

Liquor Amendment (Restaurants and Nightclubs) Bill 1998

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Liquor Act 1982* so as:

- (a) to enable up to 30 per cent of dining seats in a restaurant to be used for the consumption of liquor otherwise than in conjunction with a meal, and
- (b) to provide that liquor provided to a person at a restaurant does not have to be consumed while seated at a table, so long as a seat at a table is available for the person, and
- (c) to enable existing nightclubs to be granted an extension of trading hours beyond 3 am to 6 am, so long as this is consistent with their trading hours when they previously held restaurant ``cabaret" licences.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.

Clause 3 is a formal provision giving effect to the amendments to the *Liquor Act 1982* set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 (other than the items mentioned below) gives effect to the object referred to in paragraph (a) of the above Overview, and makes ancillary and consequential amendments. Item [5] provides for the endorsement of a ``dine-or-drink authority" on the on-licence for a restaurant. Item [10] specifies the fees to be paid for such an authority.

Schedule 1 [6] gives effect to the object referred to in paragraph (b) of the above Overview.

Schedule 1 [25] gives effect to the object referred to in paragraph (c) of the above Overview.

Schedule 1 [22] enables regulations of a savings or transitional nature to be made consequent on the enactment of the proposed Act.