

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 5 of 1990

AN ACT

to amend the Summary Offences Act

[Assented to 2 April 1990]

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 Summary Offences Amendment Act 1990.

2. REPEAL AND SUBSTITUTION

The Summary Offences Act is amended by repealing section 61 and substituting the following:

"61. PERSONS SUSPECTED OF HAVING STOLEN GOODS

- "(1) In this section -
- 'personal property' includes money in cash or cheque form, or deposited in a bank account, credit union account, building society account or other account;
- 'premises' includes a structure, building, vehicle, vessel, aircraft, hovercraft, land or place.
- "(2) A person who -
- (a) has in that person's custody any personal property;
- (b) has in the custody of another person any personal property;

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- (c) has in or on any premises any personal property; or
- (d) gives any personal property to a person who is not lawfully entitled to it,

being personal property which, at any time before the making of a charge for an offence against this section in respect of the personal property, is reasonably suspected of having been stolen or otherwise unlawfully obtained, is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: \$2,000 or imprisonment for 12 months.

"(3) It is a defence to a charge for an offence against subsection (2) if the defendant gives to the court a satisfactory account as to how the defendant obtained the personal property referred to in the charge.".