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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

GAMING AND BETTING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1994

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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General Outline

The *Gaming and Betting (Amendment) Bill 1994 (the Bill)* amends certain provisions of the *Gaming and Betting Act 1906 (the Principal Act)*.

The Principal Act provides for the control of gaming and betting.

As a consequence of the introduction of the *Bookmakers (Amendment) Bill 1994* to provide for the control of telephone betting, a number of amendments are necessary to the Principal Act.

The Principal Act provides that it is an offence where, other than at a race meeting, a person places a bet with a bookmaker. It is intended that the Principal Act be amended so that it will not be an offence where a person places a bet by telephone.

The Principal Act controls the advertising of betting on races. It is intended to provide that it will not be an offence for a notice or advertisement to contain information in relation to betting by telephone.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications of the proposed amendment.

CLAUSE NOTES

Clauses 1, 2 & 3

Clauses 1, 2 and 3 are machinery provisions which specify the short title, commencement and Principal Act. The Act commences on the day on which the *Bookmakers (Amendment) Act 1994* commences.

Clause 4 – Prohibited betting

Clause 4 amends section 17B of the Principal Act. Section 17B provides that it is an offence for a person to place a bet, other than at a race meeting [subsection 17B(1)]. Clause 4 amends section 17B by inserting the words 'or by telephone' in subsection 17B(1). It will not be an offence for a person to place a bet by telephone.

Clause 5 – Betting Information

Clause 5 amends section 19B of the Principal Act. Section 19B controls the advertising of betting information. Subsection 19B(1) specifies that it is an offence to advertise betting information. Clause 5 amends section 19B by adding a new paragraph to subsection 19B(2).

The new paragraph 19B(2)(d) will specify that subsection 19B(1) does not apply where an advertisement or notification provides information in relation to betting by telephone.