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Gaming Machine (Amendment) Bill 1997

Explanatory Memorandum

This Bill aims to permit hotel licencees to instal any of the gaming machines currently available to club licencees.

The Bill amends the *Gaming Machine Act 1987*.

Clauses 1, 2, and 3 are formal clauses.

Clause 2(2) is framed to see the Act commence on the same date as similar reforms in NSW. If the Bill is not passed until after that date, an amendment will be appropriate to this date.

Clause 4 contains the primary substance of this Bill. It amends the conditions - set out in Section 18 - on which a licence may be granted to a hotellier (ie: the holder of a General Licence or an On Licence). The conditions currently include a limitation to 'Class A' machines. The amendments would broaden this range to include also Class B and Class C machines.

Clause 5 makes transitional provisions providing for the Commissioner to vary existing licences - on request - to bring licences up to date with the new regime.

A copy of Section 18 of the *Gaming Machine Act 1987* as it would appear after amendment is attached.

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Conditions for issue of licences-gaming machines

18. (1) A licence shall not be issued to a club except in respect of class B gaming machines or class C gaming machines.

(2) A licence shall not be issued in respect of premises to which a General Licence applies:

(a) where the premises contain not less than 12 rooms that are for use as residential accommodation for lodgers:

~~(i) except in respect of class A gaming machines or such class B gaming machines as are prescribed;~~

~~(ii) in respect of more than 3 class A gaming machines;~~

~~(iii) in respect of more than 10 class B gaming machines; or~~

(i) except in respect of class A gaming machines, class B gaming machines or class C gaming machines;

(ii) in respect of more than 13 gaming machines; or

(iv) in respect of gaming machines designed to be played using basic stake denominations of greater than an amount prescribed by the regulations; and

(b) where the premises do not contain any rooms that are for use as residential accommodation for lodgers or contain less than 12 such rooms

~~(i) except in respect of class A gaming machines;~~

(i) except in respect of class A gaming machines, class B gaming machines or class C gaming machines;

(ii) in respect of more than 2 gaming machines; or

(iii) in respect of gaming machines designed to be played using basic stake denominations of greater than an amount prescribed by the regulations.

(3) A licence shall not be issued in respect of premises to which an On Licence applies.

~~(a) except in respect of class A gaming machines;~~

(a) except in respect of class A gaming machines, class B gaming machines or class C gaming machines;

(b) in respect of more than 2 gaming machines; or

(c) in respect of gaming machines designed to be played using basic stake denominations of greater than an amount prescribed by the regulations.