathology Services (Exempted Tests) Regulations, proposed to be made under the **Pathology Services Accreditation Act 1984**, is to prescribe exempted tests and non-regulated tests for the purposes of the **Pathology Services Accreditation Act 1984**.

A Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared in accordance with the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**. The statement examines the costs and benefits of the proposed regulations and possible alternatives. The results of the statement are that the proposed regulations are the most efficient method of achieving the objectives.

As part of the development of the Regulatory Impact Statement, the Department of Human Services engaged in a targeted consultation process with key industry groups and the Pathology Services Accreditation Board.

In addition to the statutory advertising requirements, the Department of Human Services has circulated a copy of the Regulatory Impact Statement to all pathology services accredited in Victoria, the Commonwealth Department of Health & Aged Care (including the National Pathology Services Advisory Council), the National Association of Testing Authorities, the Health Insurance Commission and relevant colleges and professional associations.

Written submissions are invited from any interested industry or community group and from the public in relation to any matter relevant to the proposed regulations.

A copy of the Regulatory Impact Statement, including the proposed regulations, is available from: Resource Information Centre, Department of Human Services, Ground Floor, 555 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000. Telephone: (03) 9616 7843, Fax: (03) 9616 8142.

The Regulatory Impact Statement is also available on the Acute Health Division website at: www.dhs.vic.gov.au/ahs.

Submissions should be lodged with: The Project Manager, Pathology Services Legislation Review, Acute Health Division, Level 17, 555 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000. Telephone: 9616 8190, Fax: 9616 7764.

Submissions will be received at any time between the publication of this notice and close of business, Friday 9 February 2001.

NOTE: All submissions received will be treated as public documents.

HON JOHN THWAITES MP
Minister for Health

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