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Penalties
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NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

PENALTIES BILL 1998

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NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

A BILL for AN ACT

to provide for monetary penalties for offences to be expressed as penalty units

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 *Penalties Act 1998*.

2. COMMENCEMENT

This Act comes into operation on the date fixed by the Administrator by notice in the *Gazette*.

3. PENALTY UNITS

(1) A reference to a penalty for an offence against a provision of an Act expressed as a number of penalty units (whether fractional or whole) is to be read as a reference to an amount of money equal to the amount obtained by multiplying \$100 by the number of penalty units.

(2) In its application to an Act, subsection (1) yields to a contrary intention in the Act.

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4. EFFECT OF CHANGING AMOUNT OF PENALTY UNIT

If the amount prescribed by section 3 is changed, the new amount applies in calculating the amount of each penalty unit for an offence against a provision of an Act only in respect of an offence committed after the commencement of the provision effecting the change.
