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**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**GAMING AND BETTING (AMENDMENT) BILL (NO. 2) 1994**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

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**Minister for Sport**

## **General Outline**

The *Gaming and Betting Act 1906 (New South Wales)* (the Act) in its application to the ACT provides for the regulation and control of betting and the control of race-meetings and such matters that are incidental to that.

Because of the *Bookmakers (Amendment) Bill (No. 2) 1994* which provides for the establishment of sports betting, which will operate from a sports betting venue, it is necessary to amend the Act so that the prohibitions which apply in respect of race meetings will not apply at a sports betting venue.

## **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications.

## **Notes on Clauses**

### **Clauses 1, 2 and 3**

Clauses 1, 2 and 3 are 'mechanical' clauses that specify the short title of this Act, provide for its commencement and identify the Principal Act.

### **Clause 4 - Interpretation**

Clause 4 amends section 2 of the Principal Act. Section 2 of the Principal Act defines terms that are used in the Principal Act.

Clause 4 amends the definition of 'public place' and 'street' to exclude 'a sports betting venue' from their meanings. A definition of the term 'sports betting venue' is also included.

### **Clause 5 - Prohibited bookmaking**

Clause 5 amends section 17A of the Principal Act. Section 17A provides that a person shall not act as a bookmaker other than at a race meeting.

Clause 5 amends section 17A to include other than at a sports betting venue or in relation to a bet placed at a sports betting venue.

### **Clause 6 - Prohibited betting**

Clause 6 amends section 17B of the Principal Act. Section 17B provides that a person shall not, except at a race meeting, place a bet with a person who acts as a bookmaker.

Clause 6 amends section 17B to include a sports betting venue as a place at which a person can place a bet.

### **Clause 7 - Betting information**

**Clause 7 amends section 19B of the Principal Act. Section 19B controls the disclosure of information about betting odds.**

**Clause 7 amends section 19B by inserting a provision which provides that the control over the advertisement or notification about betting at a sports betting venue do not apply.**