



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 1 of 1988

AN ACT

to amend the *Interpretation Act*

[Assented to 21 March 1988]

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 *Interpretation Amendment Act 1988*.

2. COMMENCEMENT OF ACTS

Section 6 of the *Interpretation Act* is amended -

(a) by omitting from subsection (1) "assent is given" and substituting "assent is declared"; and

(b) by omitting subsection (3) and substituting the following:

"(3) Notwithstanding that an Act is expressed to come into operation -

(a) on a particular day or date or progressively on a number of different days or dates;

(b) on a date to be fixed by an instrument of a legislative or administrative character; or

(c) on the happening of a particular event,

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its long title and short title, and the provision so providing for the commencement of the Act, comes into operation on the day on which the Administrator's assent to the Act is declared or, where the Act is reserved for the signification of the pleasure of the Governor-General, on the day on which the notification that the Governor-General has assented to the Act is published in the Gazette.

"(4) A reference in general terms in an Act or an instrument of a legislative or administrative character to the commencement or the day or date of commencement of an Act is a reference to the commencement of the last provision of the Act remaining to be commenced, or the day or date on which that provision was commenced, as the case may be."
