

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
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AN ACT

to amend the *Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Act*

[Assented to 21 June 1989]

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 *Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Amendment Act 1989*.

2. NEW SECTIONS

The *Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Act* is amended by inserting after section 64 the following:

"64A. INSTRUMENTS USED IN ADMINISTERING PROHIBITED DRUGS OR SCHEDULE 8 SUBSTANCES

"(1) Notwithstanding section 12 of the Criminal Code, a prescribed person shall not be deemed to have taken part in committing an offence against section 64 of this Act by reason only of having supplied a hypodermic syringe or needle to another person.

"(2) The Minister may, by notice in the *Gazette*, prescribe persons for the purposes of subsection (1).

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"64B. DISPOSAL OF INSTRUMENTS

"(1) A person in possession of a hypodermic syringe or needle who fails to use reasonable care or take reasonable precautions with it so as to avoid danger to the life, safety or health of another person is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: \$2,000 or imprisonment for 2 years.

"(2) A person in possession of a hypodermic syringe or needle that has been used in the unlawful administration of a prohibited drug or Schedule 8 substance who fails to dispose of the syringe or needle, or store the syringe or needle for disposal, in the manner specified under subsection (3) by the Chief Medical Officer is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: \$2,000 or imprisonment for 2 years.

"(3) The Chief Medical Officer may, by notice in the *Gazette*, specify the manner in which hypodermic syringes and needles that have been used in the unlawful administration of a prohibited drug or Schedule 8 substance shall be disposed of or stored for disposal."
