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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

LIQUOR ACT 1975

LIQUOR REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

Subordinate Law No. of 1996

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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PURPOSE

The intention of the amendment is to declare areas prescribed public places in accordance with section 84(3) of the Liquor Act 1975 for the purposes of the Autumn Feast event conducted by ACT Festivals and community safety in Civic. The effect is to make it an offence to consume liquor in these prescribed areas.

BACKGROUND

To reduce problems associated with the conduct of the Autumn Feast event (formerly known as the Food and Wine Frolic) the organisers of the event, ACT Festivals, has requested a dry area be declared in the vicinity of Commonwealth Park where the event is conducted.

In conjunction with other measures introduced by the organisers, including the prohibition of taking liquor into the event and fencing the event area off, the problems associated with last years event were significantly reduced.

The Community Safety Committee has requested the declaration of dry areas in the carparks on London Circuit either side of Northbourne Ave and on Bunda Street between the Griffin Centre and Petrie Plaza. The Committee is aware that these areas have become venues for regular public drinking and given the general concern for public drinking in Civic has recommended they be declared dry.

DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT

Paragraph (c) of subregulation 11(4) is amended to update the name of the event and the event holder by omitting Food, Wine and All That Jazz event conducted by Canberra Festival and substituting Autumn Feast event conducted by ACT Festivals.

Subregulation 11(5) is amended to specify the period during which subregulation 11(4) will apply by omitting the date 19 March 1995 and substituting 17 March 1996.

Subregulation 11(8) declares Block 7 of Section 18, Block 23 of Section 19 other than so much of the Block that is part of the Canberra Theatre Centre, and Blocks 10 and 11 of Section 56 in the Division of City, Canberra Central District, are public places for the purposes of section 84(3) of the Act.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil