

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
GAMING AND BETTING (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1982

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

99 of 1982

Section 18 of the Gaming and Betting Act 1906 N.S.W., in its application in the A.C.T., makes it an offence to use a public place for the purpose of betting. "Public place", as defined in section 2 of that Act did not include a racecourse at which races, for which the A.C.T. Gaming and Liquor Authority was providing facilities, were being held. Section 18 therefore prohibited on-course betting at a racecourse at which no races were being held.

The Gaming and Betting (Amendment) Ordinance 1982 amends the Gaming and Betting Act 1906 N.S.W. to allow for the conduct of on-course betting at licensed racecourses at which races would, but for their cancellation or postponement, be in progress. This covers situations where, for example, a race meeting has been cancelled because of adverse weather or unsafe track conditions, but it is desired that on-course betting on other race meetings be permitted.

Section 1 cites the short title of the Ordinance as the Gaming and Betting (Amendment) Ordinance 1982.

Section 2 amends the definition of "public place" in section 2 of the Gaming and Betting Act 1906 N.S.W. to exclude a racecourse where a race meeting has been postponed or cancelled and for which betting facilities have or would have been provided by the A.C.T. Gaming and Liquor Authority.

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