

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

A BILL for AN ACT

to amend the Criminal Code

B^E 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 Criminal Code Amendment Act (No. 3) 1996.

2. COMMENCEMENT

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

3. INCAPACITY OF JUROR

Section 373(1) of the Criminal Code is omitted and the following substituted:

- "(1) If at any time during the trial -
- (a) a juror dies; or

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- (b) the court is of the opinion that -
 - (i) the juror is not indifferent as between the Crown and the accused person; or
 - (ii) by reason of any matter of urgency or importance a juror should be discharged from further attendance,

the court may, in its discretion -

- (c) discharge the jury; or
- (d) discharge the juror and direct that the trial shall proceed with the remaining jurors.".