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Bail Amendment (Serious Sexual Offences) Bill 2006

Mrs Braham

**A BILL
for
AN ACT**

to amend the *Bail Act*



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Act No. [] of 2006

AN ACT

to amend the *Bail Act*

[Assented to [] 2006]
[Second reading [] 2006]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Bail Amendment (Serious Sexual Offences) Act 2006*.

2. Act amended

This Act amends the *Bail Act*.

3. Amendment of section 3 (Interpretation)

Section 3(1)

insert (in alphabetical order)

"serious sexual offence" means an offence against section 127, 128, 130, 131A, 132, 134, 192 or 192B of the Criminal Code;

4. Amendment of section 7A (Presumption against bail for certain offences)

(1) After section 7A(1)(da)

insert

(db) a serious sexual offence;

(2) Section 7A(1)(e), after "murder"

insert

or a serious sexual offence

5. Amendment of section 8 (Presumption in favour of bail for certain offences)

Section 8(1)(aa)

omit

181, 192(3), (4), (6), (7) or (8)

substitute

181

6. New Part

After section 54

insert

**PART X – TRANSITIONAL MATTERS FOR *BAIL AMENDMENT
(SERIOUS SEXUAL OFFENCES) ACT 2006***

55. Application of Act to serious sexual offences

(1) Sections 7A and 8 apply in relation to the granting of bail to a person accused of committing a serious sexual offence even if the offence is alleged to have been committed before the commencement of the *Bail Amendment (Serious Sexual Offences) Act 2006*.

(2) Subsection (1) does not affect a determination relating to bail for such an accused person made before the commencement of the *Bail Amendment (Serious Sexual Offences) Act 2006*.