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Correctional Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
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A Bill for an Act to amend the *Correctional Services Act 2014* and the
Correctional Services Regulations 2014

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT ACT 2025

Act No. [] of 2025

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Act No. [] of 2025

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An Act to amend the *Correctional Services Act 2014* and the *Correctional Services Regulations 2014*

[Assented to [] 2025]
[Introduced [] 2025]

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

Part 1 Preliminary matters

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Correctional Services Legislation Amendment Act 2025*.

15 2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day after the day on which the Administrator's assent to this Act is declared.

Part 2 Amendment of correctional services legislation

Division 1 Correctional Services Act 2014

20 3 Act amended

This Division amends the *Correctional Services Act 2014*.

4 Section 4 amended (Definitions)

Section 4

insert

5 ***special correctional officer*** means a special correctional officer appointed under section 25B.

special correctional services officer, for Part 2.2, Division 4, see section 25A.

special probation and parole officer means a special probation and parole officer appointed under section 25C.

10 **5 Section 16 amended (Correctional services officers)**

(1) Section 16(e)

omit

officer.

insert

15 officer;

(2) After section 16(e)

insert

(f) a special correctional officer;

(g) a special probation and parole officer.

20 **6 Part 2.2, Division 4 inserted**

After section 25

insert

Division 4 Special correctional services officers

25A Special correctional services officer

25 For this Division, each of the following is a ***special correctional services officer***:

(a) a special correctional officer;

(b) a special probation and parole officer.

25B Special correctional officers

- 5 (1) The Commissioner may appoint a person to be a special correctional officer if the Commissioner is satisfied the person has the qualifications, skills or experience to properly perform the functions of a special correctional officer.
- (2) A special correctional officer may exercise the powers and perform the functions of a correctional officer under this or any another Act, subject to any conditions, limitations or qualifications decided by the Commissioner.
- 10 (3) A special correctional officer is not a public sector employee by virtue of the officer's appointment as a special correctional officer.

25C Special probation and parole officers

- 15 (1) The Commissioner may appoint a person to be a special probation and parole officer if the Commissioner is satisfied the person has the qualifications, skills or experience to properly perform the functions of a special probation and parole officer.
- (2) A special probation and parole officer may exercise the powers and perform the functions of a probation and parole officer under this or any other Act, subject to any conditions, limitations or qualifications decided by the Commissioner.
- 20 (3) A special probation and parole officer is not a public sector employee by virtue of the officer's appointment as a special probation and parole officer.

25D Termination of appointment of special correctional services officer

- 25 The Commissioner may, at any time, terminate the appointment of a special correctional services officer.

25E Evidence of appointment

- 30 The Commissioner must issue each special correctional services officer with evidence of the person's appointment as a special correctional services officer.

Division 2 Correctional Services Regulations 2014

7 Regulations amended

This Division amends the *Correctional Services Regulations 2014*.

8 Regulation 19 amended (Evidentiary certificates)

After regulation 19(2)(a)(iv)

insert

(iva) a special correctional officer;

(ivb) a special probation and parole officer;

9 Regulation 24 amended (Oath of office)

Regulation 24(1)

omit, insert

(1) Each of the following must take an oath of office before performing any of the functions of the office:

(a) the Commissioner;

(b) the General Manager of a custodial correctional facility;

(c) a correctional officer;

(d) a special correctional officer.

10 Schedule 1 amended (Misconduct)

Schedule 1, item 16, after "officers"

insert

or special correctional officers

Part 3 Repeal

11 Repeal of Act

This Act is repealed on the day after it commences.