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## GENERAL NOTICES

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### NOTICE 3297 OF 2003

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

#### PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE CHOICE ON TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY AMENDMENT BILL, 2003

The Minister of Health intends to introduce the Choice of Termination of Pregnancy Amendment Bill, 2003 ("the Bill") in Parliament in 2003. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with rule 241(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The Bill provides for *inter alia* –

- (a) registered nurses, as opposed to registered midwives, who have undergone the prescribed training, to be able to perform terminations of pregnancy;
- (b) approval of facilities by a Member of the Executive Council responsible for health in a province once such facilities have met the requirements listed in the Bill;
- (c) all public and private facilities that have 24 hour maternity service to terminate pregnancies of up to and including 12 weeks without seeking the approval of the Member of the Executive Council;
- (d) provincial regulations wherein the Member of the Executive Council may prescribe requirements and conditions, applicable to facilities;
- (e) the reporting and submission of statistics by the Member of the Executive Council and the heads of provincial departments, to the Minister and the Director-General respectively; and
- (f) addition of an offence to the existing offences.

The Bill, once passed, will amend the Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1996, (Act No 92 of 1996).

As soon as the Bill is introduced in Parliament, copies can be obtained from –

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**NOTICE 3298 OF 2003**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
**CORRECTION NOTICE**

The following correction of the Explanatory Summary of the Traditional Health Practitioners Bill, 2003, contained in General Notice 2581 of 10 October 2003 is hereby published for general information:

After the sentence, "The Bill provides for *inter alia* –", the alphabets "(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e)" are substituted for "(d), (e), (f), (g) and (h)".

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