

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
AMENDMENT OF BETTING (TOTALIZATOR AGENCY) ORDINANCE 1964
NO. 7 OF 1980

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Betting (Totalizator Agency) (Amendment) Ordinance 1980 facilitates the establishment of T.A.B. agencies in hotels and clubs and also expands the functions of the T.A.B. to enable it to act as agent for the sale of Lotto, Tattslotto, lottery tickets and similar forms of gambling.

Sections 3 and 4 of the Betting (Totalizator Agency) (Amendment) Ordinance 1980 omit reference in the Ordinance to the Council of Race Clubs which is now defunct.

Section 5 of the Amending Ordinance expands the functions of the T.A.B. to allow the Board to act as agent for the sale of Tattslotto, Lotto, lottery tickets and similar forms of gambling.

Section 6(a) of the Amending Ordinance makes it clear that agencies established in hotels and clubs cannot sell lottery tickets, Tattslotto, Lotto and similar forms of gambling. Section 6(b) of the Amending Ordinance allows the Minister to impose conditions when premises are approved to be T.A.B. agencies. Section 6(c) of the Amending Ordinance omits section 21(3) of the Betting (Totalizator Agency) Ordinance 1964 which requires that premises used for the purposes of betting have separate access without passing through other occupied premises etc. This requirement would not be feasible in the case of agencies being established in hotels and clubs.

Section 7 of the Amending Ordinance amends section 38(2) of the Principal Ordinance to create an offence where an employee of an agency established at a hotel or club accepts a bet at any time other than that determined by the T.A.B. This brings the position of employees of agencies into line with that of employees of the T.A.B. in regard to accepting bets out of time.

Section 8 of the Amending Ordinance amends section 44(2)(c) of the Principal Ordinance to enable an Inspector appointed under the Principal Ordinance to have the same powers in respect of an employee of an agency as an employee of the T.A.B. itself.