



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Act No. 13 of 2005

AN ACT

to amend the Criminal Code

[Assented to 17 March 2005]

[Second reading 2 December 2004]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Criminal Code Amendment Act 2005*.

2. Commencement

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

3. Principal Act amended

This Act amends the Criminal Code.

4. Amendment of section 31 (Unwilled act etc. and accident)

Section 31(3) –

omit

the offences defined by Division 2 of Part VI

substitute

a crime defined by section 154 or 155

5. Repeal and substitution of Part VI, Division 2 heading

Part VI, Division 2 heading –

repeal, substitute

Division 2 – Dangerous acts and omissions and provision of rescue, medical treatment and other aid

6. New section 155A

After section 155 in Part VI, Division 2 –

insert

155A. Assault, obstruction etc. of persons providing rescue, medical treatment or other aid

(1) A person who unlawfully assaults, obstructs or hinders another person –

- (a) who is providing rescue, resuscitation, medical treatment, first aid or succour of any kind to a third person;
- (b) who is taking action to prevent injury or further injury to a third person who is in immediate risk of injury or further injury; or
- (c) who is taking action to prevent damage or further damage to property that is in immediate risk of damage or further damage,

is guilty of a crime and is liable to imprisonment for 5 years.

(2) If the person thereby endangers the life of or causes bodily harm to the third person, the person is liable to imprisonment for 7 years.
