

Anzac Day (Amendment) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Clause 1 Purpose of the Act.

Clause 2 Date on which the Act comes into operation.

Clause 3 (a) Section 4 (2) of the *Anzac Day Act 1958* presently prohibits any sports meeting (other than race meetings) conducted on Anzac Day to commence before 2.00 p.m. However, section 22A (3) of the *Racing (Amendment) Act 1986* allows race meetings held throughout Victoria on Anzac Day to commence any time after 1.00 p.m. This amendment removes the anomaly and allows both race meetings and sporting events to commence any time after 1.00 p.m. on Anzac Day.

(b) Section 5 (1) *(a)* and *(b)* of the *Anzac Day Act 1958* requires a permit in writing from the Minister for the exhibition of any film or cinematograph display commencing before 1.30 p.m. on Anzac Day. The intention of the amendment is that this requirement will now apply to any film or cinematograph display commencing before 1.00 p.m. on Anzac Day.

Clause 4 amends section 7A *(b)* of the *Theatres Act 1958* to allow theatrical entertainment to commence any time after 1.00 p.m. on Anzac Day.

