

Racing (Amendment) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Outline

The purposes of this Bill are—

- (a) to restructure the Greyhound Racing Control Board;
- (b) to restructure the Greyhound Racing Grounds Development Board;
- (c) to provide for certain minor Statute law revision amendments.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1 sets out the purposes of the Act.

Clause 2 contains the provisions related to the commencement which is to be on a day to be proclaimed other than for Section 9 which is deemed to have come into operation on 17 May, 1987.

Clause 3 provides that the *Racing Act 1958* is the Principal Act.

Clause 4 (1) amends section 69 (2) of the Principal Act to change the structure of the Greyhound Racing Control Board by—

- (a) reducing the number of members from six to four; and
- (b) providing that in addition to the chairman, the other members shall be—
 - one—the deputy chairman who shall be a person experienced in business or marketing.
 - one—who shall be an executive director.
 - one—a person who has experience in the greyhound racing industry in Victoria.

(2) provides that in the absence of the chairman, the deputy chairman is to preside at meetings of the Board and amends section 72 (1) of the Principal Act by substituting the words “the deputy chairman” for the words “such member of the Board as is chosen by the members present to be chairman”.

(3) alters the number of members required for a quorum from four to three by amending section 72 (2) of the Principal Act.

Clause 5 repeals the existing section 73 of the Principal Act thereby abolishing the position of Secretary and substitutes a new section 73 which provides—

(1) The executive director of the Board is the principal officer of the Greyhound Racing Control Board and is responsible for the day to day administration of the affairs of the Board.

(2) The executive director is entitled to be paid the remuneration determined by the Governor in Council, and travelling and other allowances determined by the Board with the approval of the Minister.

(3) The executive officer is not subject to the *Public Service Act 1974*.

(4) The Board shall appoint such other officers as are required.

Clause 6 amends section 75A (7) by substituting the words “executive director” for the word “Secretary”.

Clause 7 (1) alters the structure of the Greyhound Racing Grounds Development Board from a four person Board to a three person Board by amending section 83A (2) (b). Sub-paragraphs (ii) and (iii) are substituted by a new sub-paragraph (ii) so that this member will be a person who in the opinion of the Minister represents the country greyhound racing interests.

(2) amends section 83B of the Principal Act to change the number required for a quorum for the Greyhound Racing Grounds Development Board from three to two by substituting the word "two" for "three" in sub-section (2).

Clause 8 provides for a number of minor statute law revision amendments which are of a "housekeeping" nature.

Clause 9 corrects a spelling error in section 13 (k) of the *Racing (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1986*, by substituting "section" for "secton".