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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

(As presented)

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Human Rights (Housing) Amendment Bill 2025

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Human Rights Act 2004*

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

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Human Rights (Housing) Amendment Act 2025*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the later of—

- (a) 1 January 2026; and
- (b) 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 *Human Rights Act 2004*.

4 New section 27D

in part 3A, insert

27D Right to housing

- (1) Everyone has the right to adequate housing.
- (2) Immediately realisable aspects of this right include the following:
 - (a) everyone is entitled to enjoy this right without discrimination;
 - (b) no-one may be unlawfully or arbitrarily evicted from their home;
 - (c) no-one may have an essential utility service to their home unlawfully or arbitrarily withdrawn.

5 New section 44*insert***44 Review of right to housing**

- (1) The Minister must review the operation of section 27D (Right to housing).
- (2) The Minister must present a report of the review to the Legislative Assembly as soon as practicable after the end of 5 years after the day this section commences.
- (3) This section expires 6 years after the day it commences.

**6 ICESCR source of human rights
Schedule 2, new item 3***insert*

3	27D	right to housing	11 (1)
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Endnotes

1 Presentation speech

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 10 April 2025.

2 Notification

Notified under the [Legislation Act](#) on 2025.

3 Republications of amended laws

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