FACT SHEET

Health Miscellaneous Bill 2024

The Bill seeks to make a number of technical and consequential amendments to:

- amend the Anatomical Examinations Act 2006 to make definitional changes to the definition of "next of kin":
- amend the Poisons Act 1971 to:
 - remove a reference that points to Part 4 of the Poisons Standard that no longer exists;
 - include 'fungi' into the definition of a prohibited plant to include mushrooms containing psilocybine into the prohibited plant framework; and
 - facilitate allowing appropriately qualified pharmacists to prescribe certain medications in hospital and community settings;
- amend the Food Act 2003 to:
 - add the power to prescribe by regulation any government institution as a food business; and
 - clarify that a state-wide prohibition or improvement order applied to a mobile food business by a local government applies Statewide;
- repeal the Optometry Offences Act 2010 as optometry and orthoptics are subject to regulation by AHPRA and the Health Complaints Commissioner of Tasmania;
- repeal the Mental Health (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Act 2013 as it is obsolete; and
- repeal the Tasmanian Health Organisations (Tasmanian Health Service) Order 2015 as it is redundant due to the enactment of the Tasmanian Health Service Act 2018.