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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

(As presented)

(Attorney-General)

**Children's Services (Amendment) Bill
(No. 2) 1997**

A BILL

FOR

An Act to amend the *Children's Services Act 1986*

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

Short title

5 1. This Act may be cited as the *Children's Services (Amendment) Act (No. 2) 1997*.

Commencement

2. (1) Section 1 and this section commence on the day on which this Act is notified in the *Gazette*.

10 (2) The remaining provisions commence on the day on which the *Magistrates Court (Amendment) Act (No. 2) 1997*, other than sections 1 and 2, commences.

Principal Act

3. In this Act, "Principal Act" means the *Children's Services Act 1986*.¹

Fines and like orders

5 4. Section 52 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) In this section—

10 ‘fine’ has the same meaning as in Division 2 of Part IX of the *Magistrates Court Act 1930*.”;

(b) by omitting from subsection (3) all the words from and including “by order—” and substituting “by order, allow time for the payment of the fine.”; and

(c) by omitting subsection (4).

15 **Breach of certain orders for reparation or compensation**

5. Section 53 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from subsection (1) all the words before “the Court” (first occurring) and substituting:

“Where—

20 (a) an order is made under paragraph 47 (1) (f) in favour of a person other than the Territory; and

(b) the child in respect of whom the order is made fails to obey the order;”.

Enforcement of payment of fines etc.

25 6. Section 54 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) In this section—

30 ‘fine’ and ‘outstanding fine’ have the same respective meanings as in Division 2 of Part IX of the *Magistrates Court Act 1930*.”;

(b) by omitting subsections (5) and (6) and substituting the following subsections:

“(5) The Registrar shall, by warrant, commit a child to an institution or State institution in a specified State or Territory if—

5 (a) the Registrar is satisfied that all reasonable action has been taken under Division 2 of Part IX of the *Magistrates Court Act 1930* to secure payment of an outstanding fine payable by a child and there is no reasonable likelihood of the fine being paid; and

(b) the outstanding fine has not been remitted under section 159 of the *Magistrates Court Act 1930*.

10 “(6) The period for which the child is to be committed to an institution or State institution shall be the lesser of—

(a) a period calculated at the rate of 1 day for each \$100, or part of \$100, of the outstanding fine; or

(b) 30 days.”.

15 **Application**

7. Section 54 of the Principal Act as amended by this Act applies only in relation to a fine imposed on or after the commencement of section 6.

NOTE

Principal Act

1. Reprinted as at 30 November 1996. See also Acts Nos. 41 and 85, 1997.