
Games, Wagers and Betting-houses Ordinance 1982

No. 16 of 1982

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Ordinance under the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910*.

Dated 29 April 1982.

ZELMAN COWEN
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

MICHAEL HODGMAN
Minister of State for the Capital Territory

An Ordinance relating to gaming, wagering and the suppressing of betting-houses

Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Games, Wagers and Betting-houses Ordinance 1982*.¹

Interpretation

2. In this Ordinance, "the Games Wagers and Betting-houses Act" means the Games Wagers and Betting-houses Act 1901 of the State of New South Wales, in its application to the Territory.

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3. Section 1 of the Games Wagers and Betting-houses Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting "PART II.—GAMING AND WAGERING. —ss. 4-13." and substituting "PART II.—GAMING AND WAGERING.—ss. 4-13A."; and
- (b) by omitting "*Avoidance of contracts—s. 13.*" and substituting "*Avoidance of contracts—ss. 13, 13A.*".

Actions not to lie for contracts by way of gaming

4. Section 13 of the Games Wagers and Betting-houses Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting "All contracts" and substituting "Subject to section 13A, all contracts"; and
- (b) by omitting the proviso.

5. After section 13 of the Games Wagers and Betting-houses Act the following section is inserted in Part II:

Application

“13A. This Act does not apply to, or in relation to—

- (a) a subscription or contribution, or a contract or agreement to subscribe or contribute, for or toward any plate, prize or sum of money to be awarded to the winner of any lawful game, sport, pastime or exercise;
- (b) a bet or wager lawfully made with a bookmaker, in the course of carrying on his business as a bookmaker, on a racecourse in respect of which a licence is issued and in force under the *Racecourses Ordinance* 1935; or
- (c) any other bet or wager lawfully made in relation to any lawful game, sport, pastime or exercise.”

NOTE

1. Notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on 7 May 1982.