

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 25 of 1979

AN ACT

To amend the Criminal Law Consolidation Act

[Assented to 27 March 1979]

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. This Act may be cited as the Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1979.

Short title

2. The Criminal Law Consolidation Act is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

Principal Act

3. Section 213 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted:

"213. Whosoever shall, by any false pretence, obtain or attempt to obtain from any other person any chattel, money, valuable security, credit, benefit or advantage or discharge or attempt to discharge any debt or liability, with intent to defraud, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding 4 years, with hard labour: Provided that if, upon the trial of any person indicted for such misdemeanor, it shall be proved that he obtained any property in question in such manner as to amount in law to larceny, he shall not by reason thereof be entitled to be acquitted of such misdemeanor; and no person tried for such misdemeanor shall be liable to be afterwards prosecuted for larceny upon the same facts: Provided also, that it shall be sufficient in any information for obtaining or attempting to obtain any chattel, money, valuable security, credit, benefit or advantage or for discharging or attempting to discharge any debt or liability by false pretences to allege that the party accused did the act with intent to defraud, without alleging an intent to defraud any particular person, and without alleging any ownership of any property in question; and on the trial of any such information it shall not be necessary to prove an intent to defraud any particular person, but it shall be sufficient to prove that the party accused did the act charged with an intent to defraud."

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