

Liquor Amendment (Gaming Machine Restrictions) Bill 2001

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

At present, clause 46AA of the *Liquor Regulation 1996* imposes a freeze on the number of approved gaming devices (eg poker machines) that can be acquired, kept, or used or operated in a hotel. This freeze, which runs for a 3-month period that started on 19 April 2001, limits the number of approved gaming devices in each hotel to the number authorised immediately before the commencement of the freeze.

The object of this Bill is to restate clause 46AA in proposed Division 2B of Part 11 of the *Liquor Act 1982*. The new Division will extend the freeze past the expiration of clause 46AA to a date to be appointed by proclamation, and also provide that damages or compensation are not payable by or on behalf of the Crown because of the imposition of the freeze (as effected by clause 46AA and the proposed Division).

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 the date of assent.

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

Clause 4 repeals clause 46AA of the *Liquor Regulation 1996*.

Schedule 1 amends the *Liquor Act 1982* in the manner described in the overview above.