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Criminal Code Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2004  
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for  
AN ACT**

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# NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. of 2004

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[Assented to 2004]  
[Second reading 2004]

**The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:**

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Criminal Code Amendment Act 2004*.

**2. Commencement**

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

**3. Principal Act amended**

This Act amends the Criminal Code.

**4. Amendment of section 31 (Unwilled act etc. and accident)**

Section 31(3) –

*omit*

the offences defined by Division 2 of Part VI

*substitute*

a crime defined by section 154 or 155

**5. Repeal and substitution of Part VI, Division 2 heading**

Part VI, Division 2 heading –

*repeal, substitute*

***Division 2 – Dangerous acts and omissions and provision of rescue, medical treatment and other aid***

**6. New section 155A**

After section 155 in Part VI, Division 2 –

*insert*

**155A. Assault, obstruction etc. of persons providing rescue, medical treatment or other aid**

(1) A person who unlawfully assaults, obstructs or hinders another person –

- (a) who is providing rescue, resuscitation, medical treatment, first aid or succour of any kind to a third person;
- (b) who is taking action to prevent injury or further injury to a third person who is in immediate risk of injury or further injury; or
- (c) who is taking action to prevent damage or further damage to property that is in immediate risk of damage or further damage,

is guilty of a crime and is liable to imprisonment for 5 years.

(2) If the person thereby endangers the life of or causes bodily harm to the third person, the person is liable to imprisonment for 7 years.