

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

POKER MACHINE CONTROL (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1982

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

No.92 of 1982

The Poker Machine Control (Amendment) Ordinance 1982 amends the Poker Machine Control Ordinance 1975 to permit the introduction of 20 cent poker machines in licensed ACT clubs.

Section 1 of the Ordinance cites the short title as the Poker Machine Control (Amendment) Ordinance 1982.

Section 2 cites the Poker Machine Control Ordinance 1975 as the Principal Ordinance.

Section 3 defines 20 cent poker machines as those operated by inserting 20 cent coins.

Section 4 permits the ACT Gaming and Liquor Authority to vary existing poker machine licences to include 20 cent poker machines.

Section 5 provides that a licence in respect of 20 cent poker machines shall not be issued, nor an existing licence varied to include 20 cent machines, unless the Authority is satisfied that, at a ballot conducted by the club in accordance with the Regulations, the majority of members who voted did so in favour of the installation and use of 20 cent machines on the club premises.

Sections 6(a) and 6(b) effect consequential amendments to Section 22 of the Principal Ordinance as a result of the variation of licences permitted by Section 4. Section 22 provides for the Australian Capital Territory Gaming and Liquor Authority to determine the number and type of machines in respect of which a licence shall be granted.

Section 6(c) allows the Authority to issue licences in respect of machines to be operated by a coin of a denomination of 20 cents or below.

Section 7 allows the Minister to make regulations for prescribing the procedure to be applied in conducting a ballot for the introduction of 20 cent poker machines.

Section 8 provides that the Authority may vary a licence to include 20 cent poker machines although the club has not complied with the regulations, provided that -

- (a) the club already holds a licence and a ballot of members has been held at which members were able to register a vote for or against the installation and use of 20 cent poker machines on the club premises;

- (b) voting-papers were issued before the commencement of the Ordinance; and
- (c) the Authority is satisfied that the majority of members voting were in favour of the installation and use of 20 cent poker machines on the club premises.

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