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Better Regulation Legislation Amendment Act 2026

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An Act to amend legislation for better regulation, and for other purposes

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

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Part 1 Preliminary

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Better Regulation Legislation Amendment Act 2026*.

2 Commencement

(1) This Act (other than the provisions mentioned in subsection (2)) commences on the 14th day after its notification day.

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

(2) The following provisions commence 6 months after this Act's notification day:

- section 4
- part 7
- parts 11 to 16
- parts 20 to 23.

3 Legislation amended

This Act amends the legislation mentioned in parts 2 to 26.

Note This Act also amends other legislation (see sch 1).

4 Legislation repealed

All notifiable instruments made under the *Gaming Machine Act 2004*, section 69 are repealed.

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Part 2 ACT Teacher Quality Institute Act 2010

5 Education programs register Section 71 (3) (b) and example

substitute

(b) must be made accessible to the public without charge on an ACT government website, or by a link on an ACT government website.

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Part 3 ACT Teacher Quality Institute Regulation 2010

6 Education programs register—Act, s 71 (4) Section 19 (b)

omit

available

substitute

accessible

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Part 4 Architects Act 2004

7 Board to keep register Section 14 (4) and example

substitute

(4) The register must be made accessible to the public without charge on an ACT government website, or by a link on an ACT government website.

8 Section 15 heading

substitute

15 Exception to public accessibility of information on register

9 Section 15 (2) and (3)

omit

open for public inspection

substitute

made accessible to the public

10 Information may be shared Section 17

omit

available for public inspection

substitute

accessible to the public

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Part 5 Architects Regulation 2004

11 Details in register—Act, s 11 (2) Section 5 (b)

omit

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Part 6 Board of Senior Secondary Studies Act 1997

12 Register of courses Section 29 (4)

substitute

(4) The register must be made available to the public without charge by making it—

(a) accessible on an ACT government website, or by a link on an ACT government website; and

(b) available for inspection during ordinary business hours at a place decided by the board.

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Part 7 Building Act 2004

13 Stop notices register New section 59A (3) (ea)

insert

(ea) if the stop notice is cancelled under section 55 or section 57—the date of the cancellation;

14 Section 59A (5)

omit

available

substitute

accessible

15 New section 59A (5A)

insert

(5A) The construction occupations registrar must make the information accessible to the public without charge on an ACT government website, or by a link on an ACT government website.

16 Section 59A (6) and (7)

omit

available

substitute

accessible

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17 Section 59A (8)

substitute

(8) If the construction occupations registrar receives a direction from the ACAT or a court about removing from the register information mentioned in subsection (3) and made accessible to the public under subsection (5), the registrar must remove the information not later than the end of the next working day after the day the registrar receives the direction.

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Part 8 Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2020

18 Register of licences Section 58 (3)

substitute

(3) The regulator must make the register accessible to the public without charge on an ACT government website, or by a link on an ACT government website.

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Part 9 Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act 2010

19 Register of agreements Section 24 (2)

substitute

(2) The register must be made available to the public without charge by making it—

(a) accessible on an ACT government website, or by a link on an ACT government website; and

(b) available for inspection during ordinary business hours at an ACT government office.

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Part 10 Construction Occupations (Licensing) Act 2004

20 The register New section 107 (4A)

insert

(4A) The registrar must do so by making the information accessible to the public without charge on an ACT government website, or by a link on an ACT government website.

21 Register—public information Section 107A (1)

substitute

(1) The registrar must, at least once a week, publish a register of public information (the ***public register***) in a way that is accessible to the public without charge on an ACT government website, or by a link on an ACT government website.

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Part 11 Domestic Animals Act 2000

22 Offences against Act—application of Criminal Code etc Section 4A, note 1

substitute

Note 1 *Criminal Code*

The Criminal Code, ch 2 applies to the following offences against this Act (see Code, pt 2.1):

- offences against pt 2 (Dogs) (other than ss 34 (1), 37, 39 and 51 (1))
- offences against pt 3 (Dogs and cats) (other than s 80 (1))
- offences against pt 4 (Cats)
- offences against pt 5 (Assistance animals)
- section 112 (7) (Issue of nuisance notices)
- section 134A (2) (Inspection of animals)
- section 142 (3) (Dishonoured etc credit card transactions).

The chapter sets out the general principles of criminal responsibility (including burdens of proof and general defences), and defines terms used for offences to which the Code applies (eg ***conduct***, ***intention***, ***recklessness*** and ***strict liability***).

23 Register of registered accredited assistance animals Section 97

omit

24 Registration of accredited assistance animals Section 98 (4)

substitute

(4) The registrar must—

(a) give the person written notice of their decision whether to register the accredited assistance animal; and

(b) if the registrar registers the accredited assistance animal—record in the register the information prescribed by regulation.

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25 Section 98 (5)

omit

applicant

substitute

person

26 New section 99A

in division 5.2, insert

99A Public information about registered accredited assistance animals

(1) The registrar must make available to the public information in the register about a registered accredited assistance animal that is prescribed by regulation.

(2) The registrar must do so by making the information accessible to the public without charge on an ACT government website, or by a link on an ACT government website.

27 Registrar may register assistance animal trainer Section 100 (5)

substitute

(5) The registrar must—

(a) give the applicant written notice of their decision under subsection (3); and

(b) if the registrar registers the applicant—record in the register the information prescribed by regulation.

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28 New section 103A

insert

103A Assistance animal trainer must disclose certain offences to registrar

(1) A person commits an offence if the person—

(a) is a registered assistance animal trainer; and

(b) is convicted or found guilty of an offence under—

(i) this Act; or

(ii) the *Animal Welfare Act 1992*; or

(iii) a law of a State substantially corresponding to this Act or the *Animal Welfare Act 1992*; and

Note ***State*** includes the Northern Territory (see Legislation Act, dict, pt 1).

(c) does not tell the registrar about the conviction or finding of guilt.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

(2) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

29 Registrar may register assistance animal assessor Section 104 (5)

substitute

(5) The registrar must—

(a) give the applicant written notice of their decision under subsection (3); and

(b) if the registrar registers the applicant—record in the register the information prescribed by regulation.

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30 New sections 106AA and 106AB

in division 5.3, insert

106AA Assistance animal assessor must disclose certain offences to registrar

(1) A person commits an offence if the person—

(a) is a registered assistance animal assessor; and

(b) is convicted or found guilty of an offence under—

(i) this Act; or

(ii) the *Animal Welfare Act 1992*; or

(iii) a law of a State substantially corresponding to this Act or the *Animal Welfare Act 1992*; and

Note ***State*** includes the Northern Territory (see Legislation Act, dict, pt 1).

(c) does not tell the registrar about the conviction or finding of guilt.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

(2) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

106AB Public information about assistance animal trainers and assessors

(1) The registrar must make available to the public information in the register about a registered assistance animal trainer or assessor that is prescribed by regulation.

(2) The registrar must do so by making the information accessible to the public without charge on an ACT government website, or by a link on an ACT government website.

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31 New part 15

insert

Part 15 Transitional—Better Regulation Legislation Amendment Act 2026

168 Meaning of *commencement day*—pt 15

In this part:

commencement day means the day the *Better Regulation Legislation Amendment Act 2026*, part 11 commences.

169 Register must include information about accredited assistance animals, trainers and assessors

(1) Section 98 (4) (b) applies in relation to an accredited assistance animal that was registered immediately before the commencement day.

(2) Section 100 (5) (b) applies in relation to a person who was registered as an accredited assistance animal trainer immediately before the commencement day.

(3) Section 104 (5) (b) applies in relation to a person who was registered as an accredited assistance animal assessor immediately before the commencement day.

170 Expiry—pt 15

This part expires 1 year after the commencement day.

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

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Part 12 Domestic Animals Regulation 2001

32 New part 3A

insert

Part 3A Assistance animals

Division 3A.1 Accreditation of assistance animals

9B Information included in application to register accredited assistance animal—Act, s 98 (2) (c)

The following information is prescribed:

(a) the accredited assistance animal's name;

(b) if the animal is a cat or a dog—

(i) whether the animal is a cat or a dog; and

(ii) if the animal is a recognisable breed—the breed;

(c) if the animal is not a cat or a dog—the species of the animal;

(d) the unique identification number for any microchip implanted in the animal;

(e) the date the animal's accreditation ends;

(f) the State or Territory where the animal is normally kept.

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9C Information included in register about registered accredited assistance animals—Act, s 98 (4) (b)

The following information about a registered accredited assistance animal is prescribed:

(a) the information given by the applicant under the Act, section 98 (2);

(b) the registration number given to the animal;

(c) if the registrar is told in writing or becomes aware that the animal has stopped working as a registered accredited assistance animal—a statement to that effect.

9D Public information about registered accredited assistance animals—Act, s 99A (1)

(1) The following information about a registered accredited assistance animal is prescribed:

(a) information included in the register mentioned in section 9B (a) to (c), (e) and (f);

(b) the registration number given to the animal.

(2) However, if the registrar is told in writing or becomes aware that the animal has stopped working as a registered accredited assistance animal, no information is prescribed for the animal.

Division 3A.2 Assistance animal trainers and assessors

9E Information included in application to register as assistance animal trainer—Act, s 100 (2) (b)

The following information is prescribed:

(a) the applicant's name and contact information;

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(b) the registered business name and trading name (if any);

(c) the business address of the applicant.

9F Information in register about registered assistance animal trainer—Act, s 100 (5) (b)

The information mentioned in section 9E is prescribed.

9G Information included in application to register as assistance animal assessor—Act, s 104 (2) (b)

The following information is prescribed:

(a) the applicant's name and contact information;

(b) the registered business name and trading name (if any);

(c) the business address of the applicant.

9H Information in register about registered assistance animal assessors—Act, s 104 (5) (b)

The information mentioned in section 9G is prescribed.

9I Public information about registered assistance animal trainers and assessors—Act, s 106AB (1)

The following information is prescribed:

(a) the name and contact information of the registered assistance animal trainer or assessor;

(b) the registered business name and trading name (if any).

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Part 13 Food Act 2001

33 Registered food businesses—procedure for imposition etc of conditions on chief health officer's initiative Section 95 (2) (h)

omit

34 Change in details of registration or operation of food business Section 97 (2) (b)

substitute

(b) the proprietor does not, as soon as practicable (but within 7 days after the day the change happens), give written notice of the change to the chief health officer.

35 Section 97 (8)

substitute

(8) If the chief health officer amends the registration of a food business in a way that changes the particulars shown in the certificate of registration, the chief health officer must issue another certificate for the remainder of the period of the certificate it replaces.

36 Replacement of certificates of registration Section 98 (1)

omit

if satisfied that the certificate has been lost, stolen or destroyed

37 Registration certificate must be displayed Section 98A

omit

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38 Return of certificate of registration Section 103

omit

39 Section 104

substitute

104 Surrender of registration

The proprietor of a registered food business may, at any time, surrender the registration by written notice given to the chief health officer.

40 Section 106

substitute

106 Public access to food business register

(1) The chief health officer must make the food business register accessible to the public without charge on an ACT government website, or by a link on an ACT government website.

(2) Also, the chief health officer may publish all or part of the food business register in any other way the chief health officer considers appropriate.

(3) However, the chief health officer must not make information publicly available under this section if the chief health officer is satisfied it is not in the public interest for the information to be publicly available.

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Part 14 Gambling and Racing Control Act 1999

41 Cap on number of authorisations for electronic gaming in ACT
Section 50 (5)

omit the definitions of

authorisation

casino

casino FATG terminal

casino gaming machine

electronic gaming

gaming machine

42 Part 6B

substitute

Part 6B Registers

51 Electronic gaming register

(1) The commission must keep a register of the following:

(a) electronic gaming licences;

(b) authorisation certificates for electronic gaming;

(c) authorisations for electronic gaming.

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(2) The register must include the following information:

(a) the date of issue, and any amendment or transfer, of an electronic gaming licence or authorisation certificate;

(b) the date of any suspension or cancellation of an electronic gaming licence or authorisation certificate;

(c) for an authorisation certificate for a gaming machine—

(i) the maximum number of authorisations for gaming machines allowed under the authorisation certificate; and

(ii) the authorisation number for each authorisation; and

(iii) details of any gaming machine under each authorisation;

(d) for an authorisation certificate for a casino gaming machine or casino FATG terminal—

(i) the maximum number of authorisations for casino gaming machines or casino FATG terminals allowed under the authorisation certificate; and

(ii) the authorisation number for each authorisation; and

(iii) details of any casino gaming machine or casino FATG terminal under each authorisation;

(e) if a licensee holds a storage permit—

(i) whether the permit is for a general purpose or an interim purpose; and

(ii) the serial number of each gaming machine to be stored under the permit; and

(iii) for a storage permit for a general purpose—the authorisation number for each gaming machine's associated authorisation;

(f) any other information prescribed by regulation.

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(3) In this section:

authorisation number, for electronic gaming, means—

(a) an authorisation number for a gaming machine under the *Gaming Machine Act 2004*; or

(b) an authorisation number for a casino gaming machine or casino FATG terminal under the *Casino (Electronic Gaming) Act 2017*.

electronic gaming licence means—

(a) a casino licence granted under the *Casino Control Act 2006*, section 21; or

(b) a licence for a class B or class C gaming machine issued under the *Gaming Machine Act 2004*.

general purpose, for a storage permit—see the *Gaming Machine Act 2004*, dictionary.

interim purpose, for a storage permit—see the *Gaming Machine Act 2004*, dictionary.

storage permit—see the *Gaming Machine Act 2004*, section 127L.

51A Gaming machine register

(1) The commission must keep a register of approvals of gaming machines and peripheral equipment for gaming machines.

(2) The register must include the following information about each approval:

(a) whether the approval is in force;

(b) the day the approval came into force;

(c) the name of the manufacturer of the gaming machine or peripheral equipment;

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(d) a description of the gaming machine or peripheral equipment, including a serial number;

(e) the date of any suspension or cancellation of the approval;

(f) any other information prescribed by regulation.

(3) In this section:

approval, of a gaming machine or peripheral equipment, means an approval by the commission under the *Gaming Machine Act 2004*, section 69.

peripheral equipment, for a gaming machine—see the *Gaming Machine Act 2004*, section 68.

52 Bookmaker and totalisator register

(1) The commission must keep a register of the following:

(a) race or sports bookmaking licences;

(b) totalisator licences.

(2) The register must include the following information about each licence:

(a) the name and address of the licensee;

(b) if the licence is a race bookmaker's agent licence or sports bookmaker's agent licence—the name and address of the person who nominated the licensee;

(c) the licence number;

(d) the date of issue, amendment or transfer of the licence;

(e) the period for which the licence was issued;

(f) any conditions imposed on the licence;

(g) the date of any suspension or cancellation of the licence;

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(h) for a totalisator licence—the name and address of—

(i) any agent of the licensee; and

(ii) any other person with whom the licensee conducts an activity authorised by the licence in a joint venture or other arrangement;

(i) any other information prescribed by regulation.

(3) In this section:

race bookmaker's agent licence means a licence issued under the *Race and Sports Bookmaking Act 2001*, section 13.

race or sports bookmaking licence—see the *Race and Sports Bookmaking Act 2001*, dictionary, definition of ***licence***.

sports bookmaker's agent licence means a licence issued under the *Race and Sports Bookmaking Act 2001*, section 35.

totalisator licence—see *Totalisator Act 2014*, dictionary, definition of ***licence***.

52A Keeping registers

(1) This section applies to the registers kept under section 51, section 51A and section 52.

(2) A register may be kept in any form, including electronically, that the commission decides.

(3) The commission may correct an error or omission in a register.

(4) The commission may change information included in a register to keep the register up-to-date.

Example

Information in the register for electronic gaming kept under s 51 may be changed if the commission is notified about a notifiable action under the *Casino (Electronic Gaming) Act 2017*, s 49 or the *Gaming Machine Act 2004*, s 173D.

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(5) The commission must make the registers kept under section 51A and section 52 accessible to the public without charge on an ACT government website, or by a link on an ACT government website.

(6) However, the commission must not make information publicly available under subsection (5) if—

(a) the commission is satisfied it is not in the public interest for the information to be publicly available; or

(b) the information is prescribed by regulation.

43 New section 53

in part 7, insert

53 Replacement of electronic gaming licences, authorisation certificates and authorisation schedules

(1) This section applies if a licensee's electronic gaming licence, authorisation certificate or authorisation schedule is lost, stolen or destroyed.

(2) The licensee must give the commission a statement verifying the loss, theft or destruction of the licence, authorisation certificate or authorisation schedule as soon as practicable after becoming aware of the loss, theft or destruction.

Note It is an offence to make a false or misleading statement, give false or misleading information or produce a false or misleading document (see Criminal Code, pt 3.4).

(3) If the commission receives a statement under subsection (2), the commission must give the licensee a replacement electronic gaming licence, replacement authorisation certificate or replacement authorisation schedule.

(4) In this section:

electronic gaming licence—see section 51 (3).

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44 New part 10

insert

Part 10 Transitional—Better Regulation Legislation Amendment Act 2026

55 Meaning of *commencement day*—pt 10

In this part:

commencement day means the day the *Better Regulation Legislation Amendment Act 2026*, part 14 commences.

56 Electronic gaming register must include information about existing licences etc

(1) Section 51 applies to an authorisation, an authorisation certificate and a licence that was in force (or suspended) immediately before the commencement day.

(2) In this section:

authorisation—see section 51, as in force immediately before the commencement day.

authorisation certificate—see section 51, as in force immediately before the commencement day.

licence—see section 51, as in force immediately before the commencement day.

57 Gaming machine register must include information about existing approvals

Section 51A applies to an approval of a gaming machine or peripheral equipment for a gaming machine that was, immediately before the commencement day, in force under the *Gaming Machine Act 2004*, section 69.

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58 Bookmaker and totalisator register must include information about existing licences

Section 52 applies to a licence that was, immediately before the commencement day, in force (or suspended) under the *Race and Sports Bookmaking Act 2001* or the *Totalisator Act 2014*.

59 Expiry—pt 10

This part expires 1 year after the commencement day.

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

45 Dictionary, definitions of *authorisation* and *authorisation certificate*

substitute

authorisation, for electronic gaming, means—

(a) an authorisation for a gaming machine under the *Gaming Machine Act 2004*; and

(b) an authorisation for a casino gaming machine or casino FATG terminal under the *Casino (Electronic Gaming) Act 2017*.

authorisation certificate, for electronic gaming, means—

(a) an authorisation certificate for a gaming machine under the *Gaming Machine Act 2004*; and

(b) an authorisation certificate for a casino gaming machine or casino FATG terminal under the *Casino (Electronic Gaming) Act 2017*.

46 Dictionary, definition of *authorisation number*

omit

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47 Dictionary, definition of *authorisation schedule*

substitute

authorisation schedule, for electronic gaming, means—

(a) an authorisation schedule for an authorisation certificate for a licence for a gaming machine under the *Gaming Machine Act 2004*; and

(b) an authorisation schedule for an authorisation certificate for a casino gaming machine or casino FATG terminal under the *Casino (Electronic Gaming) Act 2017*.

48 Dictionary, definition of *casino FATG terminal* etc

substitute

casino FATG terminal—see the *Casino (Electronic Gaming) Act 2017*, dictionary.

casino gaming machine—see the *Casino (Electronic Gaming) Act 2017*, dictionary.

electronic gaming means gaming machines, casino gaming machines, casino FATG terminals and fully-automated table game machines.

gaming machine—see the *Gaming Machine Act 2004*, dictionary.

49 Dictionary

omit the definitions of

general purpose

interim purpose

licence

maximum number

storage permit

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Part 15 Gaming Machine Act 2004

50 Proper completion—applications under Act Section 9 (1), note 1

omit

51 Approval of gaming machines and peripheral equipment Section 69 (1)

after

may

insert

, in writing,

52 Section 69 (1), new note

insert

Note The commission must keep a register of approvals (see *Gambling and Racing Control Act 1999*, s 51A).

53 Section 69 (4)

omit

54 Cancellation or suspension of gaming machine and peripheral equipment approval Section 70 (1)

after

may

insert

, in writing,

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55 Section 70 (1), new note

insert

Note The commission must include information about suspensions or cancellations of approvals in the register kept under the *Gambling and Racing Control Act 1999*, s 51A.

56 Section 70 (3)

omit

57 Section 176

substitute

176 Evidentiary certificates

In a prosecution for an offence against this Act, a certificate issued by the commission stating any of the following is evidence of the matters stated in the certificate:

(a) the person named in the certificate was or was not the holder of a licence or authorisation certificate on a stated date or during a stated period;

(b) a gaming machine or peripheral equipment for a gaming machine was or was not approved under section 69 on a stated date or during a stated period.

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58 New part 23

insert

Part 23 Transitional—Better Regulation Legislation Amendment Act 2026

317 Definitions—pt 23

In this part:

amending Act means the *Better Regulation Legislation Amendment Act 2026*.

commencement day means the day the amending Act, part 15 commences.

318 Existing approvals of gaming machines and peripheral equipment

(1) An existing approval continues, despite its repeal by the amending Act, section 4, in force on and after the commencement day.

(2) Section 69 and section 70, as amended by the amending Act, apply to an existing approval on and after the commencement day.

Note The *Gambling and Racing Control Act 1999*, section 51A (Gaming machine register) applies to an existing approval (see that Act, s 57).

(3) In this section:

existing approval means an approval that was, immediately before the commencement day, in force under section 69 and notified on the ACT legislation register.

319 Expiry—pt 23

This part expires 1 year after the commencement day.

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

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Part 16 Gas Safety Act 2000

59 Register of approved gas appliances Section 22 (2)

substitute

(2) The construction occupations registrar must make the register accessible to the public without charge on an ACT government website, or by a link on an ACT government website.

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Part 17 Legislation Act 2001

60 Regulations may make provision about fees Section 58 (4)

omit

cheque or credit card, including, for example, the consequences of a cheque not being honoured on presentation or a credit card transaction not being honoured

substitute

a particular payment method

61 Section 58 (5)

substitute

(5) A regulation or the authorising law may make provision in relation to the removal of a statutory capacity if a determined fee is not paid when required.

62 Section 58 (9), definition of *credit card*

omit

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Part 18 Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2008

63 Returning licences for amendment Section 94

omit

64 Section 95

substitute

95 Replacing licences

The chief health officer may issue a replacement licence to a licence-holder.

65 Surrendering licences Section 97 (2) and note

omit

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Part 19 Professional Engineers Act 2023

66 Publication of certain information in engineers register Section 31 (1)

omit

available to the public

substitute

accessible to the public without charge on an ACT government website, or by a link on an ACT government website

67 Section 31 (2)

omit

available to the public

substitute

accessible to the public in a way mentioned in that subsection

68 Section 31 (3)

omit

available to the public

substitute

accessible to the public

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Part 20 Public Health Act 1997

69 Offences against Act—application of Criminal Code etc Section 6A, note 1, new dot points

insert

- s 42B (Licensable public health risk activities—inspection)
- s 56B (Procedure licence—inspection)
- s 56U (Registration—inspection)
- s 66V (Ownership of pharmacy business)
- s 66X (Restriction on pharmacy premises—supermarkets)
- s 118D (4) (Water processing health risk—public warning by utility)
- s 118J (4) (Sewage processing health risk—public warning by utility)

70 New section 21A

insert

21A Register of activity licences

(1) The Minister must keep a register of activity licences showing the following information for each licence:

(a) the information stated on the licence for section 31 (Activity licence—form);

(b) if the licence is transferred—details of the transfer;

(c) if the licence is suspended—the date of suspension, a brief indication of the reasons for suspension and the date of lifting of the suspension (if applicable);

(d) if the licence is cancelled—the date of cancellation and a brief indication of the reasons for cancellation;

(e) if the licence is surrendered—the date of surrender;

(f) any other information the Minister considers appropriate.

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(2) The Minister must ensure the register is made available to the public without charge by making it—

(a) accessible on an ACT government website, or by a link on an ACT government website; and

(b) available for inspection during ordinary business hours at an ACT government office.

(3) However, the Minister must not make information publicly available under subsection (2) if the Minister is satisfied it is not in the public interest for the information to be publicly available.

71 Activity licence—return for endorsement of variation Section 35

omit

72 Activity licence—application for transfer Section 36 (2)

substitute

(2) An application must be signed by each joint applicant.

73 Activity licence—grant or refusal of transfer Section 37 (5)

omit

74 Activity licence—surrender Section 38 (1)

substitute

(1) The holder of an activity licence may surrender the licence by written notice given to the Minister.

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75 Activity licence—return of defunct licences Section 42

omit

76 Section 42B

substitute

42B Licensable public health risk activities—inspection

A person commits an offence if—

(a) the person carries on a licensable public health risk activity; and

(b) the person does not ensure that all records reasonably relevant to the activity (including records of licensing, conduct, accreditation and approval of activity premises alterations and procedure appliance alterations) are available for inspection by an authorised officer, at any reasonable time, at the premises where the activity is carried on.

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

77 New section 42CA

insert

42CA Register of procedure licences

(1) The Minister must keep a register of procedure licences showing the following information for each licence:

(a) the information stated on the licence for section 46 (Procedure licence—form);

(b) if the licence is suspended—the date of suspension, a brief indication of the reasons for suspension and the date of lifting of the suspension (if applicable);

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(c) if the licence is cancelled—the date of cancellation and a brief indication of the reasons for cancellation;

(d) if the licence is surrendered—the date of surrender;

(e) any other information the Minister considers appropriate.

(2) The Minister must ensure the register is made available to the public without charge by making it—

(a) accessible on an ACT government website, or by a link on an ACT government website; and

(b) available for inspection during ordinary business hours at an ACT government office.

(3) However, the Minister must not make information publicly available under subsection (2) if the Minister is satisfied it is not in the public interest for the information to be publicly available.

78 Procedure licence—return for endorsement of variation Section 50

omit

79 Procedure licence—surrender Section 52 (1)

substitute

(1) The holder of a procedure licence may surrender the licence by written notice given to the Minister.

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80 Procedure licence—return of defunct licences Section 56

omit

81 Section 56B

substitute

56B Procedure licence—inspection

A person commits an offence if—

(a) the person performs a licensable public health risk procedure; and

(b) the person does not ensure that all records reasonably relevant to the procedure (including records of licensing, conduct, accreditation and approval of procedure appliance alterations) are available for inspection by an authorised officer, at any reasonable time, at the premises where the procedure is performed.

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

82 Activity register Section 56D

omit

83 Registered people register Section 56E (1)

omit

(the ***registered people register***)

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84 Section 56E (2) and (3)

substitute

(2) The Minister must ensure the register is made available to the public without charge by making it—

(a) accessible on an ACT government website, or by a link on an ACT government website; and

(b) available for inspection during ordinary business hours at an ACT government office.

(3) However, the Minister must not make information publicly available under subsection (2) if the Minister is satisfied it is not in the public interest for the information to be publicly available.

85 Registration—application for approval of transfer Section 56M (2)

omit

86 Registration—return of suspended or cancelled certificates Section 56R

omit

87 Registration—surrender Section 56S (1)

substitute

(1) A registered person may surrender registration by written notice given to the Minister.

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88 Section 56U

substitute

56U Registration—inspection

A person commits an offence if—

(a) the person is a registered person; and

(b) the person does not ensure that all records associated with the registration or conduct of the registered activity are available for inspection by an authorised officer, at any reasonable time, at the premises where the activity is carried on.

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

89 Vending machine approval—return on surrender or cancellation Section 66S

omit

90 Dictionary, definitions of *activity register* and *registered people register*

omit

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Part 21 Race and Sports Bookmaking Act 2001

91 Race bookmaking licence—entry of particulars in register Section 9

omit

92 Race bookmaker's agent licence—issue or refusal New section 13 (7)

insert

(7) If the commission issues a race bookmaker's agent licence to the nominated person, the commission must also give a copy of the licence to the applicant for the licence.

93 Race bookmaker's agent licence—entry of particulars in register etc Section 15

omit

94 Sports bookmaking licence—entry of particulars in register Section 28

omit

95 Issue or refusal of sports bookmaker's agent licence New section 35 (5A)

insert

(5A) If the commission issues a sports bookmaker's agent licence to the nominated person, the commission must also give a copy of the licence to the applicant for the licence.

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96 Sports bookmaker's agent licence—entry of particulars in register etc Section 37

omit

97 Commission to keep register Section 89

omit

98 Dictionary, definition of *register*

omit

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Part 22 Race and Sports Bookmaking Regulation 2001

99 Sections 2 to 4

omit

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Part 23 Radiation Protection Act 2006

100 Radiation register Section 33A (4)

substitute

(4) The chief health officer must make the information in the register about a licence accessible to the public without charge on an ACT government website, or by a link on an ACT government website.

(4A) Also, the chief health officer may make other information in the register accessible to the public in a way mentioned in subsection (4).

(4B) However, the chief health officer must not make information publicly available under subsection (4) or (4A) if the chief health officer is satisfied it is not in the public interest for the information to be publicly available.

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Part 24 Utilities (Technical Regulation) Act 2014

101 Dams register Section 58 (3)

substitute

(3) The dams register may be kept in any form, including electronic form, that the technical regulator decides.

(4) The dams register must be made accessible to the public without charge on an ACT government website, or by a link on an ACT government website.

(5) However, the technical regulator must not make information publicly available under subsection (4) if the technical regulator is satisfied it is not in the public interest for the information to be publicly available.

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Part 25 Veterinary Practice Act 2018

102 Access to register Section 129 (1)

substitute

(1) The register must be made accessible to the public without charge on an ACT government website, or by a link on an ACT government website.

103 Section 129 (2)

omit

available

substitute

made accessible

104 Section 129 (3)

omit

allow public inspection of

substitute

make accessible to the public

105 Section 129 (4)

substitute

(4) The address of a veterinary practitioner must not be made accessible to the public.

(5) Despite subsection (4), the place at which a veterinary practitioner practices must be made accessible to the public (whether or not this is also the address of the practitioner).

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Part 26 Waste Management and Resource Recovery Act 2016

106 New section 23A

insert

23A Amendment of licence

(1) The waste manager may amend a licence—

(a) on written application by a licensee; or

(b) on the waste manager's own initiative.

(2) If a licensee applies for an amendment to the licence, the waste manager must—

(a) make the amendment requested in the application; or

(b) make another amendment; or

(c) refuse to make an amendment.

(3) If the waste manager makes an amendment under subsection (1) (b) or (2) (a), the waste manager must give the licensee written notice of the amendment.

(4) If the waste manager makes an amendment under subsection (2) (b) or refuses to make an amendment under subsection (2) (c), the waste manager must as soon as practicable give the licensee written notice of the reason for the amendment or the refusal.

(5) The amendment takes effect on—

(a) the day the notice is given to the licensee under subsection (3) or (4); or

(b) a later day stated in the notice.

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(6) In this section:

amend, a licence, includes impose, amend or revoke a condition on the licence.

Note A condition on a licence may also be imposed, amended or revoked under pt 7 (Regulatory action).

107 Registration conditions Section 34A, new example 3

insert

3 requiring the display of the registered waste transporter's registration number on vehicles used for transporting waste

108 New section 34B

insert

34B Amendment of registration

(1) The waste manager may amend the registration of a registered waste transporter—

(a) on written application by the registered waste transporter; or

(b) on the waste manager's own initiative.

(2) If the waste transporter applies for an amendment to the registration, the waste manager must—

(a) make the amendment requested in the application; or

(b) make another amendment; or

(c) refuse to make an amendment.

(3) If the waste manager makes an amendment under subsection (1) (b) or (2) (a), the waste manager must give the waste transporter written notice of the amendment.

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(4) If the waste manager makes an amendment under subsection (2) (b) or refuses to make an amendment under subsection (2) (c), the waste manager must as soon as practicable give the waste transporter written notice of the reason for the amendment or the refusal.

(5) The amendment takes effect on—

(a) the day the notice is given to the waste transporter under subsection (3) or (4); or

(b) a later day stated in the notice.

(6) In this section:

amend, a waste transporter registration, includes impose, amend or revoke a condition on the registration.

Note A condition on a waste transporter registration may also be imposed, amended or revoked under pt 7 (Regulatory action).

109 Waste transporter must display registration number Section 35

omit

110 Definitions—pt 7 Section 43, definition of *regulatory action*, paragraph (a) (i)

omit

imposing, or amending,

substitute

imposing, amending or revoking

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111 Section 43, definition of *regulatory action*, paragraph (b) (i)

omit

imposing or amending

substitute

imposing, amending or revoking

112 Taking regulatory action Section 46 (2) (a)

omit

imposing or amending

substitute

imposing, amending or revoking

113 Section 46 (2) (a)

omit

impose or amend

substitute

impose, amend or revoke

114 Section 64V (6)

after

container approval

insert

granted under this section

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115 Section 64V (7)

after

container approval

insert

granted under this section

116 Section 64V (8) and (9)

omit

117 New section 64VA

insert

64VA Contravention of container approval condition

(1) A person commits an offence if—

(a) the person holds a container approval; and

Note ***Container approval*** includes an approval in force under a corresponding law of a State (see s 64B).

(b) the person fails to comply with a condition of the approval.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

(2) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

118 Reviewable decisions Schedule 1, new items 3A to 3C

insert

3A	23A (1) (b)	amend licence	licensee	waste manager
3B	23A (2) (b)	amend licence	licensee	waste manager
3C	23A (2) (c)	refuse to amend licence	licensee	waste manager

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119 Schedule 1, item 4

substitute

4	32 (2)	refuse to consider application until additional information provided	applicant for registration	waste manager

120 Schedule 1, new items 6A to 6C

insert

6A	34B (1) (b)	amend registration	waste transporter	waste manager
6B	34B (2) (b)	amend registration	waste transporter	waste manager
6C	34B (2) (c)	refuse to amend registration	waste transporter	waste manager

121 Schedule 1, item 7, column 4

after

licensee

insert

or registered waste transporter

122 Schedule 1, item 8

substitute

8	48	immediately suspend licence or registration	licensee or registered waste transporter	waste manager

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Schedule 1 Technical amendments

(see s 3)

Part 1.1 Pool Betting Act 1964

[1.1] Section 10 (3)

omit

him or her with

substitute

the authorised person

Explanatory note

This amendment updates language in line with current legislative drafting practice.

[1.2] Section 12

omit

his or her

substitute

their

Explanatory note

This amendment updates language in line with current legislative drafting practice.

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[1.3] Section 13 (2) (b)

omit

he or she

substitute

the authorised person

Explanatory note

This amendment updates language in line with current legislative drafting practice.

[1.4] Section 13 (3) (a)

omit

his or her

substitute

their

Explanatory note

This amendment updates language in line with current legislative drafting practice.

[1.5] Section 13 (3) (b)

omit

him or her

substitute

the person

Explanatory note

This amendment updates language in line with current legislative drafting practice.

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[1.6] Further amendments, mentions of *shall*

omit

shall

substitute

must

in

- sections 5 to 10
- sections 12 and 13

Explanatory note

This amendment updates language in line with current legislative drafting practice.

[1.7] Further amendments, mentions of *persons*

omit

persons

substitute

people

in

- section 6
- section 13
- dictionary, definition of ***pool betting competition***

Explanatory note

This amendment updates language in line with current legislative drafting practice.

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Part 1.2 Waste Management and Resource Recovery Act 2016

[1.8] Section 20, note etc

omit the following notes

- section 20, note
- section 22 (1), note 2
- section 23, note 1
- section 32, note
- section 34 (1), note 2
- section 34A, note 1
- section 46 (2), note
- section 48, note
- section 67 (2), note
- section 70 (2), note
- section 71 (2), note
- section 117 (1), note

Explanatory note

This amendment omits unnecessary notes.

[1.9] Schedule 1, item 5, column 2

omit

34 (3)

substitute

34 (1)

Explanatory note

This amendment corrects a cross-reference.

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[1.10] Schedule 1, item 12, column 2

omit

67

substitute

67 (1)

Explanatory note

This amendment corrects a cross-reference.

[1.11] Schedule 1, item 12, column 3

omit

give

substitute

declare

Explanatory note

This amendment corrects the description of a reviewable decision.

[1.12] Schedule 1, items 13 and 14, column 3

omit

issue

substitute

give

Explanatory note

This amendment corrects the description of reviewable decisions.

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Endnotes

1 Presentation speech

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 6 May 2026.

2 Notification

Notified under the Legislation Act on 9 November 2026.

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 Better Regulation Legislation Amendment Bill 2026, which was passed by the Legislative Assembly on 20 October 2026.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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