

Explanatory note

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

This Bill is cognate with the *Liquor Bill 2007*.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to make consequential amendments to the *Casino Control Act 1992*, the *Registered Clubs Act 1976* and the *Gaming Machines Act 2001*, as well as a number of other Acts, as a consequence of the proposed *Liquor Act 2007* and the proposed *Casino, Liquor and Gaming Control Authority Act 2007*.

The proposed *Liquor Act 2007* creates a new liquor licensing system to be administered by the Casino, Liquor and Gaming Control Authority (as constituted by the proposed *Casino, Liquor and Gaming Control Authority Act 2007*). The new Authority will take over the functions of the Licensing Court and the Liquor Administration Board under the *Registered Clubs Act 1976* and the *Gaming Machines Act 2001* and will replace the Casino Control Authority as the licensing and regulatory authority for the purposes of the *Casino Control Act 1992*.

In particular, the amendments to the *Registered Clubs Act 1976* remove provisions relating to the sale and supply of liquor in clubs in light of the fact that the sale and supply of liquor on club premises will be covered by the proposed *Liquor Act 2007*. Certificates of registration under the *Registered Clubs Act 1976* Act will be replaced by club licences, however clubs that hold a club licence under the proposed *Liquor Act 2007* will still be known as “registered clubs”. The *Registered Clubs Act 1976* will now deal mainly with the management and accountability of clubs.

The amendments made by this Bill also remove various provisions of the gaming and liquor legislation that will be consolidated in the proposed *Casino, Liquor and Gaming Control Authority Act 2007*. These provisions relate to the probity of key officials exercising functions under the gaming and liquor legislation and the investigation powers of police officers and inspectors (including powers of entry and search of premises) for the purposes of that legislation.

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 proclaimed.

Clause 3 is a formal provision that gives effect to the amendments to the *Casino Control Act 1992* set out in Schedule 1.

Clause 4 is a formal provision that gives effect to the amendments to the *Registered Clubs Act 1976* set out in Schedule 2.

Clause 5 is a formal provision that gives effect to the amendments to the *Gaming Machines Act 2001* set out in Schedule 3.

Clause 6 is a formal provision that gives effect to the amendments to the Acts set out in Schedule 4.

Clause 7 provides for the repeal of the proposed Act after all the amendments made by it have commenced. Once the amendments have commenced the proposed Act will be spent and section 30 of the *Interpretation Act 1987* provides that the repeal of an amending Act does not affect the amendments made by that Act.

Schedules 1–3 contain the amendments to the *Casino Control Act 1992*, the *Registered Clubs Act 1976* and the *Gaming Machines Act 2001* described in the overview above.

Schedule 4 contains amendments of other Acts that are, in the main, consequential on the abolition of the Licensing Court, the Liquor Administration Board and the Casino Control Authority and the constitution of the new Casino, Liquor and Gaming Control Authority.