

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

GAMING AND BETTING ORDINANCE 1964

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 16 of 1964

As a consequence of the establishment of an off-course totalizator betting facilities in the A.C.T., and the introduction of legislation which will provide for a comprehensive control to be exercised over pool betting schemes within the Australian Capital Territory. This Ordinance will amend the Gaming and Betting Act 1906 of the State of New South Wales in its application to the Territory as amended by the Gaming and Betting (Amendment) Act 1906 of that State and the Gaming and Betting (Amendment) Act 1907 of that State in their application to the Territory and by the Racecourses Ordinance 1935-1959 the Gaming and Betting Ordinance 1945 and the Racecourses Ordinance 1946 in respect to off-course betting and pool betting.

This Ordinance will come into operation on the 1st September, 1964.

The Ordinance provides in section 4 that an office or agency of the Australian Capital Territory Totalizator Agency Board or the office at which an approved pool betting scheme is being carried on shall not be deemed a public place for the purposes of the Gaming and Betting Act 1906.

Section 12 provides that the penalties applying to publicity given to betting transactions under the Gaming and Betting Act 1906 shall not apply to publicity given to the rules made by the Australian Capital Territory Totalizator Agency Board or to the conduct of an approved pool betting scheme.

The opportunity is taken in this Ordinance to repeal amendments made to the Gaming and Betting Ordinance of 1945 and transfer this provision to the Games, Wagers and Betting Houses Ordinance 1964. A consequential amendment will be inserted in the Games, Wagers and Betting Houses Ordinance 1964.

With the exception of the machinery provisions, the remaining sections of the Ordinance provide for an increase in the penalties which may be imposed for offences under the Gaming and Betting Act 1906 in the State of New South Wales in its application to the Territory.

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