

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Ordinance No.56,1983

POLICE OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1983

The purpose of this Ordinance is to repeal the Police Offences Ordinance insofar as it relates to subject matter other than prostitution and unlawful gambling, those two matters being the subject of a separate review. Such provisions as need to be retained are inserted into the Crimes Act, 1900 of New South Wales in its application to the Australian Capital Territory by the Crimes (Amendment) Ordinance (No. 3) 1983, a companion measure.

Sections 1 and 2 are the Short Title and formal provisions.

Section 3 amends section 5 of the principal Ordinance by omitting the definitions of "Boat", "Licensed premises" and "Misdemeanour" and by inserting sexually neutral expressions in the definition of "Brothel". Finally it repeals the existing definitions of "public place" or "place of public resort" and inserts new definitions of those terms couched in modern terms.

Section 4 repeals section 23 of the principal Ordinance with the exception of provisions creating offences with respect to prostitution and unlawful gambling.

Section 5 deletes from section 34 the regulation of places of public resort other than those used for gambling or prostitution.

Section 6 effects the remaining repeals from the principal Ordinance. A number of the sections to be repealed are to be re-inserted in modern terms in the Crimes Act, 1900 of New South Wales in its application.

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Authorised by the Attorney-General