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Penalties

At the republication date, the value of a penalty unit for an offence against this law is \$110 for an individual and \$550 for a corporation (see *Legislation Act 2001*, s 133).



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An Act to prohibit smoking in cars when children are present

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Smoking in Cars with Children (Prohibition) Act 2011*.

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 terms used in this Act, and includes references (*signpost definitions*) to other terms defined elsewhere.

For example, the signpost definition '*road*—see the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999*, dictionary.' means that the term 'road' is defined in that dictionary and the definition applies to this Act.

Note 2 A definition in the dictionary (including a signpost definition) 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](#), 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 the [Legislation Act](#), s 127 (1), (4) and (5) for the legal status of notes.

5 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.

6 Meaning of *smoke* and *smoking product*

- (1) For this Act, *smoke* means smoke from an ignited smoking product.
- (2) For this Act, a person *smokes* if the person—
 - (a) directly puffs smoke, whether or not the person uses a device for the inhalation of smoke by a smoker; or
 - (b) holds or has control over a smoking product while it is ignited.

Examples—devices—par (a)

- 1 a cigarette holder
- 2 a pipe (including a hookah, water pipe or bong)

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 [Legislation Act](#), s 126 and s 132).

- (3) For this Act, each of the following is a *smoking product*:
 - (a) a tobacco product;
 - (b) a herbal product;
 - (c) any other product that is designed for smoking.

7 Offence to smoke in a vehicle with a child

- (1) A person who is 16 years old, or older, commits an offence if—
- (a) the person smokes in a vehicle that is on a road or road related area; and
 - (b) a child is in the vehicle.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

Note **Child** means a person under 16 years old (see dict).

- (2) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.
- (3) In a prosecution for an offence against this section, evidence that a person in the vehicle appeared to be under 16 years old is proof that the person was under 16 years old, in the absence of evidence to the contrary.

Note The defendant has an evidential burden in relation to the matters mentioned in s (3) (see [Criminal Code](#), s 58).

8 Enforcement powers of police officers

- (1) If a police officer suspects on reasonable grounds that a person has committed an offence against section 7, the police officer may do 1 or more of the following:
- (a) require the driver of the vehicle to—
 - (i) stop the vehicle and produce the driver's driver licence; and
 - (ii) state the driver's name, date of birth and home address;
 - (b) require a person who is in the vehicle, and suspected of committing the offence, to—
 - (i) stop smoking; and
 - (ii) state the person's name, date of birth and home address;

- (c) require a person who is in the vehicle, and suspected of committing the offence, to produce an identification document if the person is carrying an identification document.
- (2) A person commits an offence if the person fails to comply with a requirement made of the person by a police officer under subsection (1) (a) or (b).

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

Note It is an offence to produce false or misleading documents (see [Criminal Code](#), s 339).

- (3) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.
- (4) In this section:

identification document, includes the following:

- (a) an Australian driver licence or foreign driver licence;
- (b) a proof of age card issued under the [Liquor Act 2010](#), section 210 (Proof of age cards), or a corresponding document issued under the law of a State;
- (c) a passport;
- (d) a student card;
- (e) a document that contains a photograph that could reasonably be taken to be the person and states the person's name and date of birth.

Dictionary

(see s 3)

Note 1 The [Legislation Act](#) contains definitions and other provisions relevant to this Act.

Note 2 For example, the [Legislation Act](#), dict, pt 1, defines the following terms:

- home address
- police officer
- proceeding.

child means a person who is under 16 years old.

driver—see the [Road Transport \(General\) Act 1999](#), dictionary.

driver licence means—

- (a) an Australian driver licence under the [Road Transport \(Driver Licensing\) Act 1999](#); or
- (b) an external driver licence under the [Road Transport \(Driver Licensing\) Act 1999](#).

herbal product—see the [Tobacco Act 1927](#), dictionary.

road—see the [Road Transport \(General\) Act 1999](#), dictionary.

road related area—see the [Road Transport \(General\) Act 1999](#), dictionary.

smoke—see section 6.

smoking product—see section 6.

tobacco product—see the [Tobacco Act 1927](#), dictionary.

vehicle—

- (a) means a motor vehicle under the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999*; but
- (b) does not include—
 - (i) a campervan that is parked and set up as a place for living or sleeping; or
 - (ii) a motorcycle.

Endnotes

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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.

Uncommenced amending laws are not included in the republished law. The details of these laws are underlined in the legislation history. Uncommenced expiries are underlined in the legislation history and amendment history.

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

A = Act	NI = Notifiable instrument
AF = Approved form	o = order
am = amended	om = omitted/repealed
amdt = amendment	ord = ordinance
AR = Assembly resolution	orig = original
ch = chapter	par = paragraph/subparagraph
CN = Commencement notice	pres = present
def = definition	prev = previous
DI = Disallowable instrument	(prev...) = previously
dict = dictionary	pt = part
disallowed = disallowed by the Legislative Assembly	r = rule/subrule
div = division	reloc = relocated
exp = expires/expired	renum = renumbered
Gaz = gazette	R[X] = Republication No
hdg = heading	RI = reissue
IA = Interpretation Act 1967	s = section/subsection
ins = inserted/added	sch = schedule
LA = Legislation Act 2001	sdiv = subdivision
LR = legislation register	SL = Subordinate law
LRA = Legislation (Republication) Act 1996	sub = substituted
mod = modified/modification	<u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced or to be expired

3 Legislation history**Smoking in Cars with Children (Prohibition) Act 2011 A2011-40**

notified LR 1 November 2011

s 1, s 2 commenced 1 November 2011 (LA s 75 (1))

remainder commenced 1 May 2012 (s 2 and LA s 79)

4 Amendment history**Commencement**

s 2 om LA s 89 (4)

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