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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 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 \$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**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rep = repealed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)***

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

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

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3 LIST OF AMENDMENTS

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