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A Bill for an Act to amend the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods
Act 2012*

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

**MEDICINES, POISONS AND THERAPEUTIC GOODS AMENDMENT
ACT 2021**

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Act No. [] of 2021

An Act to amend the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2012*

[Assented to [] 2021]
[Introduced [] 2021]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Amendment Act 2021*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day after the day on which the Administrator's assent to this Act is declared.

3 Act amended

This Act amends the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2012*.

4 Section 5 amended (Definitions)

Section 5

insert

COVID-19, see section 254A.

COVID-19 vaccine, see section 254A.

COVID-19 vaccine administration protocol, see section 254A.

5 Chapter 7, Part 7.2, Division 1A inserted

After section 254

insert

Division 1A Dealings with COVID-19 vaccine

254A Definitions

In this Division:

COVID-19 means the Coronavirus disease named "COVID-19" by the World Health Organization.

COVID-19 vaccine means a Scheduled substance for vaccination against COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccine administration protocol means a protocol approved under 254B(1).

254B Approval of COVID-19 vaccine administration protocol

- (1) The CHO may approve protocols for possessing, supplying or administering a COVID-19 vaccine.
- (2) A COVID-19 vaccine administration protocol commences on the date specified in the protocol and is in force for the period, not exceeding 2 years, specified in the protocol.
- (3) A COVID-19 vaccine administration protocol must include the following details:
 - (a) the required qualifications or training of the person or class of persons that may be authorised under section 254C(1) to possess, supply or administer the COVID-19 vaccine;
 - (b) the form, strength, dosage and frequency of administration of the COVID-19 vaccine;
 - (c) the persons to whom the COVID-19 vaccine may be supplied or administered;
 - (d) the conditions or other restrictions that apply to the possession, supply or administration of the COVID-19 vaccine;
 - (e) any other details the CHO considers appropriate.

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- (4) A COVID-19 vaccine administration protocol must be published on the Agency's website as soon as practicable after it is approved by the CHO.

254C Authorisation to possess, supply or administer COVID-19 vaccine

- (1) The CHO may, in accordance with a COVID-19 vaccine administration protocol, authorise a person or class of persons to possess, supply or administer a COVID-19 vaccine in accordance with the protocol specified in the authorisation.
- (2) A person authorised under subsection (1) must comply with the person's authorisation.

Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units.

- (3) An offence against subsection (2) is an offence of strict liability.

6 Repeal of Act

This Act is repealed on the day after it commences.