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An Act to make provision for certain transfers of prisoners between the States and the Territories, and for related purposes

Part I—Preliminary

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Transfer of Prisoners Act 1983.

2 Commencement

This Act shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by Proclamation.

3 Interpretation

(1) In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears:

appropriate Minister, in relation to a State, means:

- (a) in the case of a State other than the Australian Capital
 Territory or the Northern Territory—the Minister of the State
 who is responsible for the administration of the State transfer
 law of that State; and
- (aa) in respect of the Australian Capital Territory—the Minister for that Territory who is responsible for the administration of the law of that Territory relating to the interstate transfer of prisoners; and
- (b) in the case of the Northern Territory—the person holding Ministerial office under section 36 of the *Northern Territory* (Self-Government) Act 1978 who is responsible for the administration of the State transfer law of the Northern Territory.

Commonwealth prisoner means a person who is either a federal prisoner or a Territory prisoner and includes a prisoner upon whom

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