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## A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Drugs of Dependence Act 1989*

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The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

1 **1 Name of Act**

2 This Act is the *Drugs of Dependence Amendment Act 2003*.

3 **2 Commencement**

4 This Act commences on the day after its notification day.

5 *Note* The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on  
6 the notification day (see Legislation Act, s 75 (1)).

7 **3 Act amended**

8 This Act amends the *Drugs of Dependence Act 1989*.

9 **4 Cultivation of prohibited plants**  
10 **Section 162 (2), penalty, paragraph (a)**

11 *substitute*

12 (a) if not more than 5 cannabis plants are cultivated—1 penalty  
13 unit for each cannabis plant cultivated; or

14 **5 Prohibited substances—possession, administration and**  
15 **disposal**  
16 **Section 171 (1), penalty, paragraph (a)**

17 *substitute*

18 (a) if not more than 25g of cannabis is possessed—2 penalty units;  
19 or

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**6      Offence notices**  
**Section 171A (3) (c)**

*omit*

60 days

*substitute*

28 days

**7      Section 171A (8)**

*substitute*

(8) The prescribed penalty for a simple cannabis offence is—

(a) for an offence against section 162 (2) of cultivating, or participating in the cultivation of, not more than 5 cannabis plants—\$100 for each cannabis plant cultivated; and

(b) for any other simple cannabis offence—\$200.

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**Endnote**

**Republications of amended laws**

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