

Lotteries Gaming and Betting (Betting) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Outline

The purposes of this Bill are—

- (a) to provide for the recognition of prior convictions for illegal betting in other States and Territories for penalty purposes upon conviction in Victoria;
- (b) to extend the restrictions on the dissemination of betting information to include current communication technologies;
- (c) to provide for the approval of specific groups of races in respect of which odds may be advertised for feature doubles betting; and
- (d) to provide for the assessment of turnover tax payable in respect of offences involving the possession of instruments of betting.

Notes on Clauses

Clause 1 sets out the purposes of the Act.

Clause 2 sets out the commencement provisions and specifically provides that:

- * Sections 1 and 2 come into operation from the day on which the Act receives the Royal Assent;
- * the remaining provisions come into operation on a day or days to be proclaimed;
- * all provisions unproclaimed before 1 January 1995, come into operation on that day.

Clause 3 provides that the **Lotteries Gaming and Betting Act 1968** is the Principal Act.

Clause 4 amends section 18, section 23 and section 66B of the Principal Act to provide for the recognition of an offence against a prescribed law of another State or Territory as being a relevant offence for the determination of penalties for offences under those Sections.

Clause 5 amends section 40 of the Principal Act in order to—

- * extend the restrictions on the dissemination of betting information to include any electronic, mechanical or telephonic means of communication;
- * delete the references to specific groups of races in respect of which odds may be advertised for feature doubles betting;
- * provide for the approval of groups of races in respect of which odds may be advertised for feature doubles betting by the Minister by way of notice published in the Victorian Government Gazette.

Clause 6 amends section 128A of the **Stamps Act 1958** to extend the liability for assessment of turnover tax in respect of illegal betting offences to include offences against section 66B of the Principal Act.

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