

## NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 6 of 1989

# AN ACT

## to amend the Police Administration Act

[Assented to 28 March 1989]

**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 Police Administration Amendment Act 1989.

#### 2. COMMENCEMENT

This Act shall come into operation on the commencement of the Justices Amendment Act 1989.

### 3. POWER TO ENTER TO MAKE ARREST OR PRESERVE PEACE

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

- "(2A) A member of the Police Force may enter any premises, vehicle or vessel if he believes, on reasonable grounds, that -
  - (a) a person on or in the premises, vehicle or vessel has suffered, is suffering or is in imminent danger of suffering personal injury at the hands of another person; or
  - (b) a contravention of an order under Division 8 of Part IV of the <u>Justices Act</u> has occurred, is occurring or is about to occur on or in the premises, vehicle or vessel,

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and remain on or in the premises, vehicle or vessel for such period, and take such reasonable actions, as the member considers necessary -

- (c) to verify the grounds of the member's belief;
- (d) to ensure that, in the member's opinion, the danger no longer exists;
- (e) to prevent a breach of the peace or a contravention of the order; or
- (f) where a person on or in the premises, vehicle or vessel has suffered personal injury, to give or arrange such assistance to that person as is reasonable in the circumstances.
- "(2B) In subsection (2A) 'premises' includes land any building or structure on land.".