

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

INTERPRETATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1980

31 of 1980

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Ordinance amends the Interpretation Ordinance 1967 of the Australian Capital Territory which deals with interpretation of Ordinances and instruments, such as rules, regulations and by-laws, made under Ordinances.

Sections 1 and 2 are the short title and commencement sections. The Ordinance is deemed to have commenced on 1 July 1980.

Section 3 amends section 12 of the Interpretation Ordinance 1967, by omitting sub-section (3) and substituting a new sub-section. Sub-section 12(3) at present provides that marginal notes and footnotes to an Ordinance do not form part of it. New sub-section 12(3) re-states that provision and extends it to endnotes to an Ordinance and headings to sections of an Ordinance.

The references to endnotes and section headings take account of new printing practices that are to be adopted for Ordinances of the Australian Capital Territory in which endnotes will be used for explanatory purposes and section headings will replace marginal notes as a brief description

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of the subject matter of a section. Similar practices were recently adopted for Commonwealth Acts. The new practices, and the commencement date of 1 July 1980, will facilitate the printing and reprinting program for Australian Capital Territory legislation, involving the use of computers.

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