

# INTERPRETATION ORDINANCE 1972

1073

No. 17 of 1972

## An Ordinance to amend the *Interpretation Ordinance* 1931 as amended

[Assented to 19 June, 1972]

**B**E it ordained by the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory of Australia as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Interpretation Ordinance* 1972. Short title
2. The *Interpretation Ordinance* 1931 as amended is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance. Principal Ordinance
3. Section 4 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by inserting after the word and letter “fifteen A,” the word “thirty-nine,”. Application of Acts Interpretation Act to Ordinances
4. Section 11 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by inserting after sub-section (5.) the following sub-section:—

“(5A.) A reference in an Ordinance to the date on which an Ordinance receives assent shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be read as a reference—

  - (a) if the Administrator so assents—to the date on which he so assents; or
  - (b) if the Governor-General so assents—to the date on which notification of that assent is published in the *Gazette*.”Commencement, evidence and numbering of Ordinances
5. Section 22 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:—

“(2.) A State Act, or a State Act as amended by another State Act or by an Ordinance, may be cited—

  - (a) by words contained in the method of citation provided by that first-mentioned State Act; or
  - (b) if a citation of that first-mentioned State Act as amended by another State Act or by an OrdinanceReferences to amended Commonwealth or State laws

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ance is given by that other State Act or Ordinance—

- (i) by the citation so given; or
- (ii) by the words contained in the method of citation so given.”.

6. After section 23 of the Principal Ordinance the following sections are inserted:—

Citation of Ordinances

“24.—(1.) An Ordinance may be cited—

- (a) by its short title;
- (b) by reference to its number and the calendar year in which it received assent;
- (c) by the words contained in its short title; or
- (d) if a citation of that Ordinance as amended by another Ordinance is given by that other Ordinance—
  - (i) by the citation so given; or
  - (ii) by the words contained in the citation so given.

“(2.) A provision of an Ordinance may be cited by reference to the part, section, sub-section or other division of the Ordinance in which the provision is contained.

“(3.) Such a reference shall be made according to the copy of the Ordinance printed or purporting to be printed by the Government Printer of the Commonwealth.

References to other Ordinances

“25.—(1.) Unless the contrary intention appears—

- (a) a reference in an Ordinance to another Ordinance by a method of citation provided by paragraph (a) or (b) of sub-section (1.) of section 24 shall—
  - (i) if that other Ordinance has, at the time the reference is made, itself been amended—be read as a reference to that Ordinance only and not to that other Ordinance as amended; or
  - (ii) if that other Ordinance has not, at that time, been amended—be read as a reference to that other Ordinance as amended from time to time; and
- (b) a reference in an Ordinance to another Ordinance by a method of citation provided by paragraph (c) or (d) of sub-section (1.) of that section shall be read as a reference to the principal Ordinance that may be so cited as amended from time to time.

“(2.) Where a provision of an Ordinance amends another Ordinance, a reference in that provision to that other Ordinance shall be read as a reference to that other Ordinance as in force as at the date immediately before the date of commencement of that provision.

“26.—(1.) A reference in an Ordinance to a Part, section or Schedule shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be read as a reference to a Part or section of, or a Schedule to, that Ordinance.

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“(2.) A reference in a Part of an Ordinance to a Division shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be read as a reference to a Division of that Part.

“(3.) A reference in a section of an Ordinance to a sub-section or paragraph shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be read as a reference to a sub-section or paragraph of that section.

“(4.) A reference in a sub-section of a section of an Ordinance to a paragraph shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be read as a reference to a paragraph of that sub-section.

“(5.) A reference in a paragraph of a section, or of a sub-section of a section, of an Ordinance to a sub-paragraph shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be read as a reference to a sub-paragraph of that paragraph.

“(6.) A reference in a Schedule, or part of a Schedule, to an Ordinance to a form, paragraph, item or clause, shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be read as a reference to a form, paragraph, item or clause of that Schedule or part.

“(7.) A reference to a form in an Ordinance the Schedule to which or only one of the Schedules to which contains a form or forms shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be read as a reference to a form in that Schedule.”.

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