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An Act to amend the *Gaming Machine Act 2004*

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Gaming Machine Amendment Act 2024*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day after its notification day.

Note The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on the notification day (see [Legislation Act](#), s 75 (1)).

3 Legislation amended

This Act amends the *Gaming Machine Act 2004*.

**4 Eligibility for individuals
Section 6 (2) (d) (i), note**

omit

**5 No applications for, or transfers of, authorisation
certificates etc for certain licensees
Section 10G (2) (c)**

omit

**6 Meaning of *social impact assessment*
Section 12 (1) (c)**

omit

7 Section 12 (1), note, paragraph (c)

omit

**8 Social impact assessment—publication
Section 13 (1) (c)**

omit

9 Section 13 (4) and (5)

substitute

- (4) The applicant must—
- (a) on or before the day the public notice is given, place a sign (the *information sign*) containing information about the application in a prominent position outside each public entrance to the premises to which the application relates; and
 - (b) ensure that the sign remains in the position for the comment period.

**10 Authorisation certificate for class C gaming machines—
decision on application
New section 23 (2A)**

insert

- (2A) However, the commission must not issue an authorisation certificate to the applicant if the premises for which the authorisation certificate is sought are located in—
- (a) Molonglo Valley; or
 - (b) an undeveloped area.

**11 Class B licence and authorisation certificate—decision
on application
New section 29 (5)**

insert

- (5) However, the commission must not issue an authorisation certificate to the applicant if the premises for which the authorisation certificate is sought are located in—
- (a) Molonglo Valley; or
 - (b) an undeveloped area.

**12 Authorisation certificate amendment—application
Section 33 (1) (b)**

substitute

- (b) enable the licensee to relocate all gaming machine operations allowed under the authorisation certificate to new premises located in a permitted area (a *premises relocation amendment*); or

13 New section 33 (3)

insert

- (3) In this section:

permitted area means an area other than—

- (a) Molonglo Valley; or
(b) an undeveloped area.

**14 In-principle authorisation certificates
Part 2C**

omit

**15 Definitions—pt 4
Section 56, definition of *licence***

substitute

licence includes an in-principle approval for an authorisation certificate issued under section 38D as in force immediately before the *Gaming Machine Amendment Act 2024*, section 14 commences.

16 Section 56, note 1

omit

17 New section 56 (2)

insert

(2) This subsection and the following provisions expire 4 years after the day the *Gaming Machine Amendment Act 2024*, section 14 commences:

- (a) subsection (1), definition of *licence*;
- (b) dictionary, definition of *licence*, paragraph (b).

Note A transitional provision is repealed on its expiry but continues to have effect after its repeal (see [Legislation Act](#), s 88).

**18 Grounds for disciplinary action
New section 57 (5)**

insert

(5) In this section:

approval-holder means a person who holds an in-principle approval for an authorisation certificate issued under section 38D as in force immediately before the *Gaming Machine Amendment Act 2024*, section 14 commences.

**19 Reviewable decisions
Schedule 1, items 14 to 17**

omit

20 Dictionary, note 2

insert

- territory land

21 Dictionary, definitions of *approval-holder* and *in-principle authorisation certificate*

omit

22 Dictionary, new definitions

insert

Molonglo Valley means the district with the distinguishing name of Molonglo Valley determined under the [Districts Act 2002](#), section 5 (3).

rural lease—see the [Planning Act 2023](#), section 256.

23 Dictionary, definition of *social impact assessment*

substitute

social impact assessment, for an authorisation certificate application or authorisation certificate amendment application—see section 12 (1).

24 Dictionary, new definition of *undeveloped area*

insert

undeveloped area means an area of land that is, on the day the [Gaming Machine Amendment Act 2024](#), section 10 commences—

- (a) unleased territory land; or
- (b) described in a rural lease.

Endnotes

1 Presentation speech

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 31 August 2023.

2 Notification

Notified under the [Legislation Act](#) on 19 February 2024.

3 Republications of amended laws

For the latest republication of amended laws, see www.legislation.act.gov.au.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Gaming Machine Amendment Bill 2024, which originated in the Legislative Assembly as the Gaming Machine Amendment Bill 2023 and was passed by the Assembly on 6 February 2024.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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