



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 20 of 1984

AN ACT

To amend the *Evidence Act*

[Assented to 12 July 1984]

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 *Evidence Amendment Act 1984*.

2. COMMENCEMENT

This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Administrator by notice in the *Gazette*.

3. NEW SECTION

The *Evidence Act* is amended by inserting after section 26K the following:

"26L. DETERMINATION OF ADMISSIBILITY BEFORE JURY
EMPANELLED

"A court dealing with a matter on indictment may, if it thinks fit, hear and determine, before the jury is empanelled, any question relating to the admissibility of evidence and any question of law affecting the conduct of the trial."