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**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
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STATUTE LAW REVISION (PENALTIES) BILL 1993

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Amendments to be moved on behalf of the Government

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STATUTE LAW REVISION (PENALTIES) BILL 1993

The Statute Law Revision (Penalties) Bill 1993 gives effect to the outcome of the first stage of the review of penalties in Territory statutes. This review is being conducted on the basis of review principles and penalty scales approved by the Government. These principles and scales are set out at the end of the Explanatory Memorandum for the Bill.

On 24 February 1994, the Legislative Assembly resolved that the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs for inquiry and report. The Standing Committee made 12 recommendations, 9 of them suggesting changes to proposed penalties in the Bill. The Government agreed to 6 of the recommendations. Amendments to the proposed penalties in the Bill are therefore necessary.

The Government amendments will provide for the necessary changes. Also, they provide for changes to proposed penalties in the Bill arising from (i) re-consideration of certain proposed penalties by the Attorney-General's Department, (ii) consequential amendments made necessary because of amendments made to Acts since the Bill was first drafted, and (iii) correction of errors and omissions.

The amendments change the schedule to the Bill in relation to the following Acts:

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1989, Air Pollution Act 1984, Chiropractors Registration Act 1983 (now titled the Chiropractors and Osteopaths Act 1983), Collections Act 1959, Coroners Act 1956, Dog Control Act 1975, Electricity Act 1971, Evidence Act 1971, Fishing Act 1967, Gaming Machine Act 1987, Hawkers Act 1936, Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991, Legal Practitioners Act 1970, Magistrates Court Act 1930, Medical Practitioners Act 1930, Nature Conservation Act 1980, Nurses Act 1988, Occupational Health and Safety Act 1989, Optometrists Act 1956, Pharmacy Act 1931, Physiotherapists Registration Act 1977, Stamp Duties and Taxes Act 1987, Stock Diseases Act 1933, Taxation (Administration) Act 1987, Trading Stamps Act 1972, Veterinary Surgeons Act 1965 and Weapons Act 1991.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

Nil