

No. 46 of 2001

AN ACT

to amend the Debits Tax Act

[Assented to 19 July 2001] [Second reading 5 June 2001]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Debits Tax Amendment Act 2001.

2. Commencement

This Act comes into operation on 1 July 2001.

3. New section

The *Debits Tax Act* is amended by inserting after section 17 the following:

"17A. Financial institutions to keep records

- "(1) For the purposes of this Act, a financial institution —
- (a) must keep records in the English language of the full particulars of all transactions in relation to which tax imposed under this Act is payable; and
- (b) must preserve those records for 5 years after the transactions to which they relate are completed.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

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- "(2) Subsection (1) does not require the preservation of records –
- (a) in respect of which the Commissioner has notified a financial institution that preservation is not required; or
- (b) of a financial institution that has been wound up.
- "(3) In this section --

'record' includes books, accounts and other documents.".

ALTERATION TO SECTION HEADING

On the day on which the *Debits Tax Act* is amended by this Act, the heading to section 13 of the *Debits Tax Act* is altered by omitting the whole heading and substituting "Offences relating to furnishing returns and giving other information".