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### **A Bill for**

An Act to amend the *Crimes Act 1900*

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

1 **1 Name of Act**

2 This Act is the *Crimes (Penalties) Amendment Act 2011*.

3 **2 Commencement**

4 This Act commences on the day after its notification day.

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

7 **3 Legislation amended**

8 This Act amends the *Crimes Act 1900*.

9 **4 Object of Act**

10 The object of this Act is to increase the maximum penalty applying  
11 to offences of manslaughter and culpable driving—

12 (a) based on—

13 (i) community standards and expectations about the  
14 appropriate penalty for each offence; and

15 (ii) the seriousness with which the offences are viewed by the  
16 Legislative Assembly; and

17 (b) to ensure the maximum penalty for each offence is similar to  
18 the maximum penalty for corresponding offences in other  
19 Australian jurisdictions.

20 **5 Manslaughter**  
21 **Section 15 (2)**

22 *omit*

23 20 years

24 *substitute*

25 25 years

1 **6 Section 15 (3)**

2 *omit*

3 26 years

4 *substitute*

5 30 years

6 **7 Culpable driving of motor vehicle**  
7 **Section 29 (2)**

8 *omit*

9 7 years

10 *substitute*

11 15 years

12 **8 Section 29 (3)**

13 *omit*

14 9 years

15 *substitute*

16 17 years

17 **9 Section 29 (4)**

18 *omit*

19 4 years

20 *substitute*

21 10 years

1 **10 Section 29 (5)**

2 *omit*

3 5 years

4 *substitute*

5 12 years

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**Endnotes**

**1 Presentation speech**

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 2011.

**2 Notification**

Notified under the Legislation Act on 2011.

**3 Republications of amended laws**

For the latest republication of amended laws, see [www.legislation.act.gov.au](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au).

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