



Serial 231
Juvenile Justice
Amendment
Mr Poole

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

A BILL for AN ACT

to amend the *Juvenile Justice 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 *Juvenile Justice Amendment Act 1993*.

2. NEW SECTION

The *Juvenile Justice Act* is amended by inserting after section 70, in Part VII, the following:

"70A. DETAINEE MAY BE TESTED FOR DRUGS, &c.

"(1) The superintendent of a detention centre may, for the purposes of the management, good order or security of the detention centre, direct that tests be carried out under this section to determine whether there is any drug or alcohol present in the bodies of detainees.

"(2) Where a direction is given under subsection (1), a detainee shall submit to the taking of such quantity of the detainee's blood, breath or urine by a person authorised under subsection (3) as is reasonably necessary for the purpose of determining whether there is present in the detainee's body any drug or alcohol.

"(3) For the purpose of subsection (2), but subject to subsection (4), the Director may authorise a person to take samples of a detainee's blood, breath or urine for the purpose of determining whether there is present in the detainee's body any drug or alcohol.

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"(4) A person shall not be authorised under subsection (3) to take samples of a detainee's blood unless the person is a medical practitioner or registered under the *Nursing Act*.

"(5) A person authorised under subsection (3) may, for the purposes of subsection (2), use such force on a detainee as is reasonably necessary to ensure that the quantity of the detainee's blood, breath or urine is taken and no action, civil or criminal, shall be commenced or lie against the person in relation to the person's exercise of the power."
