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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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Presented, 28 June 1989

(Mr Stefaniak)

**Police Offences (Amendment) Bill 1989**

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**A BILL**

FOR

**An Act to amend the *Police Offences Act 1930***

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

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the *Police Offences (Amendment) Act 1989*.

5 **Principal Act**

2. In this Act, "Principal Act" means the *Police Offences Act 1930*.<sup>1</sup>

**Insertion**

3. After section 34 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted in Part III:

10 **Loitering**

"35. (1) A police officer may direct a person to cease loitering in a public place if the police officer has reasonable grounds for believing that—

(a) an offence against a law of the Territory has been, or is likely to be, committed in the vicinity by that person or by another person;

- (b) the movement of pedestrians or traffic is being, or is likely to be, obstructed by the presence in the vicinity of that person or of another person; or
- (c) the safety of that person, or of another person in the vicinity, is in jeopardy.

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“(2) A person shall not contravene a direction given in accordance with subsection (1).

Penalty: \$1,000 or imprisonment for 3 months.”

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#### NOTE

1. Ordinance No. 9, 1930 as amended by No. 10, 1934; No. 31, 1937; Nos. 7 and 10, 1939; No. 3, 1948; No. 12, 1953; No. 21, 1959; No. 1, 1961; No. 19, 1966; No. 3, 1967; No. 41, 1970; No. 35, 1975; No. 65, 1977; No. 46, 1978; No. 17, 1980; No. 56, 1983; No. 25, 1984; No. 67, 1985; No. 31, 1986.