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**CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL (No <sup>2</sup> ~~1~~) 1995**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

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#### OUTLINE

This Bill amends the *Crimes Act 1900* so that there is a summary form of 3 existing indictable offences

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Bill will have no financial impact on Australian Capital Territory expenditure.

#### NOTES ON CLAUSES

##### *Clause 1: Short Title*

This is a formal clause providing for the citation of the legislation as the *Crimes (Amendment) Act (No 3) 1995*.

##### *Clause 2: Commencement*

This clause provides that the substantive provisions of the Act come into force on a day which the Minister fixes by a notice in the Gazette. If no notice is gazetted within six months of the Act being made, the whole Act comes into effect automatically.

##### *Clause 3: Principal Act*

This clause identifies the Principal Act as the *Crimes Act 1900*.

##### *Clause 4*

This clause inserts section 99A which creates a new summary offence of minor theft where the value of the property does not exceed \$1,000. The indictable offence is at section 99 and carries a penalty of imprisonment for 10 years.

##### *Clause 5*

This clause amends section 107 to create a new summary offence of making off without payment where the value of the property does not exceed \$1,000. The indictable offence of making off without payment (section 107(1)) carries a penalty of imprisonment for 2 years

##### *Clause 6:*

This clause amends section 128 to create a new summary offence of destroying or damaging property where the value of the property does not exceed \$1,000. The 3 indictable offences at section 128 carry penalties of imprisonment for 10, 15 and 20 years