



# CRIMINAL OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) ACT 1999

No. 17 of 1999

## AN ACT TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL OFFENCES ACT

I assent,  
TAUFA'AHAU TUPOU IV,  
3rd November, 1999.

[4th October, 1999]

**BE IT ENACTED** by the King and Legislative Assembly of Tonga in the Legislature of the Kingdom as follows —

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  - (1) This Act may be cited as the Criminal Offences (Amendment) Act 1999.
  - (2) The Criminal Offences Act (Cap. 18) as amended, is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.
2. Section 24(3) of the Principal Act is amended by adding the following paragraph after sub-paragraph (c) —
  - “(d) The court may also impose conditions during the period of suspension of sentence, including a requirement that supervision by a probation officer or another responsible member of the community takes place. A breach of such conditions may, upon application, result in the rescission, of the suspensions order.”

3. Section 48(a) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the words “Parliament or” and adding after the words “Government of Tonga” the words “Legislative Assembly or Judiciary in Tonga”.
4. Section 93 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the number “15” and substituting therefor the number “25”.
5. Section 118 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting sub-section (2) and renumbering the subsequent sub-sections accordingly.
6. Section 154 of the Principal Act is amended by the addition of a new subsection after sub-section (2) as follows —

“(3) Every person who commits a robbery under sub-section (1) whilst being armed with an offensive weapon commits armed robbery and shall upon conviction be liable to imprisonment for any period not exceeding 20 years.”
7. Section 177 is amended by the addition of a new sub-section after subsection (3) as follows —

“(4) Every person who commits the offence of arson as defined in sub-section (1) knowing or being reckless that human life is endangered thereby shall upon conviction be liable to imprisonment for any period not exceeding 15 years.”

Passed by the Legislative Assembly this 4th day of October, 1999.