1. Amendments to the *State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999*: The State Penalties Enforcement and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2009 (the Bill) amends that Act to:
   * extend driver licence suspension to unpaid amounts for non-motor related offences;
   * strengthen the State Penalties Enforcement Register’s (SPER) existing powers of seizure and sale;
   * create new powers and processes to wheel clamp the vehicles of debtors who owe more than the prescribed amount ($5,000 or more);
   * expressly enable SPER to use SMS technology to send warning and reminder messages to debtors, without requiring debtor consent; and
   * enable and retrospectively validate the referral to, and enforcement by, SPER of orders made under the *Industrial Relations Act 1991* for unpaid wages, tool allowance, unpaid superannuation contributions and fees charged illegally by private employment agents.
2. Criminal information national exchange: The Bill amends the *Police Service Administration Act 1990* and *Education (Queensland College of Teachers) Act 2005* to enable Queensland’s participation in the COAG-endorsed national exchange of criminal history information for people working with children.
3. Amendments to the classifications Acts: The Attorney-General and Minister for Industrial Relations is responsible for administering the *Classification of Films Act 1991*, the *Classification of Publications Act 1991* and the *Classification of Computer Games and Images Act 1995* (classification Acts). The Bill amends these Acts to facilitate the continued use of Office of Fair Trading inspectors to enforce these Acts, following recent machinery of government changes.
4. Judicial registrars: The Bill enables judicial registrars under the Magistrates Court pilot to:
   * continue to hear and determine small claims and minor debt claims after these claims become part of the minor civil disputes jurisdiction of the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) from 1 December 2009; and
   * deal with more uncontested criminal matters by expanding their bail powers.
5. The Bill also:
   * confers new jurisdiction on QCAT that has arisen since the QCAT Acts were passed, or adjust jurisdiction that was conferred by those Acts;
   * corrects small or technical errors and the clarification of provisions contained in the two QCAT Acts;
   * clarifies technical matters in relation to the *Right to Information Act 2009* and the *Information Privacy Act 2009* by clearly setting out delegation powers for internal reviews of decisions, confirming that certain decisions are reviewable and ensuring that the Information Commissioner is not prevented from giving certain documents to parties to an external review so that natural justice is accorded to all parties; and
   * extends the transitional period for the use of restrictive practices for a further nine months.
6. Cabinet approved the introduction of the State Penalties Enforcement and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2009 into the Legislative Assembly.
7. *Attachments*
   * [State Penalties Enforcement and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2009](Attachments/StatePEnfOLAB09.pdf)
   * [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/StatePEnfOLAB09Exp.pdf)