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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

BOOKMAKERS REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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General Outline

These regulations amend the *Bookmakers Regulations* (the Regulations).

The *Bookmakers Act 1985* (the Act) provides, in part, for the licensing of bookmakers. The Act was recently amended to enable on-course telephone betting.

The Regulations will set out various mechanisms that are necessary to control on-course telephone betting. A minimum amount that can be bet or won on a race will be specified. The procedures that have to be followed by a bookmaker in accepting a telephone bet are also set out, as is the equipment to be used to record the telephone bet.

The Regulations will also specify that it is an offence for a bookmaker, during the course of making a telephone bet to supply a person with information on more than 3 dogs or horses in a single race.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications.

CLAUSE NOTES

Clauses 1 and 2

Clauses 1 and 2 are machinery provisions that specify the Principal Regulations and provide for the commencement of the Regulations on 1 July 1994.

Clause 3

Clause 3 inserts further regulations after Regulation 5 of the Principal Regulations.

Regulation 5A – Prescribed amount, procedures and equipment

Subregulation 5A(1) specifies that the minimum amount that can be bet on a race is \$250 and the minimum amount that can be won on a race is \$2,000.

Subregulation 5A(2) sets out the procedure that has to be followed by a bookmaker when accepting a telephone bet by telephone. These are in addition to the existing requirements set out in the Regulations.

Subregulation 5A(3) sets out what equipment is prescribed for the purposes of accepting a telephone bet.

Regulation 5B – Limitations on information supplied by a bookmaker

Regulation 5B specifies that a bookmaker shall not in the course of a telephone bet supply a person with information in relation to more than 3 horses or dogs in a single race. A penalty of \$1,000 is provided.