# NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

STATUTE LAW REVISION ACT 1994

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No. 50 of 1994

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# AN ACT

to revise and correct the laws of the Territory in minor respects

[Assented to 20 September 1994]

**B**<sup>E</sup> it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory of Australia, with the assent as provided by the Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978 of the Commonwealth, as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the Statute Law Revision Act 1994.

2. AMENDMENT OF CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLICATIONS AND FILMS ACT

(1) The Classification of Publications and Films Act is in this section referred to as the Principal Act.

- (2) Section 24C of the Principal Act is amended -
- (a) by omitting from subsection (1) "approve the classification of" and substituting "classify";
- (b) by omitting from subsection (2) "approve the classification of" and substituting "classify";
- (c) by omitting from subsection (3) "approve the classification of" and substituting "classify";
- (d) by omitting from subsection (4) "approve the classification of" and substituting "classify";
- (e) by omitting from subsection (5) "approve the classification of" and substituting "classify";

- (f) by omitting from subsection (6) "approve the classification of" and substituting "classify";
- (h) by omitting from subsection 6(b) "'MA(15+)', 'R(18+)' or 'X(18+)' computer game;" and substituting 'MA(15+) computer game; or";
- (j) by omitting from subsection (6)(c) "'R(18+)' or 'X(18+)' computer game; or" and substituting "computer game.";
- (k) by omitting subsection (6)(d); and
- (m) by omitting from subsection (7) "approves the classification of" and substituting "classifies".
- (3) Section 24D(1) of the Principal Act is amended -
- (a) by omitting from paragraph (a) "a game of";
- (b) by omitting from paragraph (b) -
  - (i) "a computer game" and substituting "a computer game or a class of computer game";
  - (ii) "a game the publishing" and substituting "a game or a class of game the publishing"; and
  - (iii) "the game." and substituting "the game or the class of game.".

(4) Section 25(1) of the Principal Act is amended by omitting "films" and substituting "films and computer games".

(5) Section 35(3)(b) of the Principal Act is amended by omitting "published" and substituting "offensive".

(6) Section 56AA of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsection (1) and substituting the following:

"(1) For the purposes of a prosecution under this Act, a certificate issued by the Censor stating that a video or computer game known by a particular name -

- (a) has been classified;
- (b) has been refused classification; or

(c) has not been classified,

shall, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, respectively be evidence that the video or computer game has been classified (and given the classification so named), has been refused classification or has not been classified.".

- (7) The Principal Act is amended -
- (a) by omitting from Part VI "Division 2 -Miscellaneous"; and
- (b) by inserting after section 60G the following:

"Division 2 - Miscellaneous".

3. AMENDMENT OF COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE AGENTS LICENSING ACT

Section 4(1) of the Commercial and Private Agents Licensing Act is amended -

- (a) by omitting from paragraph (h) "employment; or" and substituting "employment;";
- (b) by omitting from paragraph (i) "employment." and substituting "employment; or"; and
- (c) by adding at the end the following:
  - "(j) a person authorised by the Power and Water Authority, established by the Power and Water Authority Act, to request and receive payment of money due and owing to it by members of an Aboriginal community or group while acting in the ordinary course of requesting and receiving those payments.".
- 4. AMENDMENT OF COMMERCIAL PASSENGER (ROAD) TRANSPORT ACT

(1) Section 3 of the *Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Act* is amended by inserting after the definition of "taxi" the following:

"'this Act' includes regulations made under this Act;".

(2) Section 63(1) of the Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Act is amended by omitting "special passenger licence" and substituting "special passenger vehicle licence". 5. AMENDMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND FAIR TRADING ACT

(1) Section 165 of the Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading Act is amended -

- (a) by omitting "ROADWORTHINESS ON SALE OF UNREGISTERED VEHICLE" and substituting "ROADWORTHINESS ON SALE OF VEHICLE"; and
- (b) by omitting from subsection (1) "vehicle, if not registered in the Territory," and substituting "vehicle".

(2) Section 184(1) of the Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading Act is amended by omitting "purchase them" and substituting "purchase them which is, for the greater part, comprised of letting or hiring out motor vehicles for periods not exceeding 4 months or for periods as prescribed".

6. AMENDMENT OF CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT ACT (NO. 2) 1994

(1) Section 3 of the Criminal Code Amendment Act (No. 2) 1994 is amended -

- (a) by omitting "189." and substituting "189A."; and
- (b) by omitting "suffers grievous bodily harm" and substituting "suffers grievous harm".

(2) The amendments effected by this section shall be deemed to have come into operation on the commencement of the Police Administration Amendment Act 1994.

# 7. AMENDMENT OF DISASTERS ACT

Section 17 of the *Disasters Act* is amended by omitting paragraph (b) and substituting the following:

- "(aa) the Commissioner of Police (appointed under the Police Administration Act), who for the purposes of, and notwithstanding anything in, the Public Sector Employment and Management Act shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Northern Territory Emergency Service;
  - (b) other persons appointed and employed under the Public Sector Employment and Management Act in positions established for that purpose; and".

# 8. AMENDMENT OF FIRE SERVICE ACT

Section 76 of the *Fire Service Act* is amended by inserting after subsection (5) the following:

"(6) A cost or an expense due and payable under this section in relation to land or a building on the land is a statutory charge, within the meaning of the *Real Property* Act, on the land.".

#### 9. AMENDMENT OF INTERPRETATION ACT

Section 17 of the Interpretation Act is amended -

- (a) by omitting the definition of "Justice" and substituting the following:
- "'Justice' means a justice of the peace within the meaning of the Justices of the Peace Act;"; and
- (b) by omitting the definition of "Justice of the Peace" and substituting the following:
- "'justice of the peace' means a justice of the peace within the meaning of the *Justices of the Peace Act;*".

# 10. AMENDMENT OF JUSTICES AMENDMENT ACT 1994

(1) Section 3 of the Justices Amendment Act 1994 is amended by omitting "or 189(1) or (2)(a)" and substituting "or 189A(1) or (2)(a)".

(2) The amendment effected by this section shall be deemed to have come into operation on the commencement of the Police Administration Amendment Act 1994.

### 11. AMENDMENT OF PASTORAL LAND ACT

- (1) Section 95 of the Pastoral Land Act is amended -
- (a) by omitting "A member" and substituting "(1) A member"; and
- (b) by adding at the end the following:

"(2) The Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Tribunal may, in writing delivered to the Minister, resign his or her office.".

(2) Section 106(1C) of the Pastoral Land Act is amended by omitting "unable to perform his or her functions under this Part" and substituting "the Chairman is unable to perform his or her functions under this Part or there is a vacancy in the office of Chairman".

#### 12. AMENDMENT OF PLANNING ACT

(1) Section 3 of the *Planning Act* is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(4) Where a provision of this Act empowers the Minister, by notice in the *Gazette*, to make an instrument of a legislative or administrative character, it is sufficient compliance with the provision if -

- (a) the Minister signs the instrument; and
- (b) a notice of the making of the instrument and of the place where copies of the instrument are available is published in the Gazette,

and the instrument takes effect from the date of notification in the *Gazette* or, where a later date is provided for in the instrument, from that later date.".

(2) Section 146 of the *Planning Act* is amended by omitting subsection (3).

(3) Section 150(4) of the *Planning Act* is amended by omitting "the Principal Act" and substituting "this Act".

13. AMENDMENT OF PROSTITUTION REGULATION ACT

The Prostitution Regulation Act is amended by inserting after section 47 the following:

"47A. MINISTER MAY APPEAR AND BE HEARD

"Notwithstanding sections 38 and 40, the Minister may -  $% \left[ {{\left[ {{{\rm{T}}_{\rm{T}}} \right]}_{\rm{T}}} \right]$ 

- (a) appear and be heard in a matter before the Board;
- (b) appear and be heard in a matter before the Tribunal; or
- (c) be a party to an appeal to the Supreme Court.".
- 14. AMENDMENT OF SEXUAL OFFENCES (EVIDENCE AND PROCEDURE) AMENDMENT ACT 1994

(1) Section 4(a) of the Sexual Offences (Evidence and Procedure) Amendment Act 1994 is amended by omitting from the definition of "sexual offence" the words "192 or" and substituting "192, 192B or".

(2) The amendment effected by this section shall be deemed to have come into operation on the commencement of the Evidence Amendment Act (No. 2) 1994.

15. AMENDMENT OF STOCK DISEASES AMENDMENT ACT 1994

(1) The Stock Diseases Amendment Act 1994 is in this section referred to as the Principal Act.

(2) Section 3 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following substituted:

"3. DEFINITIONS

"Section 5 of the Stock Diseases Act is amended -

- (a) by omitting the definition of 'fittings' and substituting the following:
- '"equipment" means any object that is used, or has been used, in stock husbandry or which has, or is likely to have, come into contact with stock;'; and
- (b) by inserting in the definition of 'stock', after the word 'poultry', the words 'buffalo, deer, rabbits, bees,'.".
- (3) Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended -
- (a) by omitting from paragraph (f) "or class;'; and" and substituting "or class.'."; and
- (b) by omitting "(g)" and substituting "(b)".

(4) Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting "34." and substituting "34B.".

(5) The Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by adding, at the end, the following:

"Section 47(1) 'fittings' 'equipment'".

(6) The amendments effected by this section shall be deemed to have come into operation on the commencement of the Principal Act.

16. REVISION OF OTHER ACTS

The provisions of the Acts specified in the Schedule are amended as provided for in the Schedule.

# SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS OF ACTS

Section 16

Provision	Amendment		
	omit	substitute	
Agents Licensing Act			
Section 7(6)	"vacant"	"vacant or will become vacant"	
Bail Act			
Section 24(1)(d)	"Division 8 of Part IV of the <i>Justices</i> Act"	"the Domestic Violence Act"	
Building Act			
Section 163(2)	"justice" (twice occurring)	"Justice"	
Section 163(3)	"120(3) to (6)"	"120B(4) to (8)"	
	"subregulation"	"subsection"	
Business Franchise Act			
Section 36B (second occurring)	"36B."	"36BA."	
Classification of Publications and Films Amendment Act 1994			
Schedule	"Sections 30, 32, 34A, 34C, 34CD, 49, 56B and 56C"	"Sections 30, 32, 34A, 34C, 34D, 49, 56B and 56C"	
Coroners Act			
Section 42(3)	"subsection (1)"	"subsection (2)"	
Crown Lands Act			
Section 108(1)	"permits"	"leases, permits"	

Electrical Workers and Contractors Act Section 4 "has the same meaning "means an employee - definition of as in the *Electricity* within the meaning "employee" Act" of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act" Sections 17(2), "the Authority" "the Minister" 17A(1), 17A(2)and 17C(e) Fire Service Act Section 4 - definition of "section 6" "section 8" "Director" Firearms Act Sections 3(1) - definitions of the whole definition "community government area" and "community government council" Section 3(2) "or ammunition" Section 10(4) "shooter's licence or collector's" Section 10(5) "A company" "A person" Section 34(1) "possess" "only possess" Section 63(2) "The Minister" "The Minister primarily responsible for the administration of the Crown Lands Act" Jurisdiction of Courts (Crossvesting) Act Section 3 - definition of "the Northern "the Australian "State" Territory" Capital Territory, the Northern Territory" - definition of "the Northern "the Australian "Territory" Territory" Capital Territory or the Northern Territory"

Mining Act Section 6 "Public Service Act" "Public Sector Employment and Management Act" Motor Accident (Compensation) Act "Safety Rehabilitation Section 10(b) "Commonwealth Employees' Rehabil and Compensation itation and Compen-Act 1988" sation Act 1988" Motor Vehicles Act Section 35(5) "section 107" "section 33 or 34 of the Traffic Act" Section 105 the whole section Museum and Art Galleries Amendment Act 1994 Section 6 "section 3" "section 4" Parole of Prisoners Act Section 5(9A) "the constable named "a constable" in the warrant" Power and Water Authority Amendment Act 1994 Schedule "section 11(2)" "section 11(3)" Racing and . Betting Act Section 18(2)(d)"lotteries, soccer football pools," Racing and Betting Amendment Act 1993 Section 9 "15" "16" Stamp Duty Amendment Act 1991 . Section 5(m) "5%" "5% (twice occurring) "

Territory Insurance Office Act 1 Section 12(3) "member" "members" Section 20(1) "Public Service "Public Sector Act" Employment and Management Act" Section 20(2) "a prescribed "an Agency" authority within the meaning of the Public Service Act" Trade Measurement Act Section 6(3) the whole subsection Traffic Act "specify the Section 11(3)(c)"specify the sections, if any, provisions, if any, of the Act" of this Act" Traffic Amendment Act 1994 Section 4 - section 20A(1)(b) "other than section "other than one to 19(3)(a)(i)" which section 19(3)(a)(i) applies" Section 6 - section 39(1)(e) "against section "against section 19(2) to which section 19(3)(a)(ii) or (b)" 19(3)(a)(ii) or (b) . applies" - section 39(1)(f) "section 19(1) or "section 19(1) or (2)" (3)" n. Totalizator Administration and Betting Act Section 4 - definitions of the whole definition "Chairman", "deputy", "lottery" and "member" - definition of "Lotteries and Gaming "Gaming Control Act" "lawful lottery" Act"

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Trustee Act					
Sections 45, 46, 65, 71, 77 and 79	the whole section				
Trustee Amendment Act (No. 2) 1994					
Section 5	"50A"	"50AA"			
Unit Titles Act					
Section 26G	"unconditional approval under section 112"	"unconditional consent under section 52"			
Sections 26Q(3)(c) and 26W(2)(b)	"an development"	"a development"			
Water Act					
Section 8(1) and (2)	"municipal council" (second occurring)				
Work Health Act					
Section 85(4)	"date of"	"date the"			