

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

A BILL for AN ACT

to amend the Evidence Act

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 Evidence Amendment Act 1993.

2. COMMENCEMENT

This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Administrator by notice in the Gazette.

REPEAL AND SUBSTITUTION

Section 9C of the *Evidence Act* is repealed and the following substituted:

"9C. PARTICULAR FORM OF CORROBORATION WARNING NOT TO BE GIVEN

"On the trial of a person for an offence in which evidence is given by a child, the Judge is not to warn the jury, or suggest to the jury in any way, that it is unsafe to convict on the uncorroborated evidence of that child because children are classified by the law as unreliable witnesses.".