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PROPOSED HEALTH (INFECTIOUS DISEASES) REGULATIONS 2001 – (INCORPORATING THE HEALTH (BROTHELS) REGULATIONS)

PROPOSED HEALTH (PRESCRIBED ACCOMMODATION) REGULATIONS 2001

Notice is hereby given as required by Section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** of the proposed making of the Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 2001 and the Health (Prescribed Accommodation) Regulations 2001.

The objectives of the Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations, proposed to be made under the **Health Act 1958**, are to:—

- (a) prescribe notifiable infectious diseases or conditions for the purposes of the Act;
- (b) provide for the general control of infectious diseases;
- (c) make special provisions for the control of HIV, Hepatitis C, Typhoid Fever and Arbovirus Infections;
- (d) make provisions concerning the cleanliness of premises registered under section 366C of the Act, the cleanliness of equipment used in those businesses and the personal hygiene of persons carrying on those businesses;
- (e) prevent or contain the spread of infectious diseases or conditions, particularly sexually transmitted diseases, in brothels;
- (f) set cleanliness standards for public spa pools and swimming pools;
- (g) make provisions for the destruction of or control of rats or mice on premises; and
- (h) provide for any other matters authorised by the Act.

The objectives of the Health (Prescribed Accommodation) Regulations, proposed to be made under the **Health Act 1958**, are to:—

- (a) prescribe classes of prescribed accommodation under the Act;
- (b) prescribe standards to prevent overcrowding and for the maintenance, cleanliness, water supply, sanitation and hygiene facilities in prescribed accommodation;
- (c) prescribe the requirements and forms for the registration, renewal or transfer of prescribed accommodation;

- (d) provide for the keeping of registers of prescribed accommodation and occupants of prescribed accommodation; and
- (e) provide for other matters authorised by the Act.

The regulations have been drafted following a review of the existing regulations.

A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in accordance with the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**. The RIS explains the review of the regulations, the nature and extent of the problem that the regulations are seeking to address, the objectives and the effect of each regulation, and includes an assessment of the costs and benefits of the proposed regulations and of several possible alternatives. The results of the RIS are that the proposed regulations are the most efficient method of achieving the objectives.

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 and will be received up to 28 days from the date of publication of this notice.

A copy of the Regulatory Impact Statement, including the proposed regulations, is available from and submissions should be lodged with:— Project Officer, Infectious Diseases Regulation Review, Communicable Diseases Section, Public Health Division, Department of Human Services, Level 17, 120 Spencer Street, Melbourne, Vic. 3000 or by email to regulation.review@dhs.vic.gov.au. Telephone: (03) 9637 5220. Facsimile: (03) 9637 4477.

The Regulatory Impact Statement and proposed regulations may also be reviewed and downloaded at the Department of Human Services website at: www.dhs.vic.gov.au/phd/infectious-disease/index.htm.

Public comment and written submissions are invited and should be received no later than the close of business on 21 April 2001.

Note: all submissions received will be treated as public documents.

HON JOHN THWAITES MP
Minister for Health

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