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The republished law

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Penalties

The value of a penalty unit for an offence against this republished law at the republication date is—

- (a) if the person charged is an individual—\$100; or
- (b) if the person charged is a corporation—\$500.



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An Act about the precincts of the Legislative Assembly

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Legislative Assembly Precincts Act 2001*.

3 Dictionary

The dictionary at the end of this Act is part of this Act.

Note 1 The dictionary at the end of this Act defines certain words and expressions used in this Act.

Note 2 A definition in the dictionary applies to the entire Act unless the definition, or another provision of the Act, provides otherwise or the contrary intention otherwise appears (see *Legislation Act 2001*, s 155 and s 156 (1)).

4 Notes

A note included in this Act is explanatory and is not part of this Act.

Note See Legislation Act 2001, s 127 (1), (4) and (5) for the legal status of notes.

4A Offences against Act—application of Criminal Code etc

Other legislation applies in relation to offences against this Act.

Note 1 Criminal Code

The Criminal Code, ch 2 applies to all offences against this Act (see Code, pt 2.1).

The chapter sets out the general principles of criminal responsibility (including burdens of proof and general defences), and defines terms used for offences to which the Code applies (eg *conduct*, *intention*, *recklessness* and *strict liability*).

Note 2 Penalty units

The Legislation Act, s 133 deals with the meaning of offence penalties that are expressed in penalty units.

5 Assembly precincts

- (1) The Assembly precincts consist of the land described in subsection (2) and all buildings, structures and works on, above or under any of that land.
- (2) The land within the Assembly precincts is—
 - (a) block 3, section 19, division of City, Canberra Central District; and
 - (b) that part of Civic Square under the public entrance canopy; and
 - (c) that part of section 19, division of City, Canberra Central District under the members' entrance canopy.

(3) In this section:

Assembly building means the building occupying block 3, section 19, division of City, Canberra Central District.

members' entrance canopy means the fixed canopy attached to the southern side of the Assembly building near the members' entrance.

public entrance canopy means the fixed canopy attached to the northern side of the Assembly building near the public entrance.

6 Premises included in Assembly precincts

- (1) This section applies to property that is leased to or managed by the Territory and is not within the Assembly precincts defined by section 5.
- (2) If the Speaker gives a written certificate that stated property is required for use by the Assembly, the regulations may declare that the property is to be treated as part of the Assembly precincts for this Act.

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7 Control and management of Assembly precincts

- (1) The Speaker is responsible for the control and management of the Assembly precincts and may take any action the Speaker considers necessary for those purposes.
- (2) The Assembly may, by resolution, give the Speaker directions about the exercise of the Speaker's functions under subsection (1).
- (3) If the Legislative Assembly gives a direction under subsection (2), the Speaker must comply with the direction.

8 Executive area

- (1) The Speaker's functions under section 7 must be exercised in relation to the Executive area in accordance with any limitations and conditions agreed in writing between the Speaker and the Chief Minister.
- (2) In this section:

Executive area means the area of the Assembly precincts reserved for the use of the Executive by a written agreement between the Speaker and the Chief Minister.

9 Removal of people

- (1) The Speaker may direct a person who is not a member—
 - (a) to leave the Assembly precincts; or
 - (b) not to enter the Assembly precincts.
- (2) The Speaker may arrange for the removal or exclusion from the Assembly precincts of a person given a direction under subsection (1) using any necessary and reasonable force and assistance.
- (3) The Speaker, or a person acting under the Speaker's direction, does not incur civil or criminal liability for an act or omission done honestly and without negligence under this section.

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- (4) A civil liability that would, apart from this section, attach to the Speaker, or a person acting under the direction of the Speaker, attaches instead to the Territory.
- (5) The Speaker may delegate the Speaker's functions under this section to—
 - (a) the sergeant-at-arms for the Assembly; or
 - (b) the principal attendant for the Assembly.

Note For the making of delegations and the exercise of delegated functions, see Legislation Act, pt 19.4.

10 Contravention of Speaker's direction

(1) A person must not engage in conduct that contravenes a direction by the Speaker under section 9 (1).

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units, imprisonment for 6 months or both.

(2) In this section:

engage in conduct means—

- (a) do an act; or
- (b) omit to do an act.

11 Application of Crimes Act, s 154

The *Crimes Act 1900*, section 154 (Additional offences on territory premises) applies to the Assembly precincts as if they were government premises within the meaning of that section.

12 Regulation-making power

The Executive may make regulations for this Act.

Note Regulations must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the Legislation Act 2001.

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Dictionary

(see s 3)

- Note 1 The Legislation Act 2001 contains definitions and other provisions relevant to this Act.
- Note 2 In particular, the *Legislation Act 2001*, dict, pt 1, defines the following terms:
 - contravene
 - Executive
 - Legislative Assembly
 - Speaker.

Assembly means the Legislative Assembly.

Assembly precincts means—

- (a) the precincts defined by section 5; and
- (b) any property to which section 6 applies.

Speaker includes the Deputy Speaker if—

- (a) the Speaker is absent from duty; or
- (b) there is a vacancy in the office of the Speaker.

Endnotes

1 About the endnotes

Amending and modifying laws are annotated in the legislation history and the amendment history. Current modifications are not included in the republished law but are set out in the endnotes.

Not all editorial amendments made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 are annotated in the amendment history. Full details of any amendments can be obtained from the Parliamentary Counsel's Office.

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If all the provisions of the law have been renumbered, a table of renumbered provisions gives details of previous and current numbering.

The endnotes also include a table of earlier republications.

2 Abbreviation key

am = amended amdt = amendment ch = chapter def = definition

dict = dictionary

disallowed = disallowed by the Legislative

Assembly

div = division exp = expires/expired Gaz = gazette hdg = heading IA = Interpretation Act 1967

ins = interpretation Act 196 ins = inserted/added LA = Legislation Act 2001 LR = legislation register

LRA = Legislation (Republication) Act 1996 mod = modified/modification

o = order

om = omitted/repealed

ord = ordinance orig = original

par = paragraph/subparagraph

pres = present prev = previous (prev...) = previously

pt = part r = rule/subrule renum = renumbered reloc = relocated R[X] = Republication No RI = reissue

s = section/subsection sch = schedule sdiv = subdivision sub = substituted SL = Subordinate Law

<u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced or to be expired

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3 Legislation history

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notified LR 24 September 2001 s 1, s 2 commenced 24 September 2001 (LA s 75) remainder commenced 24 March 2002 (s 2 and LA s 79)

as amended by

Statute Law Amendment Act 2002 A2002-30 pt 3.42

notified LR 16 September 2002 s 1, s 2 taken to have commenced 19 May 1997 (LA s 75 (2)) pt 3.42 commenced 17 September 2002 (s 2 (1))

Legislative Assembly Precincts Amendment Act 2002 A2002-53

notified LR 20 December 2002 s 1, s 2 commenced 20 December 2002 (LA s 75 (1)) remainder commenced 21 December 2002 (s 2)

Criminal Code (Administration of Justice Offences) Amendment Act 2005 A2005-53 sch 2 pt 2.3

notified LR 26 October 2005 s 1, s 2 commenced 26 October 2005 (LA s 75 (1)) sch 2 pt 2.3 commenced 23 November 2005 (s 2)

Criminal Code Harmonisation Act 2005 A2005-54 sch 1 pt 1.28

notified LR 27 October 2005 s 1, s 2 commenced 27 October 2005 (LA s 75 (1)) sch 1 pt 1.28 commenced 24 November 2005 (s 2)

4 Amendment history

Commencement

s 2 om LA s 89 (4)

Dictionary

s 3 sub A2002-30 amdt 3.574

defs reloc to dict A2002-30 amdt 3.573

Offences against Act—application of Criminal Code etc

s 4A ins A2005-54 amdt 1.206

Removal of people

s 9 am A2002-53 s 4

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s 10 sub A2005-54 amdt 1.207

Application of Crimes Act, s 154

s 11 sub A2005-53 amdt 2.24

Dictionary

dict ins A2002-30 amdt 3.575

def Assembly reloc from s 3 A2002-30 amdt 3.573

def Assembly precincts reloc from s 3 A2002-30 amdt 3.573

def **Speaker** reloc from s 3 A2002-30 amdt 3.573

5 Earlier republications

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| 2 | A2002-30 | 17 September 2002 |
| 3 | A2002-53 | 21 December 2002 |
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