

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 95 of 1979

AN ACT

To amend the Electrical Workers and
Contractors Act

[Assented to 10 August 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 Electrical Workers and Contractors Act 1979.

Short title

2. The Electrical Workers and Contractors Act is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

Principal Act

3. The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 6 the following sections:

"6A.(1) The Board -

Status of the
Board

(a) is a body corporate with perpetual succession;

(b) shall have a common seal;

(c) may sue and be sued in its corporate name;
and

(d) is capable of acquiring, holding and disposing
of real and personal property.

"(2) All courts, judges and persons acting judicially shall take judicial notice of the common seal of the Board affixed to a document and shall presume that it was duly affixed.

"6B. No action or proceeding, civil or criminal, shall lie against the Chairman or a member of the Board for or in respect of an act or thing done or omitted to be done in good faith by him in his capacity as the Chairman or a member."

Actions against
members of
Board

4. The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 54 the following section:

"54A. A person, body or association of persons shall not employ or engage any person to carry out

Offence to
employ

Electrical Workers and Contractors

unlicensed
person

any electrical wiring work unless the person employed or engaged to perform that work is the holder of a licence or permit issued under this Act authorizing him to carry out that work.

Penalty: \$1,000 or imprisonment for 12 months."

Production
of licence

5. Section 55 of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:

"(2) A person referred to in sub-section (1), having been required to do so by an inspector, shall not -

- (a) refuse to state whether he has a licence to carry out that work or refuse to produce a licence, issued to him under this Act, that he does possess; or
- (b) falsely state that he has a licence to carry out that work.

Penalty: \$200 or imprisonment for 3 months."
