

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

GAMES, WAGERS AND BETTING HOUSES ORDINANCE 1964

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 17 of 1964

As a consequence of the establishment of off-course totalisator 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 A.C.T. This Ordinance will amend the Games, Wagers and Betting Houses Act 1901 of New South Wales in its application to the Territory as amended by the Gaming and Betting Act 1906 of that State in its application to the Territory in respect to off-course betting and pool betting.

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

The Ordinance provides in section 3 that a house used for the purposes of betting transactions made through the Australian Capital Territory Totalizator Agency Board under the Betting (Off-Course Totalizator Agency) Ordinance 1964 or the conduct of a pool betting scheme approved under the Pool Betting Ordinance 1964 shall not be a betting house for the purposes of the Games, Wagers and Betting Houses Act 1901 of the State of New South Wales.

The opportunity is also taken in section 3 to insert in this Ordinance an amendment made to the Games, and Betting Ordinance 1945. The effect of section 3 is to transfer to the Ordinance an amendment which had been included in the Gaming and Betting Ordinance 1945 but which is now appropriately related to Games, Wagers and Betting Houses.

With the exception of machinery provisions, the remaining provisions of the Ordinance increase penalties which may be imposed for offences under the Games, Wagers and Betting Houses Act 1901 of the State of New South Wales in its applications to the Territory.

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