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An Act to amend the Prisoners (Interstate Transfer) Act 1983.

[Assented to 17 April 2009]

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

1. Short title

This is the Prisoners (Interstate Transfer) Amendment Act 2009.

2. Commencement

- (a) sections 1 and 2 on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent;
- (b) the rest of the Act on the day after that day.

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3. Act amended

This Act amends the Prisoners (Interstate Transfer) Act 1983.

4. Part II heading replaced

Delete the heading to Part II and insert:

Part II — Transfer at request of prisoner

5. Section 5 amended

(1) In section 5(1)(b) delete "Territory in the interests of the welfare of the prisoner," and insert:

Territory,

(2) In section 5(3)(b) delete "State in the interests of the welfare of the prisoner," and insert:

State,

(3) In section 5(5)(b) delete "Territory in the interests of the welfare of the prisoner," and insert:

Territory,

6. Section 9A inserted

After section 8 insert:

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9A. Matters to which the Minister may have regard

In forming an opinion or exercising a discretion under this Part, the Minister may have regard to any one or more of the following —

- (a) the welfare of the prisoner or person concerned;
- (b) the administration of justice in this or any other State;
- (c) the security and good order of any prison in this or any other State;
- (d) the safe custody of the prisoner or person concerned;
- (e) the protection of the community in this or any other State;
- (f) any other matter the Minister considers relevant.

7. Section 9 amended

In section 9(1) delete "may have regard to reports" and insert:

by reference to reports

8. Section 21 amended

- (1) In section 21(1)(a) delete "that it is in the interests of the welfare of the person".
- (2) After section 21(1) insert:
 - (2A) In forming an opinion or exercising a discretion under this Part, the Minister may have regard to any one or more of the following —
 - (a) the welfare of the person concerned;

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(b)	the administration of justice in this or any other
	State;

- (c) the security and good order of any prison in this or any other State;
- (d) the safe custody of the person concerned;
- (e) the protection of the community in this or any other State;
- (f) any other matter the Minister considers relevant.

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