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CASINO CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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Outline:

This an amending Bill. It amends the *Casino Control Act 1988*, referred to in the amending Bill as the Principal Act.

At present, all casino employees are prevented from soliciting or accepting any gratuity, consideration or other benefit from a patron of the casino. This is to ensure that staff do not have an opportunity or are not tempted to favour one casino patron over another.

However, it is considered appropriate that food and beverage staff (but not gaming staff) be permitted to accept gratuities as is traditional in that industry.

The amending Bill allows casino food and beverage staff the opportunity to accept tips. This will bring them in line with food and beverage employees engaged in similar duties in other organisations.

Revenue/Cost Implications:

This Bill has no direct revenue or cost implications for the Government.

Formal Clauses:

Clauses 1, 2 and 3 are formal requirements. They refer to the Short Title of the Bill, commencement and definition of the Principal Act.

Gaming by certain persons prohibited:

Clause 4 amends section 75 of the *Casino Control Act 1988* by exempting casino employees who, in the ordinary course of their work in the casino, provide food and beverages to patrons. It does not allow gaming staff who may be temporarily performing the duties of food and beverage staff to accept tips.