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**An Act to amend the *Dangerous Criminals and High Risk Offenders Act 2021***

**[Royal Assent 27 November 2025]**

Be it enacted by Her Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:

## **1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Dangerous Criminals and High Risk Offenders Amendment Act 2025*.

## **2. Commencement**

This Act commences on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

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**3. Principal Act**

In this Act, the *Dangerous Criminals and High Risk Offenders Act 2021\** is referred to as the Principal Act.

**4. Section 3 amended (Interpretation)**

Section 3(1) of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the definition of *serious offence* and substituting the following definition:

*serious offence* means –

- (a) an offence against a provision listed in Schedule 1; or
- (b) an offence of attempting to commit an offence against a provision listed in Schedule 1; or
- (c) an offence, against a provision of the law of this State, another State, a Territory or the Commonwealth, that is substantially the same as an offence listed in Schedule 1.

**5. Section 35 amended (HRO orders)**

Section 35 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after subsection (3) the following subsections:

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- (4) If the Supreme Court makes an HRO order under subsection (1)(a), the Court may, if the Court considers that it is necessary to detain the offender for a period in order to enable arrangements to be made to give effect to conditions imposed by the HRO order –
- (a) order that the offender be detained for a period specified in the order, of not more than 7 days, after the offender would, but for the order, cease to be in custody; and
  - (b) defer the commencement of the HRO order until the end of that period.
- (5) As soon as practicable after making an order under subsection (4)(a), the Supreme Court must issue a warrant of committal of the offender for the period specified in the order after the offender would, but for the order, cease to be in custody.
- (6) A warrant under subsection (5) is sufficient authority for the offender to be kept in custody in accordance with the terms of the warrant.

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**6. Section 39 amended (Operational period of HRO orders)**

Section 39 of the Principal Act is amended as follows:

- (a) by inserting in subsection (3)(b) “section 35(4)(b) or” after “under”;
- (b) by inserting the following subsection after subsection (5):
  - (5A) If an HRO order is suspended for a period, the operational period is not extended.

**7. Schedule 1 amended (Serious Offences)**

Schedule 1 to the Principal Act is amended as follows:

- (a) by inserting after Section 124A in item 1 the following:

Section 124B	Indecent act with or directed at a child [ <i>or</i> young person] by a person in a position of authority
Section 124C	Indecent assault of child [ <i>or</i> young person] by a person in a position of authority
Section 125	Permitting penetrative sexual abuse of a child [ <i>or</i> young person] on premises

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- (b) by inserting after Section 125A in item 1 the following:

Section 125B	Indecent act with or directed at a child [ <i>or</i> young person]
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- (c) by inserting after Section 125C(2) in item 1 the following:

Section 125C(3)	Procuring a child [ <i>or</i> young person] for indecent act
Section 125D(1)	Grooming with intent to procure a child [ <i>or</i> young person] for sexual abuse
Section 125D(3)	Grooming with intent to expose a child [ <i>or</i> young person] to indecent material

- (d) by inserting after Section 126 in item 1 the following:

Section 127	Indecent assault
Section 129	Procuring a person for penetrative sexual abuse by threats [ <i>or</i> fraud], if the person against whom the offence is committed is a child or young person

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- (e) by inserting after Section 130B in item 1 the following:

Section 130C	Possessing child exploitation material
Section 130D	Accessing child exploitation material
Section 133(1)	Incest, if the person against whom the offence is committed is a child or young person

- (f) by inserting after Section 167A in item 1 the following:

Section 169	Administering a drug with intent to facilitate the commission of an offence, if the person against whom the offence is intended to be committed is a child or young person
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- (g) by inserting after Section 172 in item 1 the following:

Section 178A	Performing female genital mutilation
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- (h) by inserting after Section 185 in item 1 the following:

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Section 189	Abduction of a young person under the age of 17 years
Section 191(1)	Abduction of a child
Section 191(2)	Harbouring an abducted child

- (i) by inserting after Section 191A in item 1 the following:

Section 192	Stalking and bullying, if the person against whom the offence is committed is a child or young person
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**8. Repeal**

This Act is repealed on the first anniversary of the day on which it commenced.

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