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A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Gaming Machine Act 2004* and the *Gaming Machine Regulation 2004*

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

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Name of Act 2 This Act is the Gaming Machine Amendment Act 2011. 3 Commencement than sections 13 5 This Act (other and 14) commences on 1 January 2012. 6 The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on Note the notification day (see Legislation Act, s 75 (1)). 8 (2) Sections 13 and 14 commence on 1 January 2013. 9

3 Legislation amended 10

This Act amends the Gaming Machine Act 2004 and the Gaming 11 Machine Regulation 2004. 12

Part 2 Gaming Machine Act 2004

	Section 10
	omit
5	Issue of licences Section 12 (5) (c)
	substitute
	(c) if the applicant is a club——
	(i) the number of club members worked out under the regulation; and
	(ii) the ratio of club members to the number of gaming machines held by the licensee; and
	(iii) the extent to which the club has contributed to, or is likely to contribute to, the community and supported and benefited the community;
6	No available gaming machines Section 17
	omit
7	Social impact assessment Section 18 (1), note
	substitute
	Note A social impact assessment is required for an initial licence application (see s 11) and some licence amendment applications (see s 23).
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1	8	Sections 22 to 26
2		substitute
3	22	Licence amendment—applications
4 5		A licensee may apply in writing to the commission for an amendment only to—
6 7		(a) decrease the number of licensed gaming machines allowed under the licence (a <i>decrease machines amendment</i>); or
8		<i>Note</i> Decreasing machines is also dealt with in par (e) and (f).
9 10		(b) structurally change part of a gaming area at the licensed premises (a <i>structural change amendment</i>); or
11 12		(c) enable the licensee to temporarily store gaming machines at other premises (a <i>temporary storage amendment</i>); or
13 14		(d) enable the licensee to relocate to a new venue (a venue relocation amendment); or
15 16 17 18		(e) if the licensee is a club and holds more than 1 licence—decrease the number of gaming machines allowed under 1 or more licences and increase the number allowed under 1 or more other licences, to enable the licensee to relocate the gaming machines (a <i>machine relocation amendment</i>); or
20 21 22 23 24		(f) if the licensee is a club—decrease the number of gaming machines allowed under 1 or more licences to enable the licensee to move the gaming machines to premises for which the licensee is applying for a licence (a new venue amendment); or
25 26		(g) make 1 or more of the following changes to a gaming machine operated under the licence (a <i>technical amendment</i>):
27		(i) change the percentage payout of the machine;
28		(ii) change the basic stake denomination of the machine;

1				(iii)	change	the kind of machine;
2					Example	•
3 4 5						e from King of the Thames mk 2 gaming machines to King names mk 3 gaming machines or to Magnificent Mel gaming s
6 7 8					Note	An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see Legislation Act, s 126 and s 132).
9 10				(iv)	change licence.	any other detail mentioned in the schedule to the
11 12			Note			approved under the Control Act, s 53D for an application, ast be used.
13			Note :	2 A	fee may b	be determined under s 177 for an application.
14	23		Lice	nce	amend	ment—contents of applications
15		(1)	A lic	ence	amendm	nent application must—
16			(a)	be in	writing	signed by the applicant; and
17			(b)	set o	ut the pr	oposed amendment of the licence; and
18			(c)	expla	ain why	the applicant is seeking the amendment; and
19 20			(d)			ase machines amendment—state the number of the removed from the licence; and
21 22			(e)			al change amendment—be accompanied by a plan proposed changes to the gaming area; and
23			(f)	for a	tempora	rry storage amendment—state—
24				(i)	the nun	nber of machines to be temporarily stored; and
25				(ii)	where t	he machines will be temporarily stored; and
26 27				(iii)	when the	he machines will need to be temporarily stored;

1	(g)	for a	venu	e relocation amendment—
2 3		(i)		the address, and block and section number, of the venue; and
4		(ii)	be ac	ecompanied by—
5			(A)	a social impact assessment; and
6 7			(B)	a plan of the licensed premises showing where the gaming machines are to be relocated; and
8 9 10 11			(C)	if the applicant is a club—evidence that a majority of the voting members of the club who voted in a ballot conducted under the regulation voted for the club relocating to the new venue; and
12	(h)	for a	mach	nine relocation amendment—
13		(i)	state	the number of machines to be relocated; and
14		(ii)	be ac	ecompanied by—
15			(A)	a social impact assessment; and
16 17			(B)	a plan of the licensed premises showing where the gaming machines are to be relocated; and
18 19 20 21 22			(C)	evidence that a majority of the voting members of the club who voted in a ballot conducted under the regulation voted for the stated number of gaming machines to be relocated and the premises they are to be relocated to and from; and
23	(i)	for a	new	venue amendment—
24		(i)	state	
25 26			(A)	the address, and block and section number, of the new venue; and
27 28			(B)	the number of machines to be moved to the new venue; and

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1 2 3			(C)	the class, number, kind, coin denomination and percentage payout of gaming machines for which the new licence is sought; and
4		(ii)	be a	ccompanied by—
5 6			(A)	each of the required documents for an initial application under section 11 (2); and
7 8 9 10				Note Required documents include a social impact assessment, a scale plan of the premises and the rules and control procedures for the operation of the gaming machines.
11 12 13			(B)	a description of the applicant's intended monetary investment in property, buildings and facilities at the new venue; and
14 15			(C)	a description of the amenities and facilities intended for the new venue; and
16 17 18 19 20			(D)	evidence that a majority of the voting members of the club who voted in a ballot conducted under the regulation voted for the club having the proposed number of gaming machines at the premises proposed to be licensed.
21	(2)	A regulati	ion m	ay require an application to—
22		(a) inclu	ide pa	articular information; or
23		(b) be a	ccom	panied by particular documents.
24 25	(3)			on need not decide the licence amendment application on is not in accordance with this section.

1 2	24		amendment decision—decrease machines
3 4		(1)	This section applies if a licensee applies for a decrease machines amendment under section 22 (a).
5 6		(2)	The commission must amend the licence in accordance with the application.
7 8	25		Licence amendment decision—structural change amendment
9		(1)	This section applies if a licensee applies for a structural change amendment under section 22 (b).
1		(2)	The commission must—
2 3 4			(a) amend the licence in accordance with the application if satisfied that the gaming area as it is proposed to be changed will be suitable for the operation of gaming machines; and
5			(b) if not satisfied under paragraph (a)—refuse to amend the licence.
7 8		(3)	In deciding whether a gaming area will be suitable for the operation of gaming machines, the commission must consider—
9			(a) the safety and comfort of patrons; and
20			(b) harm minimisation strategies for patrons.

1 2	26		amendment decision—temporary storage
3 4	((1)	This section applies if a licensee applies for a temporary storage amendment under section $22\ (c)$.
5 6 7	•	(2)	The commission may amend the licence for a stated period in accordance with the application if satisfied that the gaming machines—
8 9			(a) need to be removed from the licensed premises for a good reason; and
10			(b) will be stored at other appropriate premises temporarily; and
11			(c) will not be operated at the other premises.
12 13	((3)	To remove any doubt, the temporary storage amendment does not affect the number of gaming machines licensed to the licensee.
14	26A		Licence amendment decision—venue relocation
15			amendment
		(1)	amendment This section applies if a licensee applies for a venue relocation amendment under section 22 (d).
15 16		(1) (2)	This section applies if a licensee applies for a venue relocation
15 16 17 18		` /	This section applies if a licensee applies for a venue relocation amendment under section 22 (d). The commission must amend the licence in accordance with the
15 16 17 18 19 20 21		` /	This section applies if a licensee applies for a venue relocation amendment under section 22 (d). The commission must amend the licence in accordance with the application if satisfied that— (a) the size and layout of the new venue is suitable for the operation of the machines that would be allowed under the
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22		` /	This section applies if a licensee applies for a venue relocation amendment under section 22 (d). The commission must amend the licence in accordance with the application if satisfied that— (a) the size and layout of the new venue is suitable for the operation of the machines that would be allowed under the licence; and (b) amendment of the licence to relocate the venue is appropriate;

1 2 3			(d) if the applicant is a club—a majority of the voting members of the club who voted in a ballot conducted under the regulation voted for the club relocating to the new venue.
4 5 6 7 8		(3)	However, if the commission is not satisfied under subsection (2) in relation to the number of machines stated in the application, but would be satisfied under subsection (2) (a) and (b) in relation to fewer machines, the commission may amend the licence to allow fewer machines at the new venue.
9		(4)	In deciding whether an amendment of a licence under this section is appropriate, the commission must consider the following things:
1			(a) the application for the amendment;
2			(b) the social impact assessment for the application;
3 4 5			(c) each submission made about the social impact assessment within the 6-week comment period mentioned in section 19 (3) (Publication of social impact assessments by applicant);
6 7 8			(d) if the applicant is a club—the extent to which the club has contributed to, or is likely to contribute to, the community and supported and benefited the community.
9	26B		Licence amendment decision—machine relocation amendment
21 22		(1)	This section applies if a licensee applies for a machine relocation amendment under section 22 (e).
23 24		(2)	The commission must amend the licences in accordance with the application if satisfied that—
25 26 27			(a) the size and layout of the premises where the gaming machines are to be relocated is suitable for the operation of the machines that would be allowed under the licence; and

1 2		(b)	amendment of the licences to move the gaming machines to other licensed premises is appropriate; and
3 4			<i>Note</i> In deciding whether an amendment of a licence is appropriate, the commission must consider certain things (see s (4)).
5 6 7 8		(c)	the number of club members worked out under the regulation, and the pattern of use of gaming machines by club members, is sufficient to justify the number of extra machines at the licensed premises where the machines would be relocated; and
9 10		(d)	the licensee does not owe an amount to the Territory under a tax law or a gaming law; and
11 12 13 14		(e)	a majority of the voting members of the club who voted in a ballot conducted under the regulation voted for the number of gaming machines stated under section 23 (1) (h) (i) to be relocated and the premises they are to be relocated to and from.
15 16 17 18	(3)	relat wou mac	vever, if the commission is not satisfied under subsection (2) in tion to the number of machines stated in the application, but all be satisfied under subsection (2) (a) to (c) in relation to fewer thines, the commission may amend the licences to relocate fewer thines.
20 21	(4)		eciding whether an amendment of licences under this section is ropriate, the commission must consider the following things:
22		(a)	the application for the amendment;
23		(b)	the social impact assessment for the application;
24 25 26		(c)	each submission made about the social impact assessment within the 6-week comment period mentioned in section 19 (3) (Publication of social impact assessments by applicant);
27 28 29		(d)	the extent to which the club has contributed to, or is likely to contribute to, the community and supported and benefited the community.

1	26C	Licence amendment decision—new venue amendment
2	(1)	This section applies if a licensee applies for a new venue amendment under section 22 (f).
4 5	(2)	The commission must amend the licence or licences, and issue the new licence, in accordance with the application if satisfied that—
6 7		(a) the application satisfies each additional mandatory requirement under section 13; and
8		(b) it is appropriate to issue the new licence; and
9 10		<i>Note</i> In deciding whether it is appropriate to issue the new licence, the commission must consider certain things (see s (6)).
11 12		(c) the licensee does not owe an amount to the Territory under a tax law or a gaming law; and
13 14 15		(d) a majority of the voting members of the club who voted in a ballot conducted under the regulation voted for the club having the proposed number of gaming machines at the new venue.
16 17 18 19	(3)	However, the commission may refuse to amend the licence or licences and issue the new licence if a ground for refusing the new licence exists under section 14 (Grounds for refusing initial licence application by club).
20 21 22 23 24	(4)	If the commission is not satisfied under subsection (2) in relation to the number of machines stated in the application, but would be satisfied under subsection (2) (a) and (b) in relation to fewer machines, the commission may amend the licence or licences, and issue the new licence, to move fewer machines to the new venue.
25	(5)	The new licence may be conditional.
26 27	(6)	In deciding whether it is appropriate to issue the new licence, the commission must consider the following things:
28		(a) the application;
29		(b) the size and layout of the new venue;

1			(c)	the size and layout of the proposed gaming area;
2			(d)	the following information about the club:
3 4				(i) the number of club members worked out under the regulation;
5 6				(ii) the ratio of club members to the number of gaming machines held by the licensee;
7 8 9				(iii) the extent to which the club has contributed to, or is likely to contribute to, the community and supported and benefited the community;
10			(e)	the social impact assessment for the application;
11 12 13			(f)	each submission made about the social impact assessment within the 6-week comment period mentioned in section 19 (3) (Publication of social impact assessments by applicant);
14 15			(g)	the applicant's intended monetary investment in property, buildings and facilities at the new venue;
16 17 18			(h)	the amenities and facilities intended for the new venue compared to existing amenities and facilities in the local area around the new venue;
19			(i)	any other relevant matter.
20	26D		Lice	ence amendment decision—technical amendment
21 22		(1)		section applies if a licensee applies for a technical amendment er section 22 (g).
23		(2)	The	commission must—
24 25 26			(a)	amend the licence in accordance with the application if satisfied that the change to the gaming machine is technically suitable; and
27 28			(b)	if not satisfied under paragraph (a)—refuse to amend the licence.

(3	3) In deciding whether a change to a gaming machine is technically suitable, the commission must take into account each technical evaluation of the gaming machine carried out under section 69 (Approval of gaming machines and peripheral equipment).
9	Commencement of amendments Section 28
	omit
	under section 24, section 25 or section 26
	substitute
	under this division
10	Revocation of uncommenced licence amendments Section 29 (1) (a)
	omit
	under section 24 or section 25
	substitute
	under this division
11	Transfer of licence Section 32 (1) (c)
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omit

or has a certificate of suitability

1	12		Sections 35 and 36
2			substitute
3	34A		Intention to reduce maximum number of gaming machines to 4 000
5 6 7		(1)	It is the intention of the Legislative Assembly that the maximum number of gaming machines allowed on all licensed premises in the ACT be reduced to 4 000.
8 9		(2)	This reduction is to happen over time as gaming machines are surrendered or cancelled (see s 35).
10	35		Maximum number of gaming machines allowed in ACT
11 12		(1)	The maximum number of gaming machines allowed on all licensed premises in the ACT is the number worked out as follows:
13			$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
14 15			<i>number cancelled</i> means the total number of gaming machines cancelled on or after 1 January 2012.
16 17			<i>number surrendered</i> means the total number of gaming machines surrendered on or after 1 January 2012.
18 19 20			<i>starting number</i> means the maximum number of gaming machines allowed on all licensed premises in the ACT at the end of 31 December 2011.
21 22 23		(2)	As soon as practicable after each time the maximum number changes, the commission must prepare a notice stating the new maximum number and the date of the change.
24		(3)	A notice is a notifiable instrument.
25			<i>Note</i> A notifiable instrument must be notified under the Legislation Act.

In this section:
cancelled—a gaming machine is cancelled if—
(a) the licence authorising the operation of the gaming machine is cancelled under—
(i) section 62 (Commission may take disciplinary action against licensee); or
(ii) section 64 (Cancellation of licences because of cancellation etc of general and on licences); and
(b) the cancellation has become final.
<i>final</i> —a cancellation of a gaming machine licence becomes <i>final</i> when—
(a) for a decision to cancel a licence under section 62—the period within which application can be made to the ACAT to review the decision has passed and no application for review is made within the period; or
(b) a period of 30 days has passed after 1 of the following decisions and no appeal against the decision is made within the 30-day period:
(i) a decision of the ACAT on application for review of the decision to cancel the licence under section 62;
(ii) a decision by a court hearing an appeal from—
(A) the decision of the ACAT mentioned in paragraph (a); or
(B) for cancellation under section 64—the decision of the ACAT to cancel the general or on licence under the <i>ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act</i> 2008, section 66 (2) (e) in relation to an application under the <i>Liquor Act</i> 2010, section 187 (Application to ACAT for occupational discipline);

10 Promoting responsible practices
substitute
Part 10 heading
(b) present a report of the review to the Legislative Assembly within 6 months after the day the review is started.
(a) review the maximum number of gaming machines to be allowed on all licensed premises in the ACT; and
must—
When the maximum number of gaming machines allowed on all licensed premises in the ACT reaches 4 000 or less, the Minister
Review of maximum number when it reaches 4 000
surrender (see s 34 (3)).
Note A surrender does not take effect until at least 4 weeks after the licensee gives the commission written notice of the
surrender takes effect under section 34 (3).
(b) the licensee, under section 34 (2), surrenders the licence authorising the operation of the gaming machine and the
accordance with the application; or
the commission, under section 24, amends the licence in
machines amendment in relation to the gaming machine and
(a) the licensee, under section 22 (a), applies for a decrease
surrendered—a gaming machine is surrendered if—
mentioned in subparagraph (i) or (ii).
(iii) a decision by a court hearing an appeal from a decision of a lower court in relation to a decision of the ACAT

1	14	New section 153A
2		insert
3	153A	Offence—ATM allowing withdrawals exceeding \$250
4	(1)	A licensee commits an offence if—
5 6		(a) there is an automatic teller machine at the licensed premises; and
7 8 9 10		(b) the automatic teller machine allows a person to withdraw more than a total of \$250 from all automatic teller machines at the licensed premises, using a single debit card or credit card, on a gaming day.
11		Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.
12	(2)	An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.
13	(3)	In this section:
14 15		at the licensed premises includes in or on an exterior wall of the licensed premises.
16		gaming day means—
17 18		(a) the period from when the licensed premises opens to the public on a day until it next closes; but
19 20		(b) if the licensed premises are open to the public for longer than 24 hours continuously—
21 22		(i) each 24-hour period for which it is open to the public; and
23 24		(ii) if the last period before it closes is less than 24 hours—that period.

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15 Reviewable decisions Schedule 1, item 3

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substitute

3	25 (2)	refuse to amend licence to allow change to gaming area	licensee
3A	26 (2)	refuse to amend licence to allow temporary storage of machines	licensee
3B	26A (2)	refuse to amend licence to allow venue relocation	licensee
3C	26A (3)	amend licence to allow relocation to new venue of lesser number of machines than applied for	licensee
3D	26B (2)	refuse to amend both licences to allow relocation of machines	licensee
3E	26B (3)	amend both licences to relocate lesser number of machines than applied for	licensee
3F	26C (2)	refuse to amend licence, and issue new licence, to allow machines to be moved to new venue	licensee

3G	26C (4)	amend licence, and issue new licence, to move lesser number of machines than applied for to new venue	licensee
3Н	26D	refuse to amend licence for technical change	licensee

16 Dictionary, definition of certificate of suitability

2 omit

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17 Dictionary, new definition of decrease machines amendment

5 insert

decrease machines amendment—see section 22 (a).

18 Dictionary, definition of gaming area

8 substitute

gaming area—see section 15 (1) (b).

19 Dictionary, new definitions

11 insert

- *machine relocation amendment*—see section 22 (e).
- new venue amendment—see section 22 (f).
- structural change amendment—see section 22 (b).
- *technical amendment*—see section 22 (g).
- temporary storage amendment—see section 22 (c).
- venue relocation amendment—see section 22 (d).

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1	Part 3	Gaming Machine Regulation 2004
2 3 4	20	Required documents for applications—Act, s 11 (2), s 23 (2) and s 31 (2) (c) (ii) Section 6 (1) (b)
5		substitute
6		(b) an application for a venue relocation amendment;
7		(ba) an application for a machine relocation amendment;
8		(bb) an application for a new venue amendment;
9	21	Section 7 heading
0		substitute
1	7	Working out club members—Act, s 12 (5) (c) (i), s 26B (2) (c) and s 26C (6) (d) (i)
3	22	Section 7 (3), definition of <i>GM</i> , paragraph (b)
4		substitute
5 6 7		(b) for a new venue amendment application—the number of gaming machines the club is authorised to operate under a licence.
8	23	Section 7 (3), definition of <i>TGM</i> , paragraph (b)
9		substitute
20 21 22 23		(b) for a new venue amendment application—the total number of gaming machines that the club, and each other club with which the club has a membership agreement, is authorised to operate under a licence.

1	24	Definitions—pt 3 Section 9, definition of <i>relevant premises</i>
3		substitute
4		relevant premises, for a social impact assessment, means—
5 6		(a) for an initial licence application—the premises proposed to be licensed; or
7 8		(b) for a machine relocation amendment application—the premises to which the machines are to be relocated; or
9 10		(c) for a venue relocation amendment application or new venue amendment application—the new venue.
11 12 13	25	Matters to be addressed by social impact assessment— Act, s 18 (2) (b) Section 11 (1) (b)
14		substitute
15 16		(b) the population profile of people living in the local community, including an analysis of—
17		(i) age and average income; and
18 19		(ii) projected population, and projected growth rate, of the local community;
20 21	26	Conduct of ballots Section 14, note
22		substitute
23		<i>Note</i> The following sections of the Act mention ballots:
24 25		s 11 (3) (d)s 12 (2) (b)
25 26		• s 23 (1) (g) (ii) (C)
27		• s 23 (1) (h) (ii) (C)
28		• s 23 (1) (i) (ii) (D)

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1	•	s 26A (2) (d)
2	•	s 26B (2) (e)
3	•	s 26C (2) (d)
4	•	s 32 (1) (d) and (f)
5	•	s 34 (2) (b) (i).
6	27 Dictional	ry, note 3
6 7	insert	ry, note 3
		machine relocation amendment (see s 22 (e));
7	insert	
7	insert	machine relocation amendment (see s 22 (e));

Endnotes

1 Presentation speech

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 2011.

2 Notification

Notified under the Legislation Act on

2011.

3 Republications of amended laws

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

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