



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Act No. 37 of 2006

AN ACT

to amend the *Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Act*

[Assented to 18 December 2006]
[Second reading 18 October 2006]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Amendment Act 2006*.

2. Commencement

This Act commences on the date fixed by the Administrator by *Gazette* notice.

3. Act amended

This Act amends the *Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Act*.

4. Amendment of section 6 (Interpretation)

Section 6(1)

insert (in alphabetical order)

"optometrist" means a person registered, and entitled to practise, as an optometrist under the *Health Practitioners Act*;

5. Amendment of section 28 (Supply by pharmacists)

Section 28(1)(c)(i)

omit, substitute

- (i) to, or in accordance with the written prescription of, a medical practitioner (including an interstate medical practitioner), dentist, optometrist or veterinarian; or

6. Amendment of section 29 (Supply of substances for therapeutic use)

After section 29(2)

insert

(3) Subject to this Act, and the conditions and restrictions imposed by the Optometrists Board, an optometrist may sell or supply a Schedule 2, 3, or 4 substance for the treatment of a condition of the eye.

Note

The Optometrists Board could impose conditions and restrictions on the sale or supply of such substances by adopting an appropriate code under section 12 of the Health Practitioners Act. The code could (for example) incorporate a formulary by reference to which the sale and supply is regulated. This is not, however, intended as an exhaustive statement of the means by which the Board could impose conditions and restrictions on the sale or supply of such substances.

7. Amendment of section 32 (Application)

Section 32, after "dentist"

insert

, optometrist

8. Amendment of section 33 (Contents of prescriptions)

(1) After section 33(1)(f)

insert

- (fa) where it is issued by an optometrist – bear on its face the words "FOR THE TREATMENT OF CONDITIONS OF THE EYE ONLY"; and

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(2) Section 33(1)(a) to (f) and (g), at the end

insert

and
