

# Legislation (Penalty Units) Amendment Act 2009

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An Act to amend the Legislation Act 2001

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

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#### 1 Name of Act

This Act is the Legislation (Penalty Units) Amendment Act 2009.

#### 2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day after its notification day.

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

## 3 Legislation amended

This Act amends the Legislation Act 2001.

## Penalty units Section 133 (1)

substitute

- (1) In a law, if a penalty for an offence is expressed as a number (whether whole or fractional) of penalty units, the penalty for the offence is a fine of that number of penalty units.
- (1A) A penalty unit is—
  - (a) for an offence committed by an individual—\$110; or
  - (b) for an offence committed by a corporation—\$550.

#### Example

'Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.' means that a person who is convicted of the relevant offence is liable to a maximum fine of 10 penalty units.

- If the person is an individual, the maximum fine is, therefore, \$1 100 (\$110 x 10).
- If the person is a corporation, the maximum fine is, therefore, \$5 500 (\$550 x 10).
- *Note* An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see s 126 and s 132).

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# Endnotes

| 1 | Presentation speech   |
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|   | Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 20 August 2009.       |
| 2 | Notification  |
|   | Notified under the Legislation Act on 20 October 2009.                        |
| 3 | Republications of amended laws  |
|   | For the latest republication of amended laws, see www.legislation.act.gov.au. |
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I certify that the above is a true copy of the Legislation (Penalty Units) Amendment Bill 2009, which was passed by the Legislative Assembly on 13 October 2009.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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