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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2000
(Private Member's Bill)**

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Amendments to be moved on behalf of the Government

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Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum

OUTLINE

Proposed section 497 of the Crimes Amendment Bill 2000 provides for an obligation of a retail seller of knives to erect a sign in relation to the prohibition of sale of knives to minors. An amendment to be moved by the Government to the Bill will enable regulations to be made under it to provide exceptions to the obligation.

NOTE ON CLAUSE 4 - Proposed new subsection 497(5)

Clause 4 inserts a new subsection 497(5) that is to enable regulations to be made to exclude from the obligation to erect a proposed sign a person, or a knife, of a kind specified in, or ascertained in accordance with, the regulations. The definition of "knife" in the *Crimes Act 1900* may be broader than desirable for the purposes of proposed section 497. Where it is likely that the obligation to erect a sign may result in an inappropriate application regulations may be made under proposed subsection 497(5) to prevent that effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

Nil.