

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

FILM CLASSIFICATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1991

Issued by authority of Attorney General Terry Connolly, MLA

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OUTLINE

The Film Classification (Amendment) Bill 1991 provides that films exempted from classification under the *Film and Video Classification Act 1984* (NSW) are exempt from the requirements of classification under the ACT *Film Classification Act 1971*. This Bill gives the ACT Attorney-General the power to exempt such films from classification, and this power may be delegated to the Commonwealth Chief Censor.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This Bill has no implications for revenue or expenditure.

CLAUSE NOTES

Clause 1 provides that the Act may be cited as the Film Classification (Amendment) Bill 1991.

Clause 2 states that the Principal Act is the *Film Classification Act 1971*.

Clause 3 amends section 3 of the Principal Act by inserting a definition of the Chief Censor.

Clause 4 inserts a new section 4A into the Principal Act which provides that the prohibition in section 4(1) of the Principal Act against the exhibition of unclassified films does not apply to films exempted under the *Film and Video Classification Act 1984*, if the Attorney-General exempts them in the ACT. It also provides that the Attorney-General may delegate this power to the Commonwealth Chief Censor.

Clause 5 amends section 5 of the Principal Act by omitting the definition of Chief Censor. This definition now appears in section 3.