



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 56 of 1992

AN ACT

to amend the *Police Administration Act*

[Assented to 24 September 1992]

BE 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 *Police Administration Amendment Act (No. 3) 1992*.

2. COMMENCEMENT

This Act shall come into operation on the commencement of the *Firearms Act 1992*.

3. USE OF REASONABLE FORCE

Section 120D of the *Police Administration Act* is amended by omitting "section 120C" and substituting "section 120C or 126(2AA)".

4. POWER TO ENTER TO MAKE ARREST OR PRESERVE PEACE

Section 126 of the *Police Administration Act* is amended by inserting after subsection (2A) the following:

"(2AA) A member of the Police Force may, having entered premises or a vehicle or vessel in pursuance of subsection (2A), search the premises, vehicle or vessel for firearms or offensive weapons if the member believes, on reasonable grounds, that -

- (a) a firearm or offensive weapon is located on or in the premises, vehicle or vessel; and
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- (b) to leave it on or in the premises, vehicle or vessel could place a person in imminent danger of suffering personal injury or an aggravation of personal injury already received,

and may seize any firearm, offensive weapon or similar article found as the result of the search.

"(2AB) A firearm seized under subsection (2AA) shall be dealt with in accordance with the *Firearms Act*.

"(2AC) In this section -

'firearm' has the same meaning as it has in the *Firearms Act*;

'offensive weapon' has the same meaning as it has in the Criminal Code."
