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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

**GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT TO  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

**CIRCULATED BY AUTHORITY OF**

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**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998**

Amendment to be moved by the Attorney-General

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The amendment amends Clause 20 of the Domestic Violence (Amendment) Bill 1998 (the Bill) dealing with the penalty provision, to omit the words "not exceeding 6 months, or both" and to substitute "not exceeding in the case of a first offence - 2 years or in any other case - 5 years or both a fine and imprisonment". This amendment overcomes a drafting error made in the Bill which modified the current penalty provision in the *Domestic Violence Act 1986* for a breach of a protection order by inserting an old penalty for this offence.

The proposed amendment is intended to rectify the drafting error and to ensure that the current penalty which applies for the breach of a protection order is retained.