

**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA**

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### An Act to provide for monetary penalties for offences to be expressed as penalty units

#### 1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Penalties Act*.

#### 2 Commencement

This Act comes into operation on the date fixed by the Administrator by notice in the *Gazette*.

#### 3 Penalty units

- (1) A reference to a penalty for an offence against a provision of an Act expressed as a number of penalty units (whether fractional or whole) is to be read as a reference to an amount of money equal to the amount obtained by multiplying \$100 by the number of penalty units.
- (2) In its application to an Act, subsection (1) yields to a contrary intention in the Act.

#### 4 Effect of changing amount of penalty unit

If the amount prescribed by section 3 is changed, the new amount applies in calculating the amount of each penalty unit for an offence against a provision of an Act only in respect of an offence committed after the commencement of the provision effecting the change.

#### 5 Interpretation

In this Act:

**Act** includes an instrument of legislative or administrative character.

**penalty for an offence** includes an amount that may be paid under an infringement notice instead of the penalty that may otherwise be imposed for the offence.

## ENDNOTES

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### KEY

Key to abbreviations

amd = amended  
app = appendix  
bl = by-law  
ch = Chapter  
cl = clause  
div = Division  
exp = expires/expired  
f = forms  
Gaz = Gazette  
hdg = heading  
ins = inserted  
lt = long title  
nc = not commenced

od = order  
om = omitted  
pt = Part  
r = regulation/rule  
rem = remainder  
renum = renumbered  
rep = repealed  
s = section  
sch = Schedule  
sdiv = Subdivision  
SL = Subordinate Legislation  
sub = substituted

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### LIST OF LEGISLATION

#### ***Penalties Act 1999 (Act No. 2, 1999)***

Assent date	26 February 1999
Commenced	1 April 1999 ( <i>Gaz</i> G11, 24 March 1999, p 3)

#### ***Miscellaneous (Interpretation Act and Penalties Act) Amendment Act 2000 (Act No. 28, 2000)***

Assent date	27 June 2000
Commenced	s 4: 1 April 1999 (s 2, s 2 <i>Penalties Act 1999</i> and <i>Gaz</i> G11, 24 March 1999, p 3); rem: 27 June 2000

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### LIST OF AMENDMENTS

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