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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 *Penalty Units 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 or to an amount that may be imposed as a fine or penalty under 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 \$110 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
1**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 rep = repealed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

2**LIST OF LEGISLATION*****Penalties Act 1999 (Act No. 2, 1999)***

Assent date 26 February 1999
 Commenced 1 April 1999 (*Gaz 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 *Penalties Act 1999* and *Gaz G11*, 24 March 1999, p 3); rem: 27 June 2000

Penalties Amendment Act 2002 (Act No. 15, 2002)

Assent date 7 June 2002
 Commenced s 4(1): 1 April 1999 (s 2, s 2 *Penalties Act 1999* and *Gaz G11*, 24 March 1999, p 3); rem: 5 August 2002 (*Gaz G25*, 26 June 2002, p 2)

3**LIST OF AMENDMENTS**

s 1 amd No. 15, 2002, s 3
 s 3 amd No. 15, 2002, s 4(1) and (2)
 s 5 ins No. 28, 2000, s 4