AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

BOOKMAKERS REGULATIONS

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

No. 24 of 1985

Section 56 of the Bookmakers Ordinance 1985 ("the Ordinance") provides that the Minister may make regulations prescribing all matters which are required or permitted to be prescribed or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to the Ordinance, and in particular may make regulations relating to the keeping of records by bookmakers, and prescribing penalties not exceeding $500 for offences against the regulations.

Regulation 1 deals with citation.

Regulation 2 deals with interpretation.

Regulation 3 prescribes the particulars to be entered in the Register for the purpose of section 27 of the Ordinance as the name and address of the person, the licence number, the date on which the licence was issued and the kind of race meetings to which the licence relates.

Regulation 4 prescribes the persons in whose presence a licence may be signed for the purpose of section 32 of the Ordinance as being the Registrar, the Clerk or Deputy Clerk of the Court of Petty Sessions, a Justice of the Peace, a police officer or any other person before whom a statutory declaration may be made.

Regulation 5 prescribes the particulars to be contained in an application for a bookmaker's agents's licence for the purpose of section 35 of the Ordinance as being the name and address of the applicant, the name and address of the person to whom the application relates and the period for which the licence is to be in force.

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Regulation 6 prescribes the particulars to be recorded by a bookmaker for the purpose of section 43 of the Ordinance as being the date on which the race meeting was held and the racecourse on which it was held, the name of the race club conducting the race meeting, the name of the bookmaker, the number of the race, the name or number of the horse, the amount of the bet, and the number of the betting ticket or the name of the credit bettor where a bet is placed on credit.

Regulation 7 prescribes that the return and declaration for the purpose of section 44 of the Ordinance shall be in accordance with the prescribed Schedule.

Regulation 8 prescribes that a bookmaker, in keeping the prescribed records is to use the forms made available by the Registrar in numerical order, complete the prescribed particulars immediately after a bet has been make, keep the records in duplicate with carbon sheets where the forms are made available in duplicate and deep the records in triplicate with carbon sheets where the forms are made available in triplicate.

Regulation 9 prescribes that, subject to regulation 11, a bookmaker is to keep a copy of the prescribed record for a period of 6 months.

Regulation 10 provides for a bookmaker to furnish the second carbon copy of the prescribed record, where the record is kept in triplicate, to the racing club that conducted the race meeting, on request by the club.

Sub-regulation 11(1) empowers the Registrar, during the 6 months referred to in regulation 9, to require a bookmaker to furnish to the Registrar his or her copy of the prescribed record.

Sub-regulation 11(2) imposes a penalty of $500 on a bookmaker who without reasonable excuse fails to comply with a request under this regulation.

Sub-regulation 11(3) provides for the Registrar to make a copy of a record furnished to him, and requires the Registrar to return the record to the bookmaker as soon as practicable.

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