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2020

A Bill

for

An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992* for particular purposes

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The Parliament of Queensland enacts— 1

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This Act may be cited as the *Criminal Code (Choking in Domestic Settings) and Another Act Amendment Act 2020*. 4
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(1) Section 315A(1), penalty— 11

omit, insert— 12

Maximum penalty—14 years imprisonment. 13

(2) Section 315A— 14

insert— 15

(3) In this section— 16

choke, a person, includes apply pressure to the person's neck. 17
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strangle, a person, includes apply pressure to the person's neck. 19
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suffocate, a person, includes the following— 21

(a) obstruct any part of the person's— 22

	(i) respiratory system; or	1
	(ii) accessory systems of respiration;	2
	(b) interfere with the operation of the person's—	3
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