

Casino Control Amendment Bill 2000

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 *Casino Control Act 1992* (**the Act**) as follows:

- (a) to remove the promotion of tourism, employment and economic development as an object of the Casino Control Authority,
- (b) to specify “social sciences” as an additional field of qualification or experience for persons appointed as members of the Casino Control Authority,
- (c) to provide that a person who voluntarily excludes himself or herself from a casino, and who breaches that self-exclusion order, is not subject to a criminal penalty,
- (d) to require a casino inspector to be notified if a minor or an excluded person is found in a casino,
- (e) to make it clear that information contained in a list of persons excluded from a casino may only be provided to specified persons,
- (f) to remove the need for the rules of keno to be approved under both the Act and the *Public Lotteries Act 1996*, where the game of keno is to be played in a casino,
- (g) to allow non-monetary prizes (such as cars or holidays) to be offered at a casino,
- (h) to allow a casino inspector who suspects that a person has provided a false name or address to request proof of identity,
- (i) to enable certain minor offences to be dealt with by way of penalty notice, rather than by prosecution,
- (j) to clarify the elements of the offence of cheating in a casino, and to create a further offence of dishonestly retaining a benefit that was originally obtained without a dishonest intent, but in contravention of the rules of a game,
- (k) to make consequential changes.

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 *Casino Control Act 1992* set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Amendments

Schedule 1 contains the amendments to the Act referred to in the above overview.