

**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**GAMES, WAGERS AND BETTING-HOUSES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1986 ✓  
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**ORDINANCE NO. 35 1986**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

The Games Wagers and Betting-houses Act 1901 of New South Wales (which continues in force in the Territory by virtue of the NSW Acts Application Ordinance 1984) deals with a variety of matters including gaming houses, cheating at cards or games, the avoidance of betting contracts and betting houses.

The Games, Wagers and Betting-houses (Amendment) Ordinance 1986 amends the Games Wagers and Betting-houses Act 1901 to give effect to an undertaking to the Senate Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to amend the Act to require the use of reasonable force and reasonable assistance by police officers when effecting entry to premises. The effect of each of the provisions in the Ordinance is set out in Attachment "A".

The Gaming and Betting Act 1906 of New South Wales (which is also continued in force in the Territory by virtue of the NSW Acts Application Ordinance 1984) deals with gaming and betting houses, street betting, betting on sports grounds and racecourses, and betting with infants.

The Gaming and Betting (Amendment) Ordinance 1986 amends the Gaming and Betting Act 1906 to give effect to an undertaking to the Senate Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to amend the Act to require the use of reasonable force and reasonable assistance by police officers when effecting entry to premises. The effect of each of the provisions in the Ordinance is set out in Attachment "B".

**ATTACHMENT "A"**

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Sections 1 and 2 are interpretation provisions.

Section 3 amends section 4 of the Games Wagers and Betting-houses Act 1901 of New South Wales in its application to the Territory ("the Act") to require that a police officer who searches premises under a special warrant issued under that section may only obtain such assistance and use such force as is necessary and reasonable.

Section 4 amends section 15 of the Act to require that a police officer who searches premises under a special warrant, issued under that section, may only obtain such assistance and use such force as is necessary and reasonable.

Section 5 amends section 16 of the Act to require that a police officer who enters premises, under that section, may only obtain such assistance and use such force as is necessary and reasonable.