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Better Regulation Legislation Amendment Bill 2026

A Bill for

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

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

1 **Part 1 Preliminary**

2 **1 Name of Act**

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

4 **2 Commencement**

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

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

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

- 11 • section 4
- 12 • parts 7, 11 and 12
- 13 • section 40
- 14 • parts 14 to 16
- 15 • sections 70, 77, 82 to 84 and 90
- 16 • parts 21 to 23.

17 **3 Legislation amended**

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

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

20 **4 Legislation repealed**

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22 section 69 are repealed.

1 **Part 2**

**ACT Teacher Quality Institute
Act 2010**

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

5 *substitute*

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

1 **Part 4** **Architects Act 2004**

2 **7** **Board to keep register**
3 **Section 14 (4) and example**

4 *substitute*

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

8 **8** **Section 15 heading**

9 *substitute*

10 **15** **Exception to public accessibility of information on**
11 **register**

12 **9** **Section 15 (2) and (3)**

13 *omit*

14 open for public inspection

15 *substitute*

16 made accessible to the public

17 **10** **Information may be shared**
18 **Section 17**

19 *omit*

20 available for public inspection

21 *substitute*

22 accessible to the public

1 **Part 5 Architects Regulation 2004**

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

4 *omit*

5 and fax

1 **Part 6** **Board of Senior Secondary**
2 **Studies Act 1997**

3 **12 Register of courses**
4 **Section 29 (4)**

5 *substitute*

- 6 (4) The register must be made available to the public without charge by
7 making it—
- 8 (a) accessible on an ACT government website, or by a link on an
9 ACT government website; and
- 10 (b) available for inspection during ordinary business hours at a
11 place decided by the board.

1 **Part 7** **Building Act 2004**

2 **13 Stop notices register**
3 **New section 59A (3) (ea)**

4 *insert*

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

7 **14 Section 59A (5)**

8 *omit*

9 available

10 *substitute*

11 accessible

12 **15 New section 59A (5A)**

13 *insert*

14 (5A) The construction occupations registrar must make the
15 information accessible to the public without charge on an ACT
16 government website, or by a link on an ACT government
17 website.

18 **16 Section 59A (6) and (7)**

19 *omit*

20 available

21 *substitute*

22 accessible

17 Section 59A (8)

2 *substitute*

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

1 **Part 9** **Climate Change and Greenhouse**
2 **Gas Reduction Act 2010**

3 **19 Register of agreements**
4 **Section 24 (2)**

5 *substitute*

- 6 (2) The register must be made available to the public without charge by
7 making it—
- 8 (a) accessible on an ACT government website, or by a link on an
9 ACT government website; and
 - 10 (b) available for inspection during ordinary business hours at an
11 ACT government office.

1 **Part 10** **Construction Occupations**
2 **(Licensing) Act 2004**

3 **20 The register**
4 **New section 107 (4A)**

5 *insert*

- 6 (4A) The registrar must do so by making the information accessible to the
7 public without charge on an ACT government website, or by a link
8 on an ACT government website.

9 **21 Register—public information**
10 **Section 107A (1)**

11 *substitute*

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

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.

25 Section 98 (5)

2 *omit*
3 applicant
4 *substitute*
5 person

26 New section 99A

7 *in division 5.2, insert*

99A Public information about registered accredited assistance animals

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9
10 (1) The registrar must make available to the public information in the
11 register about a registered accredited assistance animal that is
12 prescribed by regulation.
13 (2) The registrar must do so by making the information accessible to the
14 public without charge on an ACT government website, or by a link
15 on an ACT government website.

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

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18 *substitute*
19 (5) The registrar must—
20 (a) give the applicant written notice of their decision under
21 subsection (3); and
22 (b) if the registrar registers the applicant—record in the register the
23 information prescribed by regulation.

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.

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.

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).

1 **Part 12** **Domestic Animals**
2 **Regulation 2001**

3 **32** **New part 3A**

4 *insert*

5 **Part 3A** **Assistance animals**

6 **Division 3A.1** **Accreditation of assistance animals**

7 **9B** **Information included in application to register accredited**
8 **assistance animal—Act, s 98 (2) (c)**

9 The following information is prescribed:

- 10 (a) the accredited assistance animal's name;
- 11 (b) if the animal is a cat or a dog—
- 12 (i) whether the animal is a cat or a dog; and
- 13 (ii) if the animal is a recognisable breed—the breed;
- 14 (c) if the animal is not a cat or a dog—the species of the animal;
- 15 (d) the unique identification number for any microchip implanted in
- 16 the animal;
- 17 (e) the date the animal's accreditation ends;
- 18 (f) the State or Territory where the animal is normally kept.

- 1 **9C Information included in register about registered**
2 **accredited assistance animals—Act, s 98 (4) (b)**
- 3 The following information about a registered accredited assistance
4 animal is prescribed:
- 5 (a) the information given by the applicant under the [Act](#),
6 section 98 (2);
- 7 (b) the registration number given to the animal;
- 8 (c) if the registrar is told in writing or becomes aware that the
9 animal has stopped working as a registered accredited assistance
10 animal—a statement to that effect.

- 11 **9D Public information about registered accredited**
12 **assistance animals—Act, s 99A (1)**
- 13 (1) The following information about a registered accredited assistance
14 animal is prescribed:
- 15 (a) information included in the register mentioned in section 9B (a)
16 to (c), (e) and (f);
- 17 (b) the registration number given to the animal.
- 18 (2) However, if the registrar is told in writing or becomes aware that the
19 animal has stopped working as a registered accredited assistance
20 animal, no information is prescribed for the animal.

21 **Division 3A.2 Assistance animal trainers and**
22 **assessors**

- 23 **9E Information included in application to register as**
24 **assistance animal trainer—Act, s 100 (2) (b)**
- 25 The following information is prescribed:
- 26 (a) the applicant's name and contact information;

- 1 (b) the registered business name and trading name (if any);
2 (c) the business address of the applicant.

3 **9F Information in register about registered assistance**
4 **animal trainer—Act, s 100 (5) (b)**

5 The information mentioned in section 9E is prescribed.

6 **9G Information included in application to register as**
7 **assistance animal assessor—Act, s 104 (2) (b)**

8 The following information is prescribed:

- 9 (a) the applicant's name and contact information;
10 (b) the registered business name and trading name (if any);
11 (c) the business address of the applicant.

12 **9H Information in register about registered assistance**
13 **animal assessors—Act, s 104 (5) (b)**

14 The information mentioned in section 9G is prescribed.

15 **9I Public information about registered assistance animal**
16 **trainers and assessors—Act, s 106AB (1)**

17 The following information is prescribed:

- 18 (a) the name and contact information of the registered assistance
19 animal trainer or assessor;
20 (b) the registered business name and trading name (if any).

1 **Part 13** **Food Act 2001**

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

5 *omit*

6 **34 Change in details of registration or operation of food**
7 **business**
8 **Section 97 (2) (b)**

9 *substitute*

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

13 **35 Section 97 (8)**

14 *substitute*

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

19 **36 Replacement of certificates of registration**
20 **Section 98 (1)**

21 *omit*

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

23 **37 Registration certificate must be displayed**
24 **Section 98A**

25 *omit*

1 **38 Return of certificate of registration**
2 **Section 103**

3 *omit*

4 **39 Section 104**

5 *substitute*

6 **104 Surrender of registration**

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

10 **40 Section 106**

11 *substitute*

12 **106 Public access to food business register**

- 13 (1) The chief health officer must make the food business register
14 accessible to the public without charge on an ACT government
15 website, or by a link on an ACT government website.
- 16 (2) Also, the chief health officer may publish all or part of the food
17 business register in any other way the chief health officer considers
18 appropriate.
- 19 (3) However, the chief health officer must not make information publicly
20 available under this section if the chief health officer is satisfied it is
21 not in the public interest for the information to be publicly available.

1 **Part 14** **Gambling and Racing Control**
2 **Act 1999**

3 **41 Cap on number of authorisations for electronic gaming in**
4 **ACT**
5 **Section 50 (5)**

6 *omit the definitions of*

7 *authorisation*

8 *casino*

9 *casino FATG terminal*

10 *casino gaming machine*

11 *electronic gaming*

12 *gaming machine*

13 **42 Part 6B**

14 *substitute*

15 **Part 6B** **Registers**

16 **51 Electronic gaming register**

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

18 (a) electronic gaming licences;

19 (b) authorisation certificates for electronic gaming;

20 (c) authorisations for electronic gaming.

- 1 (2) The register must include the following information:
- 2 (a) the date of issue, and any amendment or transfer, of an electronic
3 gaming licence or authorisation certificate;
- 4 (b) the date of any suspension or cancellation of an electronic
5 gaming licence or authorisation certificate;
- 6 (c) for an authorisation certificate for a gaming machine—
- 7 (i) the maximum number of authorisations for gaming
8 machines allowed under the authorisation certificate; and
- 9 (ii) the authorisation number for each authorisation; and
- 10 (iii) details of any gaming machine under each authorisation;
- 11 (d) for an authorisation certificate for a casino gaming machine or
12 casino FATG terminal—
- 13 (i) the maximum number of authorisations for casino gaming
14 machines or casino FATG terminals allowed under the
15 authorisation certificate; and
- 16 (ii) the authorisation number for each authorisation; and
- 17 (iii) details of any casino gaming machine or casino FATG
18 terminal under each authorisation;
- 19 (e) if a licensee holds a storage permit—
- 20 (i) whether the permit is for a general purpose or an interim
21 purpose; and
- 22 (ii) the serial number of each gaming machine to be stored
23 under the permit; and
- 24 (iii) for a storage permit for a general purpose—the
25 authorisation number for each gaming machine’s
26 associated authorisation;
- 27 (f) any other information prescribed by regulation.

- 1 (3) In this section:
- 2 **authorisation number**, for electronic gaming, means—
- 3 (a) an authorisation number for a gaming machine under the
- 4 *Gaming Machine Act 2004*; or
- 5 (b) an authorisation number for a casino gaming machine or casino
- 6 FATG terminal under the *Casino (Electronic Gaming)*
- 7 *Act 2017*.
- 8 **electronic gaming licence** means—
- 9 (a) a casino licence granted under the *Casino Control Act 2006*,
- 10 section 21; or
- 11 (b) a licence for a class B or class C gaming machine issued under
- 12 the *Gaming Machine Act 2004*.
- 13 **general purpose**, for a storage permit—see the *Gaming Machine*
- 14 *Act 2004*, dictionary.
- 15 **interim purpose**, for a storage permit—see the *Gaming Machine*
- 16 *Act 2004*, dictionary.
- 17 **storage permit**—see the *Gaming Machine Act 2004*, section 127L.

18 **51A Gaming machine register**

- 19 (1) The commission must keep a register of approvals of gaming
- 20 machines and peripheral equipment for gaming machines.
- 21 (2) The register must include the following information about each
- 22 approval:
- 23 (a) whether the approval is in force;
- 24 (b) the day the approval came into force;
- 25 (c) the name of the manufacturer of the gaming machine or
- 26 peripheral equipment;

- 1 (d) a description of the gaming machine or peripheral equipment,
2 including a serial number;
- 3 (e) the date of any suspension or cancellation of the approval;
- 4 (f) any other information prescribed by regulation.

5 (3) In this section:

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

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

11 **52 Bookmaker and totalisator register**

- 12 (1) The commission must keep a register of the following:
- 13 (a) race or sports bookmaking licences;
- 14 (b) totalisator licences.
- 15 (2) The register must include the following information about each
16 licence:
- 17 (a) the name and address of the licensee;
- 18 (b) if the licence is a race bookmaker's agent licence or sports
19 bookmaker's agent licence—the name and address of the person
20 who nominated the licensee;
- 21 (c) the licence number;
- 22 (d) the date of issue, amendment or transfer of the licence;
- 23 (e) the period for which the licence was issued;
- 24 (f) any conditions imposed on the licence;
- 25 (g) the date of any suspension or cancellation of the licence;

- 1 (h) for a totalisator licence—the name and address of—
2 (i) any agent of the licensee; and
3 (ii) any other person with whom the licensee conducts an
4 activity authorised by the licence in a joint venture or other
5 arrangement;
6 (i) any other information prescribed by regulation.

7 (3) In this section:

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

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

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

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

16 **52A Keeping registers**

- 17 (1) This section applies to the registers kept under section 51,
18 section 51A and section 52.
19 (2) A register may be kept in any form, including electronically, that the
20 commission decides.
21 (3) The commission may correct an error or omission in a register.
22 (4) The commission may change information included in a register to
23 keep the register up-to-date.

24 **Example**

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

- 1 (5) The commission must make the registers kept under section 51A and
2 section 52 accessible to the public without charge on an ACT
3 government website, or by a link on an ACT government website.
- 4 (6) However, the commission must not make information publicly
5 available under subsection (5) if—
- 6 (a) the commission is satisfied it is not in the public interest for the
7 information to be publicly available; or
- 8 (b) the information is prescribed by regulation.

9 **43 New section 53**

10 *in part 7, insert*

11 **53 Replacement of electronic gaming licences, authorisation
12 certificates and authorisation schedules**

- 13 (1) This section applies if a licensee's electronic gaming licence,
14 authorisation certificate or authorisation schedule is lost, stolen or
15 destroyed.
- 16 (2) The licensee must give the commission a statement verifying the loss,
17 theft or destruction of the licence, authorisation certificate or
18 authorisation schedule as soon as practicable after becoming aware of
19 the loss, theft or destruction.
- 20 *Note* It is an offence to make a false or misleading statement, give false or
21 misleading information or produce a false or misleading document
22 (see [Criminal Code](#), pt 3.4).
- 23 (3) If the commission receives a statement under subsection (2),
24 the commission must give the licensee a replacement electronic
25 gaming licence, replacement authorisation certificate or replacement
26 authorisation schedule.
- 27 (4) In this section:
28 ***electronic gaming licence***—see section 51 (3).

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.

1 **58 Bookmaker and totalisator register must include**
2 **information about existing licences**

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

6 **59 Expiry—pt 10**

7 This part expires 1 year after the commencement day.

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

10 **45 Dictionary, definitions of *authorisation* and *authorisation***
11 ***certificate***

12 *substitute*

13 *authorisation*, for electronic gaming, means—

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

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

18 *authorisation certificate*, for electronic gaming, means—

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

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

24 **46 Dictionary, definition of *authorisation number***

25 *omit*

47 Dictionary, definition of *authorisation schedule*

1

substitute

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3

authorisation schedule, for electronic gaming, means—

4

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

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7

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

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48 Dictionary, definition of *casino FATG terminal* etc

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11

substitute

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

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

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

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

49 Dictionary

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omit the definitions of

22

general purpose

23

interim purpose

24

licence

25

maximum number

26

storage permit

1 **Part 15** **Gaming Machine Act 2004**

2 **50** **Proper completion—applications under Act**
3 **Section 9 (1), note 1**

4 *omit*

5 **51** **Approval of gaming machines and peripheral equipment**
6 **Section 69 (1)**

7 *after*

8 *may*

9 *insert*

10 *, in writing,*

11 **52** **Section 69 (1), new note**

12 *insert*

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

15 **53** **Section 69 (4)**

16 *omit*

17 **54** **Cancellation or suspension of gaming machine and**
18 **peripheral equipment approval**
19 **Section 70 (1)**

20 *after*

21 *may*

22 *insert*

23 *, in writing,*

1 **55 Section 70 (1), new note**

2 *insert*

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

6 **56 Section 70 (3)**

7 *omit*

8 **57 Section 176**

9 *substitute*

10 **176 Evidentiary certificates**

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

- 14 (a) the person named in the certificate was or was not the holder of
15 a licence or authorisation certificate on a stated date or during a
16 stated period;
- 17 (b) a gaming machine or peripheral equipment for a gaming
18 machine was or was not approved under section 69 on a stated
19 date or during a stated period.

1 **58** **New part 23**

2 *insert*

3 **Part 23** **Transitional—Better Regulation**
4 **Legislation Amendment Act 2026**

5 **317** **Definitions—pt 23**

6 In this part:

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

9 *commencement day* means the day the amending Act, part 15
10 commences.

11 **318** **Existing approvals of gaming machines and peripheral**
12 **equipment**

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

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

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

19 (3) In this section:

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

23 **319** **Expiry—pt 23**

24 This part expires 1 year after the commencement day.

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

1 **Part 16** **Gas Safety Act 2000**

2 **59 Register of approved gas appliances**
3 **Section 22 (2)**

4 *substitute*

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

1 **Part 17** **Legislation Act 2001**

2 **60** **Regulations may make provision about fees**
3 **Section 58 (4)**

4 *omit*

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

8 *substitute*

9 a particular payment method

10 **61** **Section 58 (5)**

11 *substitute*

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

15 **62** **Section 58 (9), definition of *credit card***

16 *omit*

1 **Part 18** **Medicines, Poisons and**
2 **Therapeutic Goods Act 2008**

3 **63** **Returning licences for amendment**
4 **Section 94**

5 *omit*

6 **64** **Section 95**

7 *substitute*

8 **95** **Replacing licences**

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

11 **65** **Surrendering licences**
12 **Section 97 (2) and note**

13 *omit*

1 **Part 19** **Professional Engineers Act 2023**

2 **66** **Publication of certain information in engineers register**
3 **Section 31 (1)**

4 *omit*

5 available to the public

6 *substitute*

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

9 **67** **Section 31 (2)**

10 *omit*

11 available to the public

12 *substitute*

13 accessible to the public in a way mentioned in that subsection

14 **68** **Section 31 (3)**

15 *omit*

16 available to the public

17 *substitute*

18 accessible to the public

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.

Section 71

- 1 (2) The Minister must ensure the register is made available to the public
2 without charge by making it—
- 3 (a) accessible on an ACT government website, or by a link on an
4 ACT government website; and
- 5 (b) available for inspection during ordinary business hours at an
6 ACT government office.
- 7 (3) However, the Minister must not make information publicly available
8 under subsection (2) if the Minister is satisfied it is not in the public
9 interest for the information to be publicly available.

10 **71 Activity licence—return for endorsement of variation**
11 **Section 35**

12 *omit*

13 **72 Activity licence—application for transfer**
14 **Section 36 (2)**

15 *substitute*

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

17 **73 Activity licence—grant or refusal of transfer**
18 **Section 37 (5)**

19 *omit*

20 **74 Activity licence—surrender**
21 **Section 38 (1)**

22 *substitute*

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

1 **75 Activity licence—return of defunct licences**
2 **Section 42**

3 *omit*

4 **76 Section 42B**

5 *substitute*

6 **42B Licensable public health risk activities—inspection**

7 A person commits an offence if—

- 8 (a) the person carries on a licensable public health risk activity; and
9 (b) the person does not ensure that all records reasonably relevant
10 to the activity (including records of licensing, conduct,
11 accreditation and approval of activity premises alterations and
12 procedure appliance alterations) are available for inspection by
13 an authorised officer, at any reasonable time, at the premises
14 where the activity is carried on.

15 Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

16 **77 New section 42CA**

17 *insert*

18 **42CA Register of procedure licences**

- 19 (1) The Minister must keep a register of procedure licences showing the
20 following information for each licence:
21 (a) the information stated on the licence for section 46 (Procedure
22 licence—form);
23 (b) if the licence is suspended—the date of suspension, a brief
24 indication of the reasons for suspension and the date of lifting of
25 the suspension (if applicable);

- 1 (c) if the licence is cancelled—the date of cancellation and a brief
2 indication of the reasons for cancellation;
- 3 (d) if the licence is surrendered—the date of surrender;
- 4 (e) any other information the Minister considers appropriate.
- 5 (2) The Minister must ensure the register is made available to the public
6 without charge by making it—
- 7 (a) accessible on an ACT government website, or by a link on an
8 ACT government website; and
- 9 (b) available for inspection during ordinary business hours at an
10 ACT government office.
- 11 (3) However, the Minister must not make information publicly available
12 under subsection (2) if the Minister is satisfied it is not in the public
13 interest for the information to be publicly available.

14 **78 Procedure licence—return for endorsement of variation**
15 **Section 50**

16 *omit*

17 **79 Procedure licence—surrender**
18 **Section 52 (1)**

19 *substitute*

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

1 **80 Procedure licence—return of defunct licences**
2 **Section 56**

3 *omit*

4 **81 Section 56B**

5 *substitute*

6 **56B Procedure licence—inspection**

7 A person commits an offence if—

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

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

16 Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

17 **82 Activity register**
18 **Section 56D**

19 *omit*

20 **83 Registered people register**
21 **Section 56E (1)**

22 *omit*

23 (the *registered people register*)

Section 84

- 1 **84 Section 56E (2) and (3)**
- 2 *substitute*
- 3 (2) The Minister must ensure the register is made available to the public
- 4 without charge by making it—
- 5 (a) accessible on an ACT government website, or by a link on an
- 6 ACT government website; and
- 7 (b) available for inspection during ordinary business hours at an
- 8 ACT government office.
- 9 (3) However, the Minister must not make information publicly available
- 10 under subsection (2) if the Minister is satisfied it is not in the public
- 11 interest for the information to be publicly available.
- 12 **85 Registration—application for approval of transfer**
- 13 **Section 56M (2)**
- 14 *omit*
- 15 **86 Registration—return of suspended or cancelled**
- 16 **certificates**
- 17 **Section 56R**
- 18 *omit*
- 19 **87 Registration—surrender**
- 20 **Section 56S (1)**
- 21 *substitute*
- 22 (1) A registered person may surrender registration by written notice
- 23 given to the Minister.

1	88	Section 56U
2		<i>substitute</i>
3	56U	Registration—inspection
4		A person commits an offence if—
5		(a) the person is a registered person; and
6		(b) the person does not ensure that all records associated with the
7		registration or conduct of the registered activity are available for
8		inspection by an authorised officer, at any reasonable time, at
9		the premises where the activity is carried on.
10		Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.
11	89	Vending machine approval—return on surrender or
12		cancellation
13		Section 66S
14		<i>omit</i>
15	90	Dictionary, definitions of <i>activity register</i> and <i>registered</i>
16		<i>people register</i>
17		<i>omit</i>

1 **Part 21** **Race and Sports Bookmaking**
2 **Act 2001**

3 **91 Race bookmaking licence—entry of particulars in register**
4 **Section 9**

5 *omit*

6 **92 Race bookmaker's agent licence—issue or refusal**
7 **New section 13 (7)**

8 *insert*

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

12 **93 Race bookmaker's agent licence—entry of particulars in**
13 **register etc**
14 **Section 15**

15 *omit*

16 **94 Sports bookmaking licence—entry of particulars in**
17 **register**
18 **Section 28**

19 *omit*

20 **95 Issue or refusal of sports bookmaker's agent licence**
21 **New section 35 (5A)**

22 *insert*

23 (5A) If the commission issues a sports bookmaker's agent licence to the
24 nominated person, the commission must also give a copy of the
25 licence to the applicant for the licence.

1 **96 Sports bookmaker's agent licence—entry of particulars in**
2 **register etc**
3 **Section 37**

4 *omit*

5 **97 Commission to keep register**
6 **Section 89**

7 *omit*

8 **98 Dictionary, definition of *register***

9 *omit*

1 **Part 22 Race and Sports Bookmaking**
2 **Regulation 2001**

3 **99 Sections 2 to 4**

4 *omit*

1 **Part 23** **Radiation Protection Act 2006**

2 **100 Radiation register**
3 **Section 33A (4)**

4 *substitute*

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

8 (4A) Also, the chief health officer may make other information in the
9 register accessible to the public in a way mentioned in subsection (4).

10 (4B) However, the chief health officer must not make information publicly
11 available under subsection (4) or (4A) if the chief health officer is
12 satisfied it is not in the public interest for the information to be
13 publicly available.

1 **Part 24** **Utilities (Technical Regulation)**
2 **Act 2014**

3 **101 Dams register**
4 **Section 58 (3)**

5 *substitute*

- 6 (3) The dams register may be kept in any form, including electronic form,
7 that the technical regulator decides.
- 8 (4) The dams register must be made accessible to the public without
9 charge on an ACT government website, or by a link on an ACT
10 government website.
- 11 (5) However, the technical regulator must not make information publicly
12 available under subsection (4) if the technical regulator is satisfied it
13 is not in the public interest for the information to be publicly
14 available.

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).

1 **Part 26** **Waste Management and**
2 **Resource Recovery Act 2016**

3 **106** **New section 23A**

4 *insert*

5 **23A** **Amendment of licence**

- 6 (1) The waste manager may amend a licence—
7 (a) on written application by a licensee; or
8 (b) on the waste manager's own initiative.
9 (2) If a licensee applies for an amendment to the licence, the waste
10 manager must—
11 (a) make the amendment requested in the application; or
12 (b) make another amendment; or
13 (c) refuse to make an amendment.
14 (3) If the waste manager makes an amendment under subsection (1) (b)
15 or (2) (a), the waste manager must give the licensee written notice of
16 the amendment.
17 (4) If the waste manager makes an amendment under subsection (2) (b)
18 or refuses to make an amendment under subsection (2) (c), the waste
19 manager must as soon as practicable give the licensee written notice
20 of the reason for the amendment or the refusal.
21 (5) The amendment takes effect on—
22 (a) the day the notice is given to the licensee under subsection (3)
23 or (4); or
24 (b) a later day stated in the notice.

1 (6) In this section:

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

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

6 **107 Registration conditions**
7 **Section 34A, new example 3**

8 *insert*

9 3 requiring the display of the registered waste transporter's registration number
10 on vehicles used for transporting waste

11 **108 New section 34B**

12 *insert*

13 **34B Amendment of registration**

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

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

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

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

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

21 (b) make another amendment; or

22 (c) refuse to make an amendment.

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

Section 109

- 1 (4) If the waste manager makes an amendment under subsection (2) (b)
2 or refuses to make an amendment under subsection (2) (c), the waste
3 manager must as soon as practicable give the waste transporter
4 written notice of the reason for the amendment or the refusal.
- 5 (5) The amendment takes effect on—
- 6 (a) the day the notice is given to the waste transporter under
7 subsection (3) or (4); or
- 8 (b) a later day stated in the notice.
- 9 (6) In this section:
- 10 ***amend***, a waste transporter registration, includes impose, amend or
11 revoke a condition on the registration.
- 12 *Note* A condition on a waste transporter registration may also be imposed,
13 amended or revoked under pt 7 (Regulatory action).

14 **109 Waste transporter must display registration number**
15 **Section 35**

16 *omit*

17 **110 Definitions—pt 7**
18 **Section 43, definition of *regulatory action*,**
19 **paragraph (a) (i)**

20 *omit*

21 imposing, or amending,

22 *substitute*

23 imposing, amending or revoking

1 **111 Section 43, definition of *regulatory action*,**
2 **paragraph (b) (i)**

3 *omit*

4 imposing or amending

5 *substitute*

6 imposing, amending or revoking

7 **112 Taking regulatory action**
8 **Section 46 (2) (a)**

9 *omit*

10 imposing or amending

11 *substitute*

12 imposing, amending or revoking

13 **113 Section 46 (2) (a)**

14 *omit*

15 impose or amend

16 *substitute*

17 impose, amend or revoke

18 **114 Section 64V (6)**

19 *after*

20 container approval

21 *insert*

22 granted under this section

Section 115

115 Section 64V (7)

1 *after*
 2 container approval
 3 *insert*
 4 granted under this section

116 Section 64V (8) and (9)

6 *omit*

117 New section 64VA

8 *insert*

64VA Contravention of container approval condition

10 (1) A person commits an offence if—

11 (a) the person holds a container approval; and

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

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

15 Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

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

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

18 *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

119 Schedule 1, item 4*substitute*

4	32 (2)	refuse to consider application until additional information provided	applicant for registration	waste manager
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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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1 **Schedule 1 Technical amendments**

2 (see s 3)

3 **Part 1.1 Pool Betting Act 1964**

4 **[1.1] Section 10 (3)**

5 *omit*

6 him or her with

7 *substitute*

8 the authorised person

9 **Explanatory note**

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

11 **[1.2] Section 12**

12 *omit*

13 his or her

14 *substitute*

15 their

16 **Explanatory note**

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

1 **[1.3] Section 13 (2) (b)**

2 *omit*

3 he or she

4 *substitute*

5 the authorised person

6 **Explanatory note**

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

8 **[1.4] Section 13 (3) (a)**

9 *omit*

10 his or her

11 *substitute*

12 their

13 **Explanatory note**

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

15 **[1.5] Section 13 (3) (b)**

16 *omit*

17 him or her

18 *substitute*

19 the person

20 **Explanatory note**

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

1 **[1.6] Further amendments, mentions of *shall***

2 *omit*

3 shall

4 *substitute*

5 must

6 *in*

- 7 • sections 5 to 10
8 • sections 12 and 13

9 **Explanatory note**

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

11 **[1.7] Further amendments, mentions of *persons***

12 *omit*

13 persons

14 *substitute*

15 people

16 *in*

- 17 • section 6
18 • section 13
19 • dictionary, definition of *pool betting competition*

20 **Explanatory note**

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

1 **Part 1.2** **Waste Management and**
2 **Resource Recovery Act 2016**

3 **[1.8] Section 20, note etc**

4 *omit the following notes*

- 5 • section 20, note
- 6 • section 22 (1), note 2
- 7 • section 23, note 1
- 8 • section 32, note
- 9 • section 34 (1), note 2
- 10 • section 34A, note 1
- 11 • section 46 (2), note
- 12 • section 48, note
- 13 • section 67 (2), note
- 14 • section 70 (2), note
- 15 • section 71 (2), note
- 16 • section 117 (1), note

17 **Explanatory note**

18 This amendment omits unnecessary notes.

19 **[1.9] Schedule 1, item 5, column 2**

20 *omit*

21 34 (3)

22 *substitute*

23 34 (1)

24 **Explanatory note**

25 This amendment corrects a cross-reference.

1 **[1.10] Schedule 1, item 12, column 2**

2 *omit*

3 67

4 *substitute*

5 67 (1)

6 **Explanatory note**

7 This amendment corrects a cross-reference.

8 **[1.11] Schedule 1, item 12, column 3**

9 *omit*

10 give

11 *substitute*

12 declare

13 **Explanatory note**

14 This amendment corrects the description of a reviewable decision.

15 **[1.12] Schedule 1, items 13 and 14, column 3**

16 *omit*

17 issue

18 *substitute*

19 give

20 **Explanatory note**

21 This amendment corrects the description of reviewable decisions.

Endnotes

1 Presentation speech

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

2 Notification

Notified under the [Legislation Act](#) on 2026.

3 Republications of amended laws

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

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