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**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

LEGISLATION (PENALTY UNITS) AMENDMENT BILL 2009

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Outline

The Legislation (Penalty Units) Amendment Act 2009 (the Bill) amends the *Legislation Act 2001* to increase the value of penalty units that provide the basis for determining statutory fines.

The rates for penalty units have not been reviewed since 2001. The decision to increase the rates includes consideration of inflation and the associated rise in the cost of administering court imposed sanctions. It also brings the rate for penalty units applied to individuals into line with the Commonwealth and New South Wales.

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Detail

Clause 1 — Name of Act

This is a technical clause that names the short title of the Act

Clause 2— Commencement

This clause fixes the date for commencement of the Act.

Clause 3 – Legislation amended

This clause provides that the legislation being amended is the *Legislation Act 2001*.

Clause 4 – Legislation repealed

This clause increases the amounts defined for penalty units from \$100 to \$110 for individuals and from \$500 to \$550 for corporations.