South Australia

Gaming Machines Act 1992

An Act to provide for and regulate the supply and operation of gaming machines; and for other purposes.

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Legislative history

The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

This Act may be cited as the Gaming Machines Act 1992.

3—Interpretation

(1) In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

   advertising code of practice—see section 10A(1)(d);

   approved means approved by the Commissioner under this Act;

   approved crowd controller means a person approved under Part 4 Division 10A of the Liquor Licensing Act 1997 to act as a crowd controller for licensed premises, but does not include a person whose approval has been revoked or suspended;

   approved game means a game of a class approved by the Commissioner for the purposes of this Act;

   approved gaming machine means a gaming machine of a class approved by the Commissioner for the purposes of this Act;

   approved gaming machine technician means a person approved under Part 4 as a gaming machine technician for the holder of a gaming machine service licence;

   authorised officer means—

      (a) the Commissioner; or
      
      (b) an inspector; or
      
      (c) a police officer;

   authorised person, in relation to premises to which a gaming machine licence relates, means—

      (a) the licensee; or
      
      (b) a responsible person for the licensed premises; or
      
      (c) a gaming manager or gaming employee for the licensed premises; or
      
      (d) an inspector; or
      
      (e) a police officer; or
      
      (f) an approved crowd controller;

   beneficiary includes an object of a discretionary trust;


**cash facility** means—

(a) an automatic teller machine; or

(b) an EFTPOS facility; or

(c) any other facility, prescribed by the regulations, that enables a person to gain access to his or her funds or to credit;

**cashless gaming system** means a system that enables the storage of monetary value for use in operating a gaming machine;

**casino** means the casino operated in accordance with the *Casino Act 1997*;

**casino licence** has the same meaning as in the *Casino Act 1997*;

**casino premises** has the same meaning as in the *Casino Act 1997*;

**certificate** means a proposed premises certificate or a social effect certificate;

**club licence** means a club licence under the *Liquor Licensing Act 1997*;

**Club One** means the body holding the special club licence (see section 24A);

**the Commissioner** means the Liquor and Gambling Commissioner;

**the Court** means the Licensing Court of South Australia;

**criminal intelligence** means information relating to actual or suspected criminal activity (whether in this State or elsewhere) the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice criminal investigations, to enable the discovery of the existence or identity of a confidential source of information relevant to law enforcement or to endanger a person's life or physical safety;

**domestic partner** means a person who is a domestic partner within the meaning of the *Family Relationships Act 1975*, whether declared as such under that Act or not;

**game** means any game software for use with a gaming machine;

**gaming area** means that part of licensed premises that is delineated under a gaming machine licence as the area within which gaming machines may be operated pursuant to the licence;

**gaming employee** means a person who is appointed by the holder of a gaming machine licence as a gaming employee in respect of gaming operations conducted on licensed premises;

**gaming machine** means a device (whether wholly or partly mechanically or electronically operated) that is designed so that—

(a) it may be used for the purposes of playing a game of chance, or a mixed game of chance and skill; and

(b) it may be operated wholly or partly by—

(i) inserting a token, coin or banknote into the device; or

(ii) electronically transferring credits or tokens to the device; or

(iii) using credits or tokens in the device (whether those credits or tokens are held, stored or accredited by the device or elsewhere); and
(c) because of making a bet on the device, winnings or other rewards may become payable;

**gaming machine entitlement** means an entitlement to operate 1 gaming machine under a gaming machine licence or the casino licence;

**gaming manager** means—
(a) a natural person who is the holder of a gaming machine licence; or
(b) a person who is appointed by the holder of a gaming machine licence as a gaming manager in respect of gaming operations conducted on licensed premises;

**hotel licence** means a hotel licence under the *Liquor Licensing Act 1997*;

**inspector** means a person appointed as an inspector for the purposes of this Act;

**licence** means a licence under this Act;

**licensed person, licensee or holder of a licence** includes—
(a) the holder of a temporary licence; and
(b) a person authorised under this Act to carry on the business of a licensee; and
(c) if a licence is held by a trustee—the trust;

**linked jackpot equipment** means any fitting or device to be used for, or in connection with, the linking of two or more gaming machines for the purpose only of recording all or part of the winnings from each of those machines;

**liquor licence** means a hotel licence, club licence or special circumstances licence;

**mandatory provision**—see section 10A(3);

**monitoring system** means the approved computer system referred to in section 14(1)(d);

**non-profit association** means incorporated association or some other kind of body corporate as to which the Commissioner is satisfied that profits cannot be returned to members or shareholders;

**officer**—an officer—
(a) in relation to a body corporate—means a director or a member of the governing body of the body corporate;
(b) in relation to a trust—means a trustee;

**prescribed gaming machine component** means a component of a gaming machine of a class prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this definition;

**proposed premises certificate**—see section 17A;

**responsible gambling agreement** means an agreement in the form prescribed under section 10A between a licensee and an industry body recognised under section 10B;

**responsible gambling code of practice**—see section 10A(1)(e);
responsible person for licensed premises means a person who is, in accordance with section 97 of the Liquor Licensing Act 1997, responsible for supervising and managing the business conducted under the liquor licence in respect of the licensed premises;

social effect certificate—see section 17B;

social effect inquiry—see section 10A(1)(a);

social effect principles—see section 10A(1)(b);

special circumstances licence means a special circumstances licence under the Liquor Licensing Act 1997;

spouse—a person is the spouse of another if they are legally married;

trust—a trust is considered for the purposes of this Act as a single entity consisting of the trustees and the beneficiaries;

trust or corporate entity means a trust or a body corporate;

variation of licence means variation or revocation of conditions of licence or imposition of further conditions of licence.

(2) A person occupies a position of authority in a trust or corporate entity if the person—

(a) in the case of a body corporate—

(i) is a director or a member of the governing body of the body corporate;

(ii) exercises, or is in a position to exercise, control or substantial influence over the body corporate in the conduct of its affairs;

(iii) manages, or is to manage, the undertaking to be carried out under a licence;

(iv) if the body corporate is a proprietary company—is a shareholder in the body corporate; or

(b) in the case of a trust—is a trustee or beneficiary of the trust.

(3) However—

(a) a minor who is a shareholder in a proprietary company, or a beneficiary under a trust, is not for that reason to be regarded as a person occupying a position of authority; and

(b) a charitable organisation that is a beneficiary of a trust is not for that reason to be regarded as a person occupying a position of authority.

(4) For the avoidance of doubt, a person may be appointed by a licensee as a gaming manager or gaming employee, or carry out duties as a gaming manager or gaming employee in particular licensed premises, whether the person is an employee (of the licensee or of some other person) or is a volunteer.

4—Application of Act

(1) Except as specifically provided by this Act or the Casino Act 1997, this Act does not apply to or in relation to a gaming machine operated in the casino premises.
(1a) The Governor may, by regulation, apply provisions of this Act, with or without modification, to a person who is not required to hold a gaming machine licence because of a Commonwealth law as if the person holds a gaming machine licence.

(2) Despite any other Act or law to the contrary, gaming and the possession, sale, supply or operation of a gaming machine, as authorised by this Act or a licence under this Act, are lawful.

(3) Subject to any other provision of this Act to the contrary, this Act binds the Crown.

Part 2—Administration

Division 1—The Commissioner

5—Commissioner responsible for scrutiny of operations under all licences

The Commissioner is responsible for the constant scrutiny of the operations under all licences (of all classes) under this Act.

6—Procedural powers of the Commissioner

(1) The Commissioner may, for the purposes of proceedings before the Commissioner—

(a) by summons, require the attendance of a person before the Commissioner at a time and place specified in the summons; or

(b) by summons, require the production of any relevant equipment or other item, or any relevant books, papers or documents; or

(c) inspect any equipment, item, books, papers or documents so produced, retain them for such reasonable period as the Commissioner thinks fit and, in the case of books, papers or documents, make copies of any of them or of any of their contents; or

(d) require any person appearing before the Commissioner to make an oath or affirmation to answer truthfully all questions put by the Commissioner; or

(e) require any person appearing before the Commissioner to answer any question put by the Commissioner or by a person appearing before the Commissioner.

(2) Subject to this section, a person who—

(a) having been served with a summons to appear before the Commissioner, fails, without reasonable excuse, to attend in obedience to the summons; or

(b) having been served with a summons to produce equipment or other items, or books, papers or documents, fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with the summons; or

(c) refuses to be sworn or to affirm, or to answer any relevant question when required to do so by the Commissioner,

is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $10 000 or imprisonment for 6 months.

(3) A person who appears as a witness before the Commissioner has the same protection as a witness in proceedings before the Supreme Court.
7—Conduct of proceedings

(1) In proceedings under this Act, the Commissioner—

(a) must act without undue formality; and
(b) is not bound by the rules of evidence but may inform himself or herself on any question that arises for decision in such manner as he or she thinks fit.

(2) Subject to section 12, hearings before the Commissioner are open hearings.

(3) The Commissioner must, subject to subsection (4), make a reasonable attempt to achieve, by conciliation, agreement between an applicant under this Act and any objectors in relation to the application and, if agreement is achieved between the parties, have regard to the agreement in determining the matter.

(4) The requirement to conciliate does not arise—

(a) in relation to the Commissioner of Police if the Commissioner of Police lodges an objection; or
(b) in other circumstances that the Commissioner considers makes conciliation inappropriate.

7A—Powers to make interim or conditional decisions and accept undertakings from parties

(1) The Commissioner may—

(a) grant an application on an interim basis;
(b) specify that a condition of a licence, certificate or approval is to be effective for a specified period,

and, in consequence, may give any necessary procedural directions in the matter.

(2) If the Commissioner considers that an applicant should satisfy the Commissioner as to a certain matter for the purposes of determining the application, the Commissioner may, if he or she thinks fit, nevertheless grant the application on the condition that the applicant satisfies the Commissioner as to the matter within a period determined by the Commissioner.

(3) If a licence, certificate or approval is granted on a condition under subsection (2), the Commissioner may, on failure by the applicant to comply with the condition, revoke the licence, certificate or approval, or suspend the licence, certificate or approval until further order.

(4) The Commissioner may in proceedings accept an undertaking from a party in relation to the conduct of the proceedings and, on failure by the party to fulfil the undertaking, refuse to hear the party further in the proceedings subject to any further order of the Commissioner.

8—Representation

(1) A party to proceedings before the Commissioner may appear in those proceedings—

(a) personally;
(b) by counsel;
(c) if the party is a trust or corporate entity—by an officer or employee of the entity who has obtained leave of the Commissioner to appear on behalf of the entity;

(d) if the party is a member of a genuine association formed to promote or protect the interests of a section of the liquor industry or the gaming machine industry or of employees in those industries—by an officer or employee of that association.

(2) The Commissioner of Police may be represented in proceedings before the Commissioner—

(a) by a police officer; or

(b) by counsel.

8A—Power of Commissioner to refer questions to Court

The Commissioner may refer for hearing and determination by the Court—

(a) proceedings that involve questions of substantial public importance; or

(b) a question of law that arises in proceedings before the Commissioner; or

(c) any other matter that should, in the public interest or in the interests of a party to the proceedings, be heard and determined by the Court.

9—Power to disclose information to certain authorities

The Commissioner may disclose information gained in the course of the administration of this Act to—

(a) authorities vested with the administration of gaming machine laws in any other State or a Territory of the Commonwealth; and

(b) any other authorities that may require the information for the purpose of discharging duties of a public nature; and

(c) if the information is disclosed in a form that does not identify the person to whom it relates—any other person, or in any other way, the Commissioner (in the exercise of an unqualified discretion) considers appropriate in the public interest.

Division 2—Inspectors

10—Appointment of inspectors

(1) There will be such number of inspectors as are necessary for the proper administration of this Act.

(2) An inspector is a Public Service employee.

(3) The Commissioner must provide each inspector with a certificate of identity and an inspector must, at the request of a person in relation to whom the inspector has exercised, or intends to exercise, powers under this Act, produce that certificate.
Division 3—Commissioner's power to prescribe, recognise and give directions

10A—Certain matters prescribed by Commissioner

(1) For the purposes of this Act, the Commissioner may, by notice in the Gazette, prescribe—

(a) an inquiry process that must precede an application for a social effect certificate or, if required by the Commissioner, a variation of a gaming machine licence (a social effect inquiry); and

(b) principles for assessing the social effect of the grant or variation of a gaming machine licence (social effect principles); and

(c) criteria for the recognition of courses of training under section 10B(1)(b), provided that—

(i) a course recognised as basic training must include subjects dealing with gaming operations, responsible gaming, basics of problem gambling identification (including automated risk monitoring) and basics of pre-commitment; and

(ii) a course recognised as advanced training must include subjects dealing with advanced problem gambling identification (including automated risk monitoring), low level intervention and referral to gambling help services and advanced pre-commitment; and

(ca) criteria for the recognition of a system under section 10B(1)(c) which must address—

(i) in relation to an account based cashless gaming system—

(A) the maximum value to be stored and transferred from a user's account to a gaming machine; and

(B) the payment of prizes; and

(C) the provision of account statements; and

(D) connection to the monitoring system; and

(E) any other matter prescribed by the regulations; or

(ii) in relation to an automated risk monitoring system—

(A) identifying indicators of potential problem gambling behaviour; and

(B) connection to the monitoring system; and

(C) any other matter prescribed by the regulations; and

(d) an advertising code of practice; and

(e) a responsible gambling code of practice; and

(f) the form of a responsible gambling agreement.
Without limiting the generality of subsection (1)(e), the responsible gambling code of practice may—

(a) require the holder of a gaming machine licence to provide information to patrons regarding responsible gambling, the availability of services to address problems associated with gambling (including barring orders) and any other matter under this Act, whether by—

(i) signs and warning notices; or

(ii) the use of audio, visual, or electronic means,

in accordance with any requirements specified in the code; and

(b) make provision relating to the making of barring orders under Part 4 of the *Gambling Administration Act 1995*; and

(b) require gaming machine licensees to have a program for intervention in problem gambling designed to promote—

(i) identification of persons engaging in problem gambling, including through observation of the attendance patterns, behaviour and statements of gamblers; and

(ii) the provision of information relating to responsible gambling and the availability of services to address problems associated with gambling to persons so identified; and

(iii) the use of the barring orders under Part 4 of the *Gambling Administration Act 1995* in relation to persons so identified; and

(iv) the referral of persons so identified to the Department within the meaning of the *Problem Gambling Family Protection Orders Act 2004*; and

(c) make provision relating to customer loyalty programs; and

(ca) require gaming machine licensees to comply with specified requirements in relation to the training of gaming managers and gaming employees including (without limitation)—

(i) requiring gaming managers and gaming employees, or a specified class of gaming managers and gaming employees, to complete the whole or any part of the training courses recognised in accordance with section 10B; and

(ii) specifying procedures for obtaining exemptions from the requirements referred to in subparagraph (i) in relation to particular gaming managers and gaming employees, or a specified class of gaming managers and gaming employees (and any such exemptions may be granted by the Commissioner subject to conditions the Commissioner thinks fit); and

(d) include other matters designed to reduce the incidence of problem gambling.

(3) The Commissioner may include provisions in the advertising code of practice or the responsible gambling code of practice that—

(a) designate a provision of the code as a mandatory provision for the purposes of section 47; and
(b) declare whether contravention or failure to comply with the mandatory provision is a category A, B, C or D offence for the purposes of that section; and

(c) if the offence is to be expiable—declare whether the offence is a category A, B, C or D expiable offence for the purposes of that section.

(3a) The provisions of a notice prescribed under this section may be of general, limited or varied application according to—

(a) the classes of person, gaming machines or gaming operations; or

(b) the circumstances; or

(c) any other specified factor,

to which the provision is expressed to apply.

(4) The Commissioner may, by subsequent notice in the Gazette, vary or revoke a notice under this section.

(5) Before the Commissioner publishes a notice in the Gazette under this section, the Commissioner must—

(a) give notice in writing of the proposed notice to a body representative of licensees; and

(b) consider any representations made by the body about the proposed notice within 28 days after the notice is given or a longer period allowed in the notice.

(8) The Commissioner must review the matters prescribed under this section at least every 5 years.

(9) The Commissioner must seek and consider written submissions from a body representative of gaming machine licensees and from the public when conducting a review.

(10) A notice published under this section may be incorporated with any other notice that may be published by the Commissioner under any other Act.

10B—Recognitions

(1) For the purposes of this Act, the Commissioner may, by notice in the Gazette, recognise—

(a) a person as an industry body with whom a licensee may enter into a responsible gambling agreement; and

(b) courses of training required to be undertaken by gaming managers or gaming employees as—

(i) basic training; or

(ii) advanced training; and

(c) systems to be operated in connection with approved gaming machines, or classes of approved gaming machines being—

(i) account based cashless gaming systems; or

(ii) automated risk monitoring systems.
(2) A recognition under this section continues in force for a period specified by the Commissioner in the notice of recognition or, if no such period is specified, for a period of 5 years (but the Commissioner may withdraw the recognition before the end of that period by notice in the Gazette if the Commissioner thinks fit).

(3) Before the Commissioner publishes a notice in the Gazette under this section, the Commissioner must—

(a) give notice in writing of the proposed notice to a body representative of licensees; and

(b) consider any representations made by the body about the proposed notice within 28 days after the notice is given or a longer period allowed in the notice.

(4) If the Commissioner—

(a) refuses to recognise a person, course or system under this section; or

(b) withdraws a recognition of a person, course or system under this section, the person or the provider of the course or system may apply to the Minister for a review of that decision.

(5) The Minister may determine the application as the Minister thinks fit and, if the Minister finds in favour of the applicant, grant or preserve the recognition (as appropriate) and require the Commissioner to publish a notice in the Gazette accordingly.

11—Commissioner may give directions to licensees

(1) The Commissioner may, by notice in writing to the holder of a licence, give directions in relation to the carrying out of the undertaking under the licence.

(2) A licensee must diligently observe and carry out a direction given under this section.

Maximum penalty:

(a) in the case of an offence committed by the holder of the gaming machine monitor licence—$50 000 or imprisonment for 4 years;

(b) in any other case—$35 000 or imprisonment for 2 years.

Division 4—Criminal intelligence

12—Criminal intelligence

(1) No information provided by the Commissioner of Police to the Commissioner may be disclosed to any person (except the Minister, a court or a person to whom the Commissioner of Police authorises its disclosure) if the information is classified by the Commissioner of Police as criminal intelligence.

(2) If the Commissioner—

(a) refuses an application for a licence, certificate, consent or approval, or takes or proposes to take disciplinary action against a licensee, or revokes or proposes to revoke an approval, or prohibits a person from carrying out duties as a gaming manager or gaming employee; and
(b) the decision to do so is made because of information that is classified by the Commissioner of Police as criminal intelligence,

the Commissioner is not required to provide any grounds or reasons for the decision other than that to grant the application would be contrary to the public interest, or that it would be contrary to the public interest if the licensee were to continue to be licensed, or that it would be contrary to the public interest if the approval were to continue in force, or if the person were to continue carrying out duties as a gaming manager or gaming employee (as the case may require).

(3) In any proceedings under this Act, the Commissioner—

(a) must, on the application of the Commissioner of Police, take steps to maintain the confidentiality of information classified by the Commissioner of Police as criminal intelligence, including steps to receive evidence and hear argument about the information in private in the absence of the parties to the proceedings and their representatives; and

(b) may take evidence consisting of or relating to information classified by the Commissioner of Police as criminal intelligence by way of affidavit of a police officer of or above the rank of superintendent.

(4) If the Commissioner of Police lodges an objection to an application under this Act because of information that is classified by the Commissioner of Police as criminal intelligence—

(a) the Commissioner of Police is not required to serve a copy of the notice of objection on the applicant; and

(b) the Commissioner must, at least 7 days before the day appointed for the hearing of the application, advise the applicant in writing that the Commissioner of Police has objected to the application on the ground that to grant the application would be contrary to the public interest.

(5) The Commissioner of Police may not delegate the function of classifying information as criminal intelligence for the purposes of this Act except to a Deputy Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner of Police.

Part 3—Licences

Division 1—Classes of licence

14—Licence classes

(1) Licences under this Act are of the following classes:

(a) gaming machine licence: subject to this Act and the conditions of the licence, a gaming machine licence authorises the licensee to possess approved gaming machines on premises designated in the licence and to conduct gaming on those machines;

(ab) special club licence: subject to the Act and the conditions of the licence, the special club licence authorises the licensee to possess approved gaming machines and to operate them—

(i) on the casino premises as agent of the holder of the casino licence; or
(ii) on premises in respect of which someone else holds a gaming machine licence as agent of the holder of the gaming machine licence;

(b) gaming machine dealer's licence: subject to this Act and the conditions of the licence, a gaming machine dealer's licence authorises the licensee to manufacture games, gaming machines and prescribed gaming machine components and, under a contract in a form approved by the Commissioner, to sell or supply to the holder of a gaming machine licence, a gaming machine service licence, the casino licence, or another gaming machine dealer's licence, approved games and gaming machines and prescribed gaming machine components;

(d) gaming machine monitor licence: subject to this Act and the conditions of the licence, a gaming machine monitor licence authorises the licensee to provide and operate an approved computer system for monitoring the operation of all gaming machines operated pursuant to gaming machine licences under this Act;

(e) gaming machine service licence: subject to this Act and the conditions of the licence, a gaming machine service licence authorises the licensee to install, service and repair approved games and gaming machines and prescribed gaming machine components in the course of a business carried on by the licensee.

(2) There will be only—

(a) 1 special club licence; and

(c) 1 gaming machine monitor licence.

Division 2—Special provisions relating to gaming machine licences

15—Eligibility criteria

(1) The following persons only are eligible to hold a gaming machine licence:

(a) the holder of a hotel licence (whether temporary or otherwise);

(b) the holder of a club licence, or two or more holders of separate club licences, jointly;

(c) the holder of a special circumstances licence (whether temporary or otherwise) if—

(i) —

• the special circumstances licence was granted on the surrender of a hotel licence or a club licence; and

• the nature of the undertaking carried out under the licence is substantially similar to that of a licensed hotel or club; or

(ii) the premises to which the special circumstances licence relates constitute—

• a major sporting venue; or
• the headquarters in this State for any particular sporting code,

and the nature of the undertaking carried out under the licence is substantially similar to that of a licensed club.

(1a) Club One is eligible to hold a gaming machine licence for particular premises if it holds a licence under the *Liquor Licensing Act 1997* in respect of the premises as required by subsection (1).

(2) Subject to subsection (3a), the premises to which a liquor licence referred to in subsection (1) relates will be the licensed premises in respect of the gaming machine licence.

(3) A person referred to in subsection (1) can hold only one gaming machine licence in respect of the premises to which the liquor licence relates.

(3a) If two or more holders of separate club licences are, or are to be, the joint holders of a gaming machine licence, the following provisions apply:

(a) none of the holders can hold, either solely or jointly, another gaming machine licence; and

(b) the jointly held licence can only relate to the premises of one of the clubs, being the premises nominated by the applicants.

(4) A gaming machine licence will not be granted unless the applicant for the licence held a social effect certificate for the site of the premises in respect of which the licence is sought at the time of making the application for the licence.

(5) A gaming machine licence will not be granted unless—

(a) the applicant for the licence satisfies the Commissioner, by such evidence as the Commissioner may require—

(i) that the proposed gaming area, or gaming areas, within the premises in respect of which the licence is sought is or are suitable for the purpose; and

(iii) that the arrangements proposed for the security of the premises, each gaming area and the gaming machines, and of the gaming operations generally, are adequate; and

(iv) that the conduct of the proposed gaming operations on the premises would be unlikely to result in undue offence, annoyance, disturbance or inconvenience to those who reside, work or worship in the vicinity of the premises; and

(vi) that the conduct of the proposed gaming operations on the premises would not detract unduly from the character of the premises, the nature of the undertaking carried out on the premises or the enjoyment of persons ordinarily using the premises (apart for the purpose of gaming); and

(vii) that no proposed gaming area is so designed or situated that it would be likely to be a special attraction to minors; and
(viii) that the proposed gaming area is within a place or area that is enclosed as defined by the Tobacco Products Regulation Act 1997 (see section 4(3) and (4)); or

(b) the applicant holds a proposed premises certificate for the premises and satisfies the Commissioner, by such evidence as the Commissioner may require—

(i) that the conditions (if any) on which the certificate was granted have been complied with; and

(ii) that the premises have been completed in accordance with the plans approved in the certificate or a variation of those plans later approved by the Commissioner.

15A—Gaming venues not to be located under same roof as shops or within shopping complexes

(1) Despite any other provision of this Act, the Commissioner cannot after the commencement of this section grant an application for a gaming machine licence in respect of licensed premises, or grant any other application under this Act in respect of licensed premises that are subject to a gaming machine licence, if to do so would result in the licensed premises, or the whole or part of a gaming area of the licensed premises, being located—

(a) under the same roof as a shop, whether or not on the same level or floor as the shop; or

(b) anywhere within the boundaries of a shopping complex.

(2) Subsection (1) applies only in respect of an application made after the commencement of this section (and any grant by the Commissioner of such an application will be taken to be void and of no effect).

(3) Subsection (1) does not apply where the shop—

(a) is a part of the licensed premises set aside for the purpose of selling liquor in bottles to the public; or

(b) is intended primarily for the use of guests staying on the licensed premises.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (1), licensed premises will be regarded as falling within the boundaries of a shopping complex if the land on which the premises are situated—

(a) formed part of the complex immediately prior to the granting of the development authorisation (or the first such authorisation if more than one) for the establishment of the licensed premises on the land; or

(b) shares a common boundary with the complex and the licensed premises are, in the opinion of the Commissioner, so linked to or integrated with the complex that they may properly be regarded as forming part of the complex.

(5) In this section—

shop means a shop at which goods are sold to the public by retail;

shopping centre means a cluster of premises where—

(a) at least one of the premises is a shop; and
(b) the premises are located in the one building or in 2 or more buildings that are adjoining or are separated only by the grounds of the centre; and

(c) the cluster of premises is promoted as, or generally regarded as constituting, a shopping centre, shopping mall, shopping court or shopping arcade;

*shopping complex* means a shop, or shopping centre, together with all parking and other areas adjacent and ancillary to, and intended primarily for the use of persons attending, the shop or shopping centre.

16—Number of gaming machines to be operated under licence

(1) Subject to this Act, a gaming machine licence authorises the licensee to possess and operate in the licensed premises a number of gaming machines equivalent to the number of gaming machine entitlements held in respect of the licensed premises (or a lesser number).

(2) The number of gaming machine entitlements held in respect of particular licensed premises cannot exceed the maximum number approved by the Commissioner for operation under the gaming machine licence for the premises.

(3) The Commissioner cannot approve more than 40 gaming machines for operation under a gaming machine licence.

(4) If 2 or more gaming machine licences are in force in relation to the same licensed premises, the aggregate number of gaming machines approved for operation under the licences cannot exceed 40.

(5) The Commissioner may grant to the holder or former holder of a gaming machine licence a temporary authorisation to possess (but not to operate) gaming machines if the authorisation is necessary or desirable to enable the orderly disposal of gaming machines the holder or former holder is no longer authorised to operate.

17—Plurality of licences

(1) More than one gaming machine licence may be held in respect of separate parts of the same premises where those parts are each subject to a separate liquor licence.

(2) More than one gaming machine licence may be held by separate persons in respect of the same premises if—

(a) more than one club licence is held in respect of the premises; and

(b) the Commissioner is satisfied that each licensee will have sole control over the gaming machines owned by the club in respect of which he or she holds a club licence.

17A—Proposed premises certificate

(1) A proposed premises certificate approving plans submitted by the applicant for the certificate will not be granted unless—

(a) the applicant holds a social effect certificate for the site of the proposed premises; and

(b) the applicant satisfies the Commissioner, by such evidence as the Commissioner may require—
that the requirements of section 15(5)(a) will be met in relation to the proposed premises if completed in accordance with the plans; and

(ii) that any approvals, consents or exemptions that are required under the law relating to development to permit the use of the proposed premises for the conduct of gaming operations have been obtained.

(2) A proposed premises certificate must state the maximum number of gaming machines to be operated under the licence and may state conditions to which the licence should be subject.

(3) A certificate granted under this section may, on notification to the Commissioner, be transferred to another person.

(4) The Commissioner may, on application by the holder of a proposed premises certificate, approve a variation of the plans approved in the certificate.

17B—Social effect certificate

(1) A social effect certificate—

(a) may only be granted in relation to a specific site in which the applicant has a proprietary interest; and

(b) may not be granted if an application for a gaming machine licence in respect of licensed premises at the site could not be granted under section 15A; and

(c) subject to subsection (2), ceases to be in force 18 months after the date on which it is granted.

(2) The Commissioner may, on application by the holder of a social effect certificate, extend the period for which the certificate remains in force if, in the Commissioner's opinion, it is appropriate to do so to enable—

(a) approvals, consents or exemptions for development on the site that are required under the law relating to development to be obtained; or

(b) development on the site that has been commenced to be completed.

(3) A social effect certificate will only be granted if the applicant satisfies the Commissioner, by such evidence as the Commissioner may require, that the grant of a gaming machine licence in respect of premises on the site would not be contrary to the public interest on the ground of the likely social effect on the local community and, in particular, the likely effect on problem gambling within the local community.

(4) In assessing the social effect of the grant of a gaming machine licence, the Commissioner—

(a) must apply the social effect principles; and

(ab) must have regard to the scale of the proposed gaming operations relative to other operations to be conducted at, or in connection with, the premises; and

(b) must not have regard to the economic effect that the granting of a gaming machine licence might have on the business of other licensed premises in the relevant locality (except insofar as that economic effect may be relevant to an assessment of the likely social effect of the grant of the licence on the local community); and
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(c) must take each site in respect of which a social effect certificate is then in force into account as if a gaming machine licence were held for licensed premises on the site.

(5) A certificate granted under this section may, on notification to the Commissioner, be transferred to another person with a proprietary interest in the site to which the certificate relates.

(6) The Commissioner must—
(a) keep a register of social effect certificates; and
(b) cause the register to be published on a website to which the public has access free of charge.

(7) The Commissioner must—
(a) record on the register for each social effect certificate—
(i) the name of the holder of the certificate; and
(ii) the date on which it was granted; and
(iii) the site to which it relates; and
(b) remove from the register any social effect certificate that has ceased to be in force.

Division 3—Applications, criteria and licence conditions

18—Form of application

(1) An application for a licence or a certificate—
(a) must be made in the prescribed manner and form (which may include requirements relating to consultation and reports);
(b) must be accompanied by the prescribed fee;
(ba) may, in the case of an application for a social effect certificate, be made only if a social effect inquiry has been completed;
(c) may, in the case of an application for a gaming machine licence, be made by a person who does not yet hold the requisite liquor licence but is an applicant for such a licence;
(d) may, in the case of an application for a proposed premises certificate or a social effect certificate, be made by a person who does not yet hold the requisite liquor licence.

(2) The Commissioner may allow an applicant to vary the application at any time before the determination of the application.

(3) If the Commissioner allows an application to be varied pursuant to subsection (2), the Commissioner must cause the other parties to the application to be given notice of the variation a reasonable time before the hearing of the application.

(4) An application for a gaming machine licence or a proposed premises certificate must be accompanied by a plan of the proposed licensed premises that delineates the gaming area or gaming areas within which the gaming machines are to be installed.
(5) An applicant for the gaming machine monitor licence must submit with the application the specifications for the proposed monitoring system.

(6) The Commissioner may require an applicant to produce to the Commissioner specified documents that are, in the Commissioner's opinion, relevant to the application.

(7) The Commissioner may, on such conditions (if any) as he or she thinks fit, waive compliance with formal requirements relating to an application.

19—Certain criteria must be satisfied by all applicants

(1) An applicant for a licence must satisfy the Commissioner by such evidence as the Commissioner may require—

   (a) that the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold the licence; and

   (b) if the applicant is a trust or corporate entity—that each person who occupies a position of authority in the entity is a fit and proper person to occupy such a position in an entity holding a licence of the class sought in the application.

(2) For the purpose of determining whether a person is a fit and proper person to hold a licence or to occupy a position of authority in a trust or corporate entity that holds a licence—

   (a) the Commissioner may cause the person's photograph and fingerprints to be taken; and

   (b) the reputation, honesty and integrity (including the creditworthiness) of the person are matters to which consideration must be given; and

   (c) the reputation, honesty and integrity of the person's known associates (including persons who are relatives) must also be considered.

20—Applications to be given to Commissioner of Police

(1) The Commissioner must give the Commissioner of Police a copy of each application for a licence.

(2) As soon as reasonably practicable following receipt of an application under subsection (1), the Commissioner of Police—

   (a) must make available to the Commissioner information about criminal convictions; and

   (b) may make available to the Commissioner other information to which the Commissioner of Police has access, relevant to whether the application should be granted.

21—Special criteria for gaming machine monitor licence

An applicant for the gaming machine monitor licence must satisfy the Commissioner by such evidence as the Commissioner may require that the applicant has appropriate management and technical expertise.

22—Holder of monitor licence cannot hold other licences

The holder of the gaming machine monitor licence cannot hold any other licence under this Act.
23—Minors not to hold licence etc

(1) A minor cannot—
   (a) hold a licence; or
   (b) occupy a position of authority in a trust or corporate entity that holds a licence.

23A—Discretion to treat application for gaming machine licence as application for proposed premises certificate

The Commissioner may treat an application for a gaming machine licence for proposed premises as if it were an application for a proposed premises certificate having regard to the extent to which the proposed premises are uncompleted.

24—Discretion to refuse application

(1) Subject to this Act, the Commissioner has an unqualified discretion to refuse an application for a licence on any ground, or for any reason, that the Commissioner thinks fit.

(2) The Commissioner should not grant an application as a matter of course without a proper inquiry into its merits (whether or not the Commissioner of Police has intervened in the proceedings or there are any objections to the application).

(3) An application for a licence can only be granted if the Commissioner is satisfied that to grant the application would not be contrary to the public interest.

24A—Special club licence

(1) The special club licence is to be granted to a body (referred to in this Act as Club One) that, on making due application for the licence, satisfies the Commissioner—
   (a) that it is representative of a substantial number of clubs in the State; and
   (b) that it has available to it the appropriate skills and expertise to operate gaming machines, and conduct gaming machine business.

(2) The directors, or members of the board of management, of Club One must include the following:
   (a) at least 1 person who is a lawyer of at least 3 years standing with experience in the club and gaming industry;
   (b) at least 1 person who is a qualified accountant of at least 3 years standing with experience in the club and gaming industry;
   (c) at least 1 person with experience in dealing with the issues of problem gambling and gambling addiction.

(3) When Club One, in the exercise of its powers as the holder of the special club licence, has or operates gaming machines on the premises of some other person holding a gaming machine licence or the casino premises—
   (a) Club One is to be regarded as an agent of the holder of the gaming machine licence or the holder of the casino licence (as the case may require); and
(b) Club One and the holder of the gaming machine licence or casino licence are jointly and severally responsible to ensure compliance with the conditions of the gaming machine licence or casino licence; and

(c) breach of a condition of the gaming machine licence or casino licence is to be regarded as a breach by each licensee of a condition of their respective licences; and

(d) Club One and the holder of the gaming machine licence or casino licence are jointly and severally responsible to ensure compliance with—

   (i) the provisions of this Act or the *Casino Act 1997* regarding payment of gaming tax; and

   (ii) the keeping of accounts and the furnishing of monthly returns.

(4) A special club licence is subject to the following further conditions:

   (a) a condition requiring the holder of the licence to submit for the Commissioner's approval contracts or arrangements under which management services are to be provided, officers or employees engaged in senior management positions are to be remunerated or profits are to be shared with other licensees;

   (b) a condition requiring the holder of the licence to provide a report to the Minister, no later than 30 September in each year, on the conduct of its financial affairs during the financial year ending on the previous 30 June, including reference to distribution of funds among community, sporting and recreational groups;

   (c) other conditions determined by the Commissioner and specified in the licence.

(5) The Minister must, within 12 sitting days of receiving the report referred to above, cause a copy of the report to be laid before each House of Parliament.

25—Independent Gaming Corporation

(1) The body corporate known as the *Independent Gaming Corporation* will, on due application being made and the Commissioner being satisfied as to the matters specified in sections 19 and 21, be granted the gaming machine monitor licence issued under this Act.

(2) Nothing in this section will be taken to prevent the grant of the gaming machine monitor licence to some other person or authority in the event of the Independent Gaming Corporation not being granted the licence or, if it is granted the licence, in the event of the licence being surrendered or revoked pursuant to this Act.

26A—How licences are to be held

(1) A licence may be held jointly by two or more persons.

(2) If a licence is held jointly by two or more persons, those persons are jointly and severally liable to any civil or criminal liability that attaches to the licensee under this Act.
(3) If the trustee of a trust holds a licence for the purposes of a business conducted by the trustee under a trust—

(a) the name of the trust is to be specified in the licence; and

(b) the trust is to be considered as an entity holding the licence jointly with the trustee.

27—Conditions

(1) The conditions to which a gaming machine licence will be subject are set out in Schedule 1.

(2) The conditions to which the gaming machine monitor licence will be subject are set out in Schedule 2.

(3) The Commissioner may grant any other licence under this Act subject to such conditions as he or she thinks fit and specifies in the licence.

(7) In fixing (or varying) the hours during which gaming operations may be conducted pursuant to a gaming machine licence, the Commissioner—

(a) cannot fix hours that are outside the hours during which the licensed premises are authorised to be open for the sale of liquor; and

(b) must ensure—

(i) that gaming operations cannot be conducted on the premises on Christmas Day or Good Friday; and

(ii) that at other times—

(A) if the licensee has entered into a responsible gambling agreement and has provided a copy of the agreement to the Commissioner—there are at least 6 hours in each 24 hour period (which may be a continuous period of 6 hours, or 2 separate periods of 3 hours or 3 separate periods of 2 hours) during which gaming operations cannot be conducted on the premises; and

(B) in any other case—gaming operations cannot be conducted on the premises before 10 am on Monday to Friday and between 2 am and 10 am on Saturday and Sunday.

27AA—Variation of licence

(1) Subject to this section, the Commissioner may, by notice in writing addressed to the licensee, vary or revoke any condition of a licence or impose further conditions on the licence.

(2) The Commissioner may exercise his or her powers under subsection (1) on his or her own initiative or on application by the licensee or the Commissioner of Police.

(3) The Commissioner cannot revoke the statutory conditions of a licence and cannot vary them except in relation to those matters that are determinable by the Commissioner for the purposes of those conditions.
(4) The Commissioner may require an applicant for variation of a gaming machine licence to complete a social effect inquiry if of the opinion that the variation of the licence in respect of the premises may significantly alter the likely social effect on the local community and, in particular, the likely effect on problem gambling within the local community.

(5) If an applicant is required to complete a social effect inquiry, the licence may not be varied unless the applicant satisfies the Commissioner, by such evidence as the Commissioner may require, that the variation of the licence in respect of the premises would not be contrary to the public interest on the ground of the likely social effect on the local community and, in particular, the likely effect on problem gambling within the local community.

(6) In assessing the social effect of the variation of a gaming machine licence, the Commissioner—

(a) must apply the social effect principles; and

(b) must not have regard to the economic effect that the variation of a gaming machine licence might have on the business of other licensed premises in the relevant locality (except insofar as that economic effect may be relevant to an assessment of the likely social effect of the variation of the licence on the local community); and

(c) must take each site in respect of which a social effect certificate is then in force into account as if a gaming machine licence were held for licensed premises on the site.

(7) In determining an application for a variation of a gaming machine licence, the Commissioner must have regard to the matters set out in section 15(5)(a) (to the extent they are relevant to the application).

Division 3A—Gaming machine entitlements

27AAB—Gaming machine entitlements in respect of casino

(1) On the commencement of this section, the Commissioner is to assign the holder of the casino licence 995 gaming machine entitlements in respect of the gaming areas (within the meaning of the Casino Act 1997).

(2) Despite any other provision of this Act, the gaming machine entitlements assigned by the Commissioner under subsection (1) are not transferrable under section 27B.

27AAC—Application of Division to casino

(1) Subject to this section, this Division applies to and in relation to a gaming machine entitlement held by the holder of the casino licence.

(2) The approved licensing agreement under the Casino Act 1997 may make provision in relation to participation by the holder of the casino licence in the approved trading system established under this Division and, in particular—

(a) may specify targets relating to the obtaining of gaming machine entitlements (other than the entitlements assigned under section 27AAB) by the holder of the casino licence; and
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(b) may impose or provide for the imposition of requirements on the holder of the casino licence in relation to meeting the targets specified in paragraph (a); and

(c) may provide that if—
   (i) the holder of the casino licence satisfies the requirements referred to in paragraph (b); but
   (ii) a target referred to in paragraph (a) is not met by a specified day,

   the Commissioner must, on payment of an amount determined in a manner agreed, in writing, by the parties to the agreement (whether or not set out in the agreement), assign the holder of the casino licence a specified number of gaming machine entitlements.

(3) Despite any other provision of this Act, a gaming machine entitlement assigned by the Commissioner in accordance with provisions of the approved licensing agreement referred to in subsection (2)(c)—
   (a) is not transferrable under section 27B; and
   (b) only relates to a premium gaming area (within the meaning of the Casino Act 1997).

27A—Gaming machine entitlements

(2) A gaming machine entitlement may be held only by—
   (a) a licensee holding a gaming machine licence who has an approval from the Commissioner to operate on the licensed premises a number of gaming machines equal to or exceeding the number of gaming machine entitlements held by the licensee; or
   (b) Club One; or
   (c) the holder of the casino licence.

(3) The Commissioner must—
   (a) keep a register of gaming machine entitlements; and
   (b) cause the register to be published on a website to which the public has access free of charge.

(4) The Commissioner must record on the register—
   (a) the number of gaming machine entitlements held by each licensee and the holder of the casino licence; and
   (b) the premises to which the gaming machine entitlements relate.

27B—Transferability of gaming machine entitlements

(1) A gaming machine entitlement is transferable as follows:
   (a) if a gaming machine licence is transferred, the transferor may transfer together with the licence all gaming machine entitlements held by the transferor immediately before the transfer;
(b) a non-profit association that holds a gaming machine licence may transfer, absolutely or for a limited period, a gaming machine entitlement to Club One under an arrangement approved by the Commissioner;

(c) a non-profit association that holds a gaming machine licence may transfer, absolutely or for a limited period, a gaming machine entitlement to another licensed non-profit association, under an arrangement approved by the Commissioner, for the purpose of facilitating merger or amalgamation of gaming machine operations for the benefit of both non-profit associations;

(d) if a person is authorised by or under Part 3 Division 4A to carry on the business of a licensee—

   (i) at the commencement of the period of authorisation, the licensee's gaming machine entitlements vest in the authorised person; and

   (ii) at the conclusion of the period of authorisation, any entitlements still held revert to the person in whom they would (apart from this paragraph) have been vested;

(e) if a person holds a temporary licence under Part 3 Division 4A, the former licensee's gaming machine entitlements vest in the holder of the temporary licence and then—

   (i) if the temporary licence is converted into an ordinary licence—any such entitlements still held at the time of the conversion vest, on the conversion, in the holder of the ordinary licence; or

   (ii) if the temporary licence is not converted into an ordinary licence—any such entitlements still held at the conclusion of the temporary licence revert to the person in whom they would (apart from this paragraph) have been vested;

(f) the holder of gaming machine entitlements may (subject to this section) sell 1 or more of the entitlements under the approved trading system.

(2) The approved trading system is a system established by the regulations.

(3) The regulations establishing the approved trading system may include the following:

   (a) provisions dealing with the eligibility of intending sellers and purchasers to participate in the system;

   (b) conditions and restrictions on the sale of gaming machine entitlements (such as, for example, a condition providing that a gaming machine entitlement formerly held by the holder of a particular type of liquor licence may only be purchased by the holder of a liquor licence of a similar type);

   (c) provisions for allocating gaming machine entitlements that are available for purchase under the approved trading system between intending purchasers;

   (d) a provision requiring the purchaser of a gaming machine entitlement to acquire and operate a gaming machine under the entitlement within a specified period and providing that, if the purchaser fails to do so, the entitlement is to lapse;

   (e) a provision requiring an intending seller of gaming machine entitlements to surrender a proportion of its entitlements to the Crown and prescribing how the Crown is to deal with entitlements so surrendered;
(f) a provision for the payment of a commission (not exceeding one-third of the purchase price) to the Crown on sale of a gaming machine entitlement under the approved trading system;

(g) a provision for the payment of fees by participants in the approved trading system;

(h) provisions dealing with any other aspect of the approved trading system.

(4) Any commission on the sale of a gaming machine entitlement is to be paid into the Gamblers Rehabilitation Fund.

(5) If a gaming machine entitlement relates to premises that are (or were) held by the licensee under a lease, the right to sell the entitlement under the approved trading system is qualified as follows:

(a) if the lease is entered into after the commencement of this section, the lease may exclude or limit the right of sale;

(b) if the lease was entered into before the commencement of this section, the right may only be exercised if—

(i) all parties to the lease agree; or

(ii) the District Court, on application by the holder of the entitlement, determines that it is fair and equitable to authorise its sale and gives its authorisation accordingly.

(6) If the District Court gives an authorisation under subsection (5)(b), it may exercise either or both of the following powers:

(a) it may impose conditions, such as a condition that the proceeds of the sale be shared between the parties on a fair and equitable basis;

(b) it may make a consequential alteration to the terms of the lease.

(7) If the holder of a gaming machine entitlement makes an application for an authorisation under subsection (5)(b) and, before the proceedings are determined—

(a) the applicant is required under the terms of a lease to transfer the entitlement to someone else; or

(b) the entitlement vests in someone else on conversion of a temporary licence into an ordinary licence under Part 3 Division 4A,

the District Court may order the sale of the entitlement under the approved trading system and the payment of the net proceeds of sale to the applicant or the division of the net proceeds of the sale between the applicant and another or others in proportions the District Court considers fair and equitable.

(8) No liability to stamp duty arises in relation to a transfer of gaming machine entitlements under subsection (1)(b), (c) or (f) executed after the commencement of this subsection.

27C—Premises to which gaming machine entitlements relate

(2) The following provisions apply on the transfer of a gaming machine entitlement:

(a) if the entitlement is transferred together with a gaming machine licence, it will upon transfer relate to the same licensed premises;
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(b) if the entitlement is transferred by a non-profit association under an arrangement approved by the Commissioner, it will upon transfer relate to premises nominated in the arrangement;

(c) if the entitlement is sold under the approved trading system, it will relate to premises nominated by the purchaser and approved by the Commissioner as part of the trading process.

(3) However, the Commissioner may approve the acquisition of gaming machine entitlements by Club One on the basis that the entitlements will be subsequently allocated to licensed premises, or to a gaming area within the meaning of the Casino Act 1997, with the Commissioner's approval.

(4) The Commissioner may approve the re-allocation by Club One of gaming machine entitlements from 1 set of licensed premises to another or to a gaming area within the meaning of the Casino Act 1997 (but gaming machine entitlements allocated to premises in respect of which Club One itself holds a gaming machine licence cannot be re-allocated under this subsection).

(5) The Commissioner may approve the re-allocation by a licensee of gaming machine entitlements from 1 set of licensed premises (premises A) to another (premises B) if—

(a) the licensee has surrendered the gaming machine licence held in respect of premises A; and

(b) the licensee's liquor licence has been removed from premises A to premises B; and

(c) premises A and premises B are in the same locality (but this requirement does not apply where the licensee is a non-profit association).

27D—Effect of this Division on obligations under a lease or mortgage

If—

(a) a lease, mortgage or related agreement was entered into before the commencement of this Division; and

(b) the licensee is required by the lease, mortgage or related agreement to maintain a certain number of gaming machines in operation on the licensed premises; and

(c) the number exceeds the number of gaming machine entitlements assigned to the licensee on the commencement of this Division,

the lease, mortgage or related agreement will be construed as if it required the licensee to maintain a number of gaming machines in operation on the licensed premises equivalent to the number of gaming machine entitlements assigned to the licensee on the commencement of this Division.

27E—Statement of Parliamentary intention with regard to gaming machine numbers

It is Parliament's intention to make no further reduction in gaming machine numbers (beyond the reduction resulting from the implementation of this Division) before 30 June 2014.
Division 4—Transfer of licences

28—Certain gaming machine licences only are transferable

(1) Where a hotel licence or special circumstances licence is transferred, any gaming machine licence held by the transferor may, with the consent of the Commissioner, be transferred to the transferee of the hotel or special circumstances licence.

(1a) A gaming machine licence held by the holder of a club licence may, with the consent of the Commissioner, be transferred to that holder jointly with one or more other holders of separate club licences.

(1b) A gaming machine licence is not transferable otherwise than under subsection (1) or (1a).

(2) No other licence under this Act is transferable.

(3) The Commissioner cannot consent to the transfer of a gaming machine licence unless—

   (a) application for consent is made in the prescribed manner and form; and
   (b) the application is accompanied by the prescribed fee; and
   (c) each applicant satisfies the Commissioner, by such evidence as the Commissioner may require—

      (i) that the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold the licence; and
      (ii) if the applicant is a trust or corporate entity—that each person who occupies a position of authority in the entity is a fit and proper person to occupy such a position in an entity holding such a licence.

(4) For the purpose of determining whether a person is a fit and proper person to hold a licence or to occupy a position of authority in a trust or corporate entity that holds a licence—

   (a) the Commissioner may cause the person's photograph and fingerprints to be taken; and
   (b) the reputation, honesty and integrity (including the creditworthiness) of the person are matters to which consideration must be given; and
   (c) the reputation, honesty and integrity of the person's known associates (including persons who are relatives) must also be considered.

(5) An application under subsection (1) may be made by a person who is not yet the holder of a hotel licence or special circumstances licence but who is an applicant for the transfer of such a licence.

(6) The Commissioner may require an applicant for transfer to produce to the Commissioner specified documents that are, in the Commissioner's opinion, relevant to the application.

(7) A licensee cannot sell or assign the rights to carry on business in pursuance of a gaming machine licence to which subsection (1) refers unless the Commissioner has consented to the transfer of the licence to the purchaser or assignee in accordance with this section.
(8) Subsection (7) does not prevent a licensee from entering into a contract for the sale or assignment of those rights if the contract is subject to a condition precedent that the sale or assignment will not take effect unless and until the Commissioner has consented to the transfer of the licence to the purchaser or assignee in accordance with this section.

(9) Subject to subsection (10), where a gaming machine licence is transferred pursuant to this section, each transferee succeeds to the liabilities of the transferor under this Act.

(10) A transferee of a gaming machine licence is jointly and severally liable with the transferor for any gaming tax outstanding at the date of transfer, except for any such tax arising out of an intentional understatement of gross gaming turnover or net gambling revenue by the transferor.

28AA—Applications to be given to Commissioner of Police

(1) The Commissioner must give the Commissioner of Police a copy of each application for consent under section 28.

(2) As soon as reasonably practicable following receipt of an application under subsection (1), the Commissioner of Police—

   (a) must make available to the Commissioner information about criminal convictions; and

   (b) may make available to the Commissioner other information to which the Commissioner of Police has access, relevant to whether the application should be granted.

28AAB—Discretion to grant or refuse application under section 28

(1) Subject to this Act, the Commissioner has an unqualified discretion to grant or refuse an application for consent under section 28 on any ground, or for any reason, that the Commissioner thinks fit.

(2) The Commissioner should not grant an application for consent under section 28 as a matter of course without a proper inquiry into its merits (whether or not the Commissioner of Police has intervened in the proceedings or there are any objections to the application).

(3) An application for consent under section 28 can only be granted if the Commissioner is satisfied that to grant the application would not be contrary to the public interest.

28A—Condition requiring payment of gaming machine surcharge

If, on the Commissioner's consenting to the transfer of a gaming machine licence, any gaming machine surcharge payable under the Stamp Duties Act 1923 in respect of the transfer of the business conducted under the licence has not been paid, it is a condition of the licence that the surcharge be paid within the period allowed under that Act.

Division 4A—Devolution of licensee's rights

28B—Devolution of licensee's rights

(1) If a licensee or 1 of 2 or more joint licensees dies—

   (a) the executor of the will or the administrator of the estate; or
(b) a relative of the deceased acting with the permission of the Commissioner, may, for 1 month after the date of death or a longer period approved by the Commissioner, carry on business as the licensee or 1 of the licensees (as the case requires) under the licence.

(2) If a licensee or 1 of 2 or more joint licensees becomes physically or mentally incapable of carrying on business under the licence—

(a) a person authorised or appointed by law to administer the licensee's affairs; or

(b) a relative of the licensee acting with the permission of the Commissioner, may, for 1 month after the commencement of the incapacity or a longer period approved by the Commissioner, carry on business as the licensee or 1 of the licensees (as the case requires) under the licence.

(3) If a licensee ceases to occupy the licensed premises to which the licence relates, a landlord, mortgagee or other person acting with the permission of the Commissioner may, for a period of 1 month or a longer period approved by the Commissioner, carry on business as the licensee under the licence.

(4) If a licence is surrendered or revoked, the Commissioner may, on application by a landlord, mortgagee or other person who satisfies the Commissioner that it stands to suffer loss in consequence of the surrender or revocation, grant a temporary licence—

(a) of the same class, and subject to the same conditions, as the licence that was surrendered or revoked; but

(b) subject to a condition that the licence will expire at the end of a term fixed by the Commissioner not exceeding 6 months.

(5) An approval, permission or temporary licence may be granted under this section by the Commissioner—

(a) on the application of the person seeking it without hearing or inviting representations from any other person; and

(b) on conditions the Commissioner thinks fit.

(6) A temporary licence under this section may be converted into an ordinary licence by revocation of the condition referred to in subsection (4)(b), but an application for revocation of such a condition must not be granted unless the Commissioner is satisfied—

(a) that the person who is to hold the licence on revocation of the condition is a fit and proper person to hold a licence of the relevant class; and

(b) if that person is a trust or corporate entity—that each person who occupies a position of authority in the entity is a fit and proper person to occupy such a position in an entity holding a licence of that class.

28C—Bankruptcy or winding up of licensee

(1) If a licensee becomes bankrupt or insolvent, the official receiver may carry on business as the licensee under the licence.

(2) If a corporate licensee is being wound up or is under administration, receivership or official management, a person vested by law with power to administer the affairs of the body corporate may carry on business as the licensee under the licence.
28D—Notice to be given of exercise of powers under Division

A person who exercises rights under this Division (except by prior permission of the Commissioner) must, within 7 days after starting to do so, give notice in writing of that fact to the Commissioner.

Division 5—Objections and intervention

29—Certain applications require advertisement

(1) The following applications must be advertised in accordance with this section:
   (a) an application for the grant of a gaming machine licence;
   (ab) an application for the grant of a proposed premises certificate;
   (ac) an application for the grant of a social effect certificate;
   (ad) an application for the variation of a gaming machine licence if the applicant is required to conduct a social effect inquiry;
   (b) an application for the transfer of a gaming machine licence;
   (c) an application for the grant of a gaming machine dealer's licence;
   (d) an application of any other class if the Commissioner so directs.

(2) Where an application is required to be advertised, notice of the application, in the prescribed form, must—
   (a) be published by the applicant—
      (i) in a newspaper circulating generally throughout the State; and
      (ii) in the case of an application in respect of a gaming machine licence, a proposed premises certificate or a social effect certificate—in another newspaper circulating in the area in which the licensed premises are, or are to be, situated; and
      (iii) in the Gazette, at least 28 days before the date fixed for the hearing of the application; and
   (b) in the case of an application in respect of a gaming machine licence, a proposed premises certificate or a social effect certificate, be served on the council under the Local Government Act 1999 for the area in which the licensed premises are, or are to be, situated.

(3) The Commissioner may, in an appropriate case, dispense with or modify a requirement of subsection (2).

30—Objections

(1) Where an application has been advertised under this Part, any person may, by notice in the prescribed form lodged with the Commissioner at least seven days before the day appointed for the hearing of the application, object to the application.

(2) Subject to section 12, a copy of the notice of objection must be served by the objector on the applicant at least 7 days before the day appointed for the hearing of the application.
(2a) However, the Commissioner may (in the Commissioner's absolute discretion) accept an objection even though it is lodged, or served on the applicant, out of time.

(3) An objection may be made on behalf of an unincorporated association under this section by an agent duly appointed for the purpose.

(4) An objection may be made on the ground that the grant of the application would be contrary to this Act, in that any one or more of the matters as to which the Commissioner is required by this Act to be satisfied before granting the application would not, in the opinion of the objector, be satisfied.

(5) The Commissioner may allow a person who has made an objection to vary the objection at any time before the determination of the proceedings.

(6) If the Commissioner allows an objection to be varied pursuant to subsection (5), the Commissioner must cause the parties to the proceedings to be given notice of the variation a reasonable time before the hearing of the proceedings.

(7) An objector to an application is a party to proceedings on the application.

### 31—Intervention by Commissioner of Police

(1) The Commissioner of Police may intervene in any proceedings before the Commissioner on an application under this Part for the purpose of introducing evidence or making submissions and, in particular, may intervene on the question of—

   (a) whether a person is a fit and proper person; or

   (b) whether, if the application were to be granted, public disorder or disturbance would be likely to result; or

   (c) whether to grant the application would be contrary to the public interest.

(2) The Commissioner of Police is a party to any proceedings in which he or she has intervened.

### Division 6—Suspension, revocation and surrender of licences and certificates

#### 32—Voluntary suspension

The Commissioner may, on the application of a licensee, suspend the licence held by the licensee for such period as the Commissioner thinks fit.

#### 32A—Surrender or revocation of social effect certificate

(1) The holder of a social effect certificate may, by notice in writing to the Commissioner, surrender the social effect certificate and the certificate will cease to be in force on acceptance by the Commissioner of the surrender.

(2) The Commissioner cannot accept a surrender of a social effect certificate while there is an application before the Commissioner for a gaming machine licence in respect of premises on the site to which the certificate relates.

(3) The Commissioner may, by notice in writing to the holder of a social effect certificate, revoke the certificate if satisfied that the holder has ceased to have a proprietary interest in the site to which the certificate relates.
(4) The Commissioner must, before revoking a social effect certificate—
   (a) give notice in writing to the holder of the certificate of the proposed revocation; and
   (b) allow the holder a period of 21 days (or such longer period as the Commissioner may in any particular case allow) to show cause why the certificate should not be revoked.

33—Surrender

(1) A licensee may, by notice in writing addressed to the Commissioner, surrender his or her licence and the licence will cease to operate on acceptance by the Commissioner, by endorsement on the licence, of the surrender.

(2) The surrender of a licence does not affect liabilities incurred by the licensee under this Act up to the date on which the licensee ceases to operate.

(3) The Commissioner cannot accept a surrender of a gaming machine licence unless he or she is satisfied that all gaming machines have been removed from the premises to which the licence related.

34—Effect of surrender, suspension or revocation of liquor licence

If a liquor licence held by a licensee under the Liquor Licensing Act 1997 in respect of any premises is surrendered, revoked or suspended, any gaming machine licence held by that licensee in respect of those premises will be taken to have been surrendered or revoked, or suspended until the liquor licence comes back into operation, as the case may require.

35—Cessation of gaming machine monitor licence

In the event of—
   (a) the gaming machine monitor licence being revoked, suspended or surrendered; or
   (b) the holder of that licence ceasing for any reason to carry on the undertaking authorised by the licence,
the Commissioner or a person authorised by the Commissioner for the purpose may—
   (c) enter the premises in which the monitoring system is situated; and
   (d) take possession and assume control of the system; and
   (e) operate the system until such time as the suspension terminates, or a further licence is granted to some other person or authority, as the case may be.

Division 7—Disciplinary action against licensees

35A—Interpretation

In this Division—

_licensee_ includes former licensee.
36—Cause for disciplinary action against licensees

(1) There is proper cause for disciplinary action against a licensee if the Commissioner is satisfied that—

(a) the licence was improperly obtained; or

(b) the licensee is not a fit and proper person to hold the licence; or

(c) in the case of a licensee that is a trust or corporate entity—a person who occupies a position of authority in the entity is not a fit and proper person to occupy such a position in an entity holding such a licence; or

(d) the licensee has contravened or failed to comply with a provision of this Act or a condition of the licence; or

(da) the licensee has contravened or failed to comply with the advertising code of practice or the responsible gambling code of practice; or

(e) the licensee has been convicted of an offence against this Act; or

(f) the licensee has been convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment; or

(g) the licensee has ceased to operate gaming machines on the premises the subject of a gaming machine licence; or

(h) it would be contrary to the public interest if the licensee were to continue to be licensed.

(2) In determining whether there is proper cause for disciplinary action against a licensee under subsection (1), regard may be had to such evidence of the conduct (no matter when the conduct is alleged to have occurred) of the licensee or persons with whom the licensee associates (or has associated at any relevant time) as the Commissioner considers relevant, including information that existed at the time the licence was granted, regardless of whether that information was known or could have been made known to the Commissioner at that time.

36A—Inquiry

(1) The Commissioner may, of his or her own motion or on the complaint of the Commissioner of Police, hold an inquiry to determine whether there is proper cause for disciplinary action against a licensee.

(2) The Commissioner must give the licensee and the Commissioner of Police at least 21 days' written notice of an inquiry under this section and, subject to section 12, afford the licensee and the Commissioner of Police a reasonable opportunity to call and give evidence, to examine and cross-examine witnesses, and to make submissions to the Commissioner.

(3) If a party does not attend at the time and place fixed by the Commissioner for the commencement or resumption of proceedings under this section, the Commissioner may proceed to hear and determine the matter in the absence of the party.

(4) On giving notice to a licensee under this section, the Commissioner may, in the same or a subsequent notice, suspend the licence pending determination of the disciplinary proceedings.
36B—Taking of disciplinary action against licensees

(1) If, on an inquiry, the Commissioner is satisfied there is proper cause for disciplinary action against a licensee, the Commissioner may take disciplinary action against the licensee by doing 1 or more of the following:
   (a) administering a reprimand;
   (b) adding to, or altering, the conditions of the licence;
   (c) cancelling 1 or more gaming machine entitlements;
   (d) suspending or revoking the licence;
   (e) imposing a fine not exceeding $20,000;
   (f) if a licence is revoked—disqualifying the former licensee from being licensed or approved under this Act.

(2) When the Commissioner revokes a licence, the Commissioner must determine whether all or any of the gaming machine entitlements held by the former licensee should be cancelled and, if so, cancel them accordingly.

(3) The Commissioner may—
   (a) direct that a disqualification is to apply permanently;
   (b) direct that a suspension or disqualification is to apply—
      (i) for a specified period; or
      (ii) until the fulfilment of stipulated conditions; or
      (iii) until further order;
   (c) direct that disciplinary action is to have effect at a specified future time or is to have effect at a specified future time unless stipulated conditions are fulfilled.

(4) If—
   (a) a person has been found guilty of an offence; and
   (b) the circumstances of the offence form, in whole or in part, the grounds for disciplinary action,

the person is not liable to a fine under this section for conduct giving rise to the offence.

(5) A fine imposed under this section may be recovered summarily.

(6) When the Commissioner cancels gaming machine entitlements under this section, an equivalent number of entitlements may be offered for sale by the Crown under the approved trading system.

(7) However, the Crown may only exercise its power of sale if the total number of gaming machine entitlements in force under this Act is less than a number calculated by subtracting 3,000 from the number of gaming machines approved for operation under this Act immediately before the commencement of section 27A.
Part 4—Approvals

38—Commissioner may approve persons in authority

The Commissioner may, on the application of a person who seeks to assume a position of authority in a trust or corporate entity that holds a licence, approve the assumption by that person of that position in the entity.

38A—Condition requiring payment of gaming machine surcharge

If, on approval by the Commissioner of the assumption by a person of a position in authority in a trust or corporate entity that holds a gaming machine licence, any gaming machine surcharge payable under the Stamp Duties Act 1923 in respect of a transaction related to the assumption by the person of the position has not been paid, it is a condition of the licence that the surcharge be paid within the period allowed under that Act.

38B—Commissioner may approve gaming machine technicians

The Commissioner may, on application by the holder of a gaming machine service licence, approve a natural person as a gaming machine technician for the holder of the licence.

39—Approval of form of supply contract

(1) The Commissioner may, on application by the holder of a gaming machine dealer's licence, approve the form of a contract to be entered into by the holder of the licence and—

(a) the holder of a gaming machine licence; or
(b) the holder of the casino licence; or
(b) the holder of a gaming machine service licence; or
(c) the holder of another gaming machine dealer's licence,

for the sale or supply of approved games or gaming machines or prescribed gaming machine components.

(2) The Commissioner has an unqualified discretion to approve or refuse to approve the form of a contract except that the Commissioner must refuse to approve a form if, in the Commissioner's opinion, it would result in a contract that—

(a) is harsh and unconscionable; or
(b) provides for a payment by reference to the proceeds or profits of the business of the holder of the casino licence or a licensee; or
(c) provides for an inducement to enter the contract other than a discount based on the number of games, machines or components to be supplied; or
(d) may otherwise jeopardise the proper conduct of gaming operations.
40—Approval of gaming machines and games

(1) The Commissioner may, on application by a person, approve particular gaming machines, or particular games, to be of a class that is approved for the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Commissioner must not approve a gaming machine under this section unless—
   (a) the machine is able to be operated in compliance with the requirements of this Act; and
   (b) the machine complies with any other requirements prescribed by the regulations.

(3) The Commissioner may determine that a gaming machine complies with a requirement under subsection (2) if the machine, when used with other equipment, complies with the requirement (and, in such a case, the machine and the other equipment will together constitute the approved gaming machine for the purposes of this Act).

(4) The Commissioner must not approve a game under this section unless the game—
   (a) does not allow the expenditure, or part of the expenditure, on the game when played on a particular gaming machine to accumulate with the expenditure, or part of the expenditure, on a game played on any other gaming machine; and
   (b) is able to be operated in compliance with the requirements of this Act; and
   (c) complies with any other requirements prescribed by the regulations.

(5) Subject to subsection (6), an approval granted under this section has effect for a period of—
   (a) in the case of an approval of a game—5 years; or
   (b) in the case of an approval of a gaming machine—10 years.

Note—

See the licence condition set out in paragraph (a) of Schedule 1.

(6) The Commissioner may, on application made by a person, extend the period for which an approval granted under this section will have effect as follows:

   (a) the period of 5 years referred to in subsection (5)(a) may be extended by a further period of up to 5 years (determined by the Commissioner) on an application made not more than 2 years before expiry of the approval; or
   (b) the period of 10 years referred to in subsection (5)(b) may be extended by a further period of up to 10 years (determined by the Commissioner) on an application made not more than 5 years before expiry of the approval.

41—Commissioner may approve gaming tokens and gaming token manufacturers

(1) The Commissioner may, on application by a manufacturer of gaming tokens, approve the manufacturer for the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Commissioner may, on application by a person, approve particular gaming tokens to be of a class that is approved for the purposes of this Act.
41A—Applications to be given to Commissioner of Police

(1) The Commissioner must give the Commissioner of Police a copy of each application for approval made under this Part other than under section 39, 40 or 41.

(2) As soon as reasonably practicable following receipt of an application under subsection (1), the Commissioner of Police—

(a) must make available to the Commissioner information about criminal convictions; and

(b) may make available to the Commissioner other information to which the Commissioner of Police has access, relevant to whether the application should be granted.

42—Discretion to grant or refuse approval

(1) Subject to this Act, the Commissioner has an unqualified discretion to grant or refuse an application for approval on any ground, or for any reason, that the Commissioner thinks fit.

(1a) An application for approval can only be granted if the Commissioner is satisfied that to grant the application would not be contrary to the public interest.

(3a) The Commissioner cannot approve a person as a gaming machine technician unless satisfied, by such evidence as he or she may require, that the person is a fit and proper person to personally perform the work of installing, servicing and repairing gaming machines.

(4) The Commissioner cannot approve the assumption by a person of a position of authority in a trust or corporate entity that holds a licence unless satisfied, by such evidence as he or she may require, that the person is a fit and proper person to assume such a position.

(6) In making a determination for the purposes of subsection (3a) or (4), the Commissioner may cause the person's photograph and fingerprints to be taken and must give consideration to—

(a) the reputation, honesty and integrity (including the creditworthiness) of the person; and

(b) the reputation, honesty and integrity of the person's known associates (including persons who are relatives).

(7) If an application for approval of a game relates to a game that can be lawfully played in another jurisdiction prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this subsection, the Commissioner must grant the approval (unless that game is of a kind that must not be approved in accordance with section 40 or the regulations).

(8) If an application for approval of a gaming machine relates to a machine that can be lawfully operated in another jurisdiction prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this subsection, the Commissioner must grant the approval if satisfied that the machine operates in a way that is compatible with the monitoring system (unless that machine is of a kind that must not be approved in accordance with section 40 or the regulations).
42A—Advertisement of certain applications and objections

(1) An application for approval must, if the Commissioner so directs, be advertised by publication by the applicant of notice, in a form approved by the Commissioner, in a newspaper circulating generally throughout the State and in the Gazette at least 28 days before the date fixed for the hearing of the application.

(2) If an application has been advertised under this section, any person may, by notice in the prescribed form lodged with the Commissioner at least 7 days before the day appointed for the hearing of the application, object to the application.

(3) A copy of the notice of objection must be served by the objector on the applicant at least 7 days before the day appointed for the hearing of the application.

(4) However, the Commissioner may (in the Commissioner's absolute discretion) accept an objection even though it is lodged, or served on the applicant, out of time.

(5) An objection may be made on behalf of an unincorporated association under this section by an agent duly appointed for the purpose.

(6) An objection may be made on the ground that the grant of the application would be contrary to this Act.

(7) The Commissioner may allow a person who has made an objection to vary the objection at any time before the determination of the proceedings.

(8) If the Commissioner allows an objection to be varied pursuant to subsection (7), the Commissioner must cause the parties to the proceedings to be given notice of the variation a reasonable time before the hearing of the proceedings.

(9) An objector to an application is a party to proceedings on the application.

43—Intervention by Commissioner of Police

(1) The Commissioner of Police may intervene in proceedings before the Commissioner on an application for approval under this Part other than under section 39, 40 or 41 for the purpose of introducing evidence or making submissions and, in particular, may intervene on the question of whether the person to whom the application relates is a fit and proper person or whether to grant the application would be contrary to the public interest.

(2) The Commissioner of Police is a party to any proceedings in which he or she has intervened.

44—Revocation of approval

(1) The Commissioner has an unqualified discretion to revoke an approval given under this Part on such ground or for such reason as he or she thinks fit.

(2) The Commissioner must, before exercising powers under subsection (1) in relation to a person—

(a) give written notice to the person of the proposed revocation, including, subject to section 12, a statement of the reasons that the Commissioner considers justify the revocation; and

(b) allow the person a period of 21 days (or such longer period as the Commissioner may in any particular case allow) to show cause why the approval should not be revoked.
(3) The Commissioner may suspend an approval pending final determination of the question as to whether the approval should be revoked.

(4) On revoking an approval, the Commissioner must cause notice of the revocation to be given, personally or by post, to all persons affected by the revocation.

Part 4AA—Gaming managers and gaming employees

44AAA—Commissioner may notify Commissioner of Police of appointment of gaming managers and gaming employees

(1) The Commissioner may provide a copy of a notification of the appointment of a gaming manager or gaming employee to the Commissioner of Police.

(2) As soon as reasonably practicable following receipt of a notification under subsection (1), the Commissioner of Police—
   (a) must make available to the Commissioner information about any criminal convictions of the gaming manager or gaming employee; and
   (b) may make available to the Commissioner other information to which the Commissioner of Police has access relevant to whether the Commissioner should issue a prohibition notice under section 44AA.

44AA—Commissioner may give prohibition notice

(1) The Commissioner may prohibit a person from carrying out duties as a gaming manager or gaming employee either permanently or for a specified period.

(2) Written notice of a prohibition of a person under this section—
   (a) must be given by the Commissioner to the person; and
   (b) may be given by the Commissioner to the licensee (if any) for whom the person currently works or any other licensee for whom the person may work.

(3) A prohibition under this section has effect from the day on which the notice is given to the person under subsection (2)(a) or such later date as may be specified in the notice.

(4) The Commissioner may, at any time, on his or her own initiative, or on application by a person given a notice under this section, vary or revoke the notice.

(5) For the purposes of a notice under this section, a person carries out duties as a gaming manager or gaming employee if the person carries out prescribed duties (within the meaning of section 49) in connection with the gaming operations conducted on licensed premises.

Part 4A—Special provisions relating to licensed dealers

44A—Prohibition of links between dealers and other licensees

(1) A person must not, at the one time—
   (a) be the holder of both a gaming machine dealer's licence and a licence of some other class under this Act or the licence under the Casino Act 1997; or
(b) be the holder of a gaming machine dealer's licence and be associated with a licensee of some other class under this Act or the licence under the *Casino Act 1997*; or

(c) be the holder of a licence (other than a gaming machine dealer's licence) under this Act, or the licence under the *Casino Act 1997* and be associated with the holder of a gaming machine dealer's licence; or

(d) be associated with both a licensed gaming machine dealer and a licensee of some other class under this Act or the licence under the *Casino Act 1997*.

(2) The Commissioner must refuse an application for a licence or for any approval under this Act if the grant of the application would result in a contravention of subsection (1).

(3) It is a ground for the Commissioner to exercise his or her powers under this Act to revoke or suspend any relevant licence or approval if a contravention of subsection (1) has occurred or is about to occur.

(4) For the purposes of this section, a person is associated with a licensee—

(a) in the case of a licensee that is a body corporate, if—

   (i) the person is a related body corporate (as defined in the *Corporations Act 2001* of the Commonwealth); or

   (ii) the person occupies a position of authority in the body corporate;

(b) in the case of a licensee that is not a body corporate, if—

   (i) the person manages, or is to manage, the undertaking to be carried out under the licence; or

   (ii) the person is the spouse or domestic partner of the licensee; or

(c) in any case, if—

   (i) the person is the partner or agent of the licensee; or

   (ii) the person and the licensee have an agreement, arrangement or understanding under which one acts in accordance with the directions or wishes of the other, or they act in accordance with a pre-arranged pattern; or

   (iii) the person and the licensee have common employees or the employees of one provide services for the other; or

   (iv) the person and the licensee are trustees or beneficiaries of the same trust or one is a trustee and the other is a beneficiary of the same trust (a *trust* in this subparagraph being a trust that relates to the undertaking under a licence); or

   (iva) the person and the licensee are parties to an agreement or arrangement under which one participates in, or is remunerated or paid for something by reference to, the proceeds or profits of the business of the other; or
(v) there is some other relationship or connection between the person and the licensee or any other person that could, in the opinion of the Commissioner, prejudice the proper operation of this Act or of the licensee’s undertaking under the licence.

Part 5—Offences

Division 1—Offences relating to licences and employment

45—Offence of being unlicensed

A person must not—

(a) have possession of a gaming machine on any premises; or

(ab) purchase, or enter into a contract or agreement to purchase, a gaming machine; or

(b) manufacture, sell or supply a game, a gaming machine or a prescribed gaming machine component; or

(d) install, service or repair a game, gaming machine or a prescribed gaming machine component; or

(e) provide a computer-based system for monitoring the operation of gaming machines,

without being licensed to do so.

Maximum penalty: $35 000 or imprisonment for 2 years.

46—Offence of breach of licence conditions

(1) A licensee (other than the holder of a gaming machine licence) must not contravene or fail to comply with a condition of his or her licence.

Maximum penalty:

(a) in the case of an offence committed by the holder of the gaming machine monitor licence—$50 000 or imprisonment for 4 years;

(b) in any other case—$35 000 or imprisonment for 2 years.

(2) The holder of a gaming machine licence must not contravene or fail to comply with a condition of his or her licence.

Maximum penalty:

(a) for a category A offence—$20 000;

(b) for a category B offence—$10 000;

(c) for a category C offence—$5 000;

(d) for a category D offence—$2 500.

Expiation fee:

(a) for a category A expiable offence—$1 200;

(b) for a category B expiable offence—$315;

(c) for a category C expiable offence—$210;

(d) for a category D expiable offence—$160.
(3) For the purposes of subsection (2)—

(a) a contravention of, or failure to comply with, a licence condition specified in Schedule 1 (other than a condition imposed under paragraph (o) of that Schedule) is a category A offence only; and

(b) a contravention of, or failure to comply with, any other licence condition is both a category A offence and a category A expiable offence unless the Commissioner specifies that it is to be an offence, or expiable offence, of some other category at the time of imposing the condition.

47—Offence of breach of mandatory provisions of codes

(1) The holder of a gaming machine licence must not contravene or fail to comply with a mandatory provision of the advertising code of practice or the responsible gambling code of practice.

Maximum penalty:

(a) for a category A offence—$20 000;
(b) for a category B offence—$10 000;
(c) for a category C offence—$5 000;
(d) for a category D offence—$2 500.

Expiation fee:

(a) for a category A expiable offence—$1 200;
(b) for a category B expiable offence—$315;
(c) for a category C expiable offence—$210;
(d) for a category D expiable offence—$160.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a contravention of, or failure to comply with, a mandatory provision of the advertising code of practice or the responsible gambling code of practice is a category A, B, C or D offence, or a category A, B, C or D expiable offence, if it has been declared to be such an offence by the Commissioner in accordance with section 10A(3).

47A—Offence of selling or supplying games, gaming machines or components without approved contract or with inducement

(1) The holder of a gaming machine dealer’s licence must not enter into a contract to sell or supply a game, a gaming machine or a prescribed gaming machine component unless the contract is in a form that has been approved by the Commissioner under section 39.

Maximum penalty: $35 000 or imprisonment for 2 years.

(2) The holder of a gaming machine dealer’s licence must not provide or offer to provide any form of inducement to a person to enter into a contract for the sale or supply of a game, a gaming machine or a prescribed gaming machine component other than a discount that is calculated on a basis that has been fully disclosed in the contract and depends on the number of games, machines or components to be supplied under the contract.

Maximum penalty: $35 000 or imprisonment for 2 years.
48—Offences relating to management or positions of authority

(1) If the gaming operations conducted on any premises pursuant to a gaming machine licence are supervised or managed by a person who is not a gaming manager in respect of those gaming operations, the licensee and the person are each guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $35,000 or imprisonment for 2 years.

(2) If a person assumes a position of authority in a trust or corporate entity that holds a licence without the approval of the Commissioner, the licensee and the person are each guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $35,000 or imprisonment for 2 years.

(3) A licensee must ensure that a gaming manager is present on the licensed premises at all times when gaming operations are conducted on the premises.

Maximum penalty: $10,000.

49—Offences related to carrying out duties in gaming areas

(1) If prescribed duties are carried out in connection with the gaming operations conducted on licensed premises by a person who is not—
   
   (a) a gaming manager in respect of those premises; or
   
   (b) a gaming employee in respect of those premises,

the licensee and the person are each guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $10,000 or imprisonment for 6 months.

(2) If prescribed duties are carried out in connection with the gaming operations conducted on licensed premises by a person in contravention of a notice given to the person under section 44AA(2), the person is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $35,000 or imprisonment for 2 years.

(3) A licensee who causes or permits a person to carry out prescribed duties in contravention of a notice given to the licensee under section 44AA(2) is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $35,000 or imprisonment for 2 years.

(4) If prescribed duties are carried out in connection with the gaming operations conducted on licensed premises by a person who is an employee of the holder of a gaming machine dealer's licence, the person is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $35,000 or imprisonment for 2 years.

(5) A licensee who knowingly causes or permits a person who is an employee of the holder of a gaming machine dealer's licence to carry out prescribed duties in connection with the gaming operations conducted on licensed premises is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $35,000 or imprisonment for 2 years.
50—Offence related to personal performance of work on games and gaming machines

If the work of installing, servicing or repairing a game or gaming machine is personally performed on licensed premises by a person who is not—

(a) the holder of a gaming machine service licence; or

(b) approved as a gaming machine technician for the holder of a gaming machine service licence,

the licensee and the person are each guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $10 000 or imprisonment for 6 months.

50A—Gaming managers and employees must carry identification

If a gaming manager or gaming employee does not, while carrying out his or her duties on the licensed premises, wear an identification card—

(a) that is in a form approved by the Commissioner; and

(b) that is clearly visible to other persons,

the licensee and the person are each guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty:

(a) in the case of an offence committed by a licensee—$2 500;

(b) in any other case—$1 250.

Expiation fee:

(a) in the case of an offence allegedly committed by a licensee—$210;

(b) in any other case—$160.

51—Persons who may not operate gaming machines

(1) The holder of a gaming machine licence or a person who occupies a position of authority in a trust or corporate entity that holds such a licence, or a gaming manager or gaming employee for any particular licensed premises, must not, except as is necessary for the purpose of carrying out his or her duties, operate a gaming machine on the licensed premises.

Maximum penalty:

(a) in the case of an offence committed by the holder of a gaming machine licence or a person who occupies a position of authority in a trust or corporate entity that holds such a licence—$10 000 or imprisonment for 6 months;

(b) in the case of an offence committed by a gaming manager or gaming employee—$5 000.

Expiation fee: in the case of an offence allegedly committed by a gaming manager or gaming employee—$315.

(2) A person must not, within 28 days of ceasing to be the holder of a gaming machine licence or a person who occupies a position of authority in a trust or corporate entity that holds such a licence, or to be a gaming manager or gaming employee in any particular licensed premises, operate a gaming machine on the licensed premises.

Maximum penalty:
(a) in the case of an offence committed by the holder of a gaming machine licence or a person who occupies a position of authority in a trust or corporate entity that holds such a licence—$10 000 or imprisonment for 6 months;

(b) in the case of an offence committed by a gaming manager or gaming employee—$5 000.

Expiation fee: in the case of an offence allegedly committed by a gaming manager or gaming employee—$315.

(3) The holder of a gaming machine dealer's licence, or a person in a position of authority in a trust or corporate entity that holds such a licence, must not, except as is necessary for the purpose of carrying out duties pursuant to the licence, operate a gaming machine on any licensed premises.

Maximum penalty: $10 000 or imprisonment for 6 months.

(4) The holder of the gaming machine monitor licence, an employee of such a licensee or a person in a position of authority in a trust or corporate entity that holds such a licence must not operate a gaming machine on any licensed premises.

Maximum penalty: $10 000 or imprisonment for 6 months.

(4a) The holder of a gaming machine service licence or a person in a position of authority in a trust or corporate entity that holds such a licence, or an approved gaming machine technician for the holder of such a licence, must not, except as is necessary for the purpose of carrying out his or her duties, operate a gaming machine on any licensed premises.

Maximum penalty: $10 000 or imprisonment for 6 months.

(5) The following persons must not, except as is necessary for the purposes of the administration of this Act, operate a gaming machine on any licensed premises:

(a) the Commissioner;

(b) an inspector.

Maximum penalty: $10 000 or imprisonment for 6 months.

Division 2—Offences relating to conduct of gaming operations

51A—Cash facilities not to be provided within gaming areas

(1) The holder of a gaming machine licence must not provide, or allow another person to provide, a cash facility other than an EFTPOS facility within a gaming area on the licensed premises.

Maximum penalty: $35 000.

(4) The Minister may, if he or she thinks exceptional circumstances exist for doing so, exempt a licensee (conditionally or unconditionally) from the operation of this section.

(5) A licensee who contravenes a condition of an exemption granted under subsection (4) is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $35 000.

51B—Cash facilities limitations

(1) The regulations may prescribe limitations in relation to the obtaining of cash from cash facilities on licensed premises.
(2) The holder of a gaming machine licence must not provide, or allow another person to provide, cash facilities on the licensed premises that would allow a person to obtain cash otherwise than in accordance with the limitations prescribed under subsection (1).

Maximum penalty: $35 000.

52—Prohibition of lending or extension of credit

(1) The holder of a gaming machine licence—

(a) who lends or offers to lend money to a person who is in or who is about to enter the licensed premises; or

(b) who allows a person to use a credit card or charge card for the purpose of paying for playing the gaming machines on the licensed premises or in circumstances where the holder could reasonably be expected to know that the use of the card is for that purpose; or

(c) who otherwise extends or offers to extend credit to any person for the purpose of enabling the person to play the gaming machines on the licensed premises or in circumstances where the holder could reasonably be expected to know that the credit is to be used for that purpose,

is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $35 000 or imprisonment for 2 years.

(2) If a gaming manager or gaming employee—

(a) lends or offers to lend money to a person who is in or who is about to enter the licensed premises; or

(b) allows a person to use a credit card or charge card for the purpose of paying for playing the gaming machines on the licensed premises or in circumstances where the manager or employee could reasonably be expected to know that the use of the card is for that purpose; or

(c) otherwise extends or offers to extend credit to any person for the purpose of enabling the person to play the gaming machines on the licensed premises or in circumstances where the manager or employee could reasonably be expected to know that the credit is to be used for that purpose,

the licensee and the manager or employee are each guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $35 000 or imprisonment for 2 years.

53—Prohibition of linked jackpots

The holder of a gaming machine licence must not cause, suffer or permit any gaming machine on the licensed premises—

(a) to be fitted with linked jackpot equipment; or

(b) to be linked in any manner that allows the winnings, or part of the winnings, from the machine to accumulate with the winnings, or part of the winnings, from any other gaming machine.

Maximum penalty: $35 000 or imprisonment for 2 years.
53A—Prohibition of certain gaming machines

(1) The holder of a gaming machine licence must not provide any gaming machine that may be operated in connection with a cashless gaming system other than a system recognised under section 10B(1)(c)(i).
   Maximum penalty: $35 000.

(2) The holder of a gaming machine licence must not, on or after the prescribed day, provide any gaming machine that may be operated otherwise than in connection with an automated risk monitoring system recognised under section 10B(1)(c)(ii).
   Maximum penalty: $35 000.

(3) The holder of a gaming machine licence must not, on or after the prescribed day, provide any gaming machine on the licensed premises that is not capable of displaying on-screen messages.
   Maximum penalty: $35 000.

(4) The holder of a gaming machine licence must not provide any gaming machine on the licensed premises that allows a maximum bet of more than $5.
   Maximum penalty: $35 000.

(5) The holder of a gaming machine licence must not provide any gaming machine on the licensed premises that may be operated by the insertion of a banknote.
   Maximum penalty: $35 000.

(6) The holder of a gaming machine licence must not permit the use of an audio device on any gaming machine on the licensed premises if the use of the device is not intended primarily to assist a person with a hearing impairment.
   Maximum penalty: $35 000.

(7) The holder of a gaming machine licence must not provide any gaming machine on the licensed premises that returns winnings to players at a rate that is not less than 87.5% of the total amount of all bets made on the machine.
   Maximum penalty: $35 000.

(8) The holder of a gaming machine licence must not provide any gaming machine on the licensed premises that is fitted with a device or mechanism designed to allow the playing of successive games by an automatic process.
   Maximum penalty: $35 000.

(9) In this section—

audio device means an earphone, earpiece, headphone, headset or any other device to convert signals from a gaming machine to audible sound delivered to the ear of a person playing the machine to the exclusion of everyone else;

prescribed day means—

(a) 31 December 2018; or

(b) if, before 31 December 2018, the Governor prescribes a later date by regulation—on that later date.
53B—Commissioner's directions to ensure security of gaming machines

(1) If—

(a) gaming machines are left on licensed premises after the premises have been vacated by the licensee; or
(b) the Commissioner has any reason to believe that gaming machines on licensed premises are not adequately secured against unauthorised use or interference,

the Commissioner may give any directions, in writing, that the Commissioner considers are reasonably required to secure the machines against unauthorised use or interference.

(2) The Commissioner may, for example, do either or both of the following:

(a) direct the licensee to remove the machines to a secure storage location;
(b) direct the holder of the gaming machine monitor licence to electronically disable the machines (and maintain its monitoring of the machines).

(3) A person given a direction by the Commissioner under this section must not fail to comply with the direction.

Maximum penalty: $35 000.

Division 3—Offences relating to minors

55—Minors must not be employed in gaming operations

If a minor is employed in any capacity in connection with the conduct of gaming operations on licensed premises, the licensee is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $10 000 or imprisonment for 6 months.

56—Minors not permitted in gaming areas

(1) A minor must not enter or remain in a gaming area or operate a gaming machine on licensed premises.

Maximum penalty: $2 500.

(2) Where a minor enters or remains in a gaming area or operates a gaming machine on licensed premises, the licensee and the gaming manager on duty at the time are each guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $10 000.

(3) It is a defence to a charge of an offence against subsection (2) for the defendant to prove that he or she took reasonable steps to prevent the entry of the minor to, or to remove the minor from, the gaming area or to prevent him or her from operating the gaming machine.

(4) A holder of a gaming machine licence or a gaming manager who permits a minor to enter or remain in a gaming area on the licensed premises, or to operate a gaming machine on the premises, is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $20 000.
A minor who operates a gaming machine in contravention of this section is not entitled to any winnings he or she may have made on the machine and those winnings are forfeited to the Crown.

58—Powers in relation to minors in gaming areas

(1) Where an authorised person suspects on reasonable grounds that a person in a gaming area may be a minor, he or she may require the person to produce evidence to the authorised person's satisfaction as to the person's age.

(2) A person who—
   (a) fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with a requirement under this section; or
   (b) makes a false statement, or produces false evidence, in response to such a requirement,
   is guilty of an offence.
   Maximum penalty: $2 500.

(3) Where an authorised person suspects on reasonable grounds that a person who is in a gaming area or who is about to enter a gaming area is a minor, the authorised person may require the person to leave the gaming area.

(4) If a person refuses or fails to comply with a requirement under subsection (3), the authorised person may remove him or her from the licensed premises, using only such force as is reasonably necessary for the purpose.

(5) An authorised person must comply with any procedures prescribed under the Liquor Licensing Act 1997 in relation to the removal by authorised persons (within the meaning of that Act) of minors from licensed premises or a part of licensed premises.

Division 5—Offences relating to cheating etc

62—Interference with machines or games

A person who interferes in any way with the proper operation of an approved gaming machine, or the proper operation of an approved game in a gaming machine, with the intent of gaining any benefit or advantage for himself or herself or any other person, is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $50 000 or imprisonment for 4 years.

63—Interference devices

A person who manufactures, sells, supplies or has in his or her possession a device designed, adapted or intended to be used for the purpose of interfering with the proper operation of an approved gaming machine or the proper operation of an approved game in a gaming machine is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $50 000 or imprisonment for 4 years.
64—Sealing of gaming machines

(2) A person other than an authorised officer or an approved gaming machine technician must not seal any part of a gaming machine or break or in any way interfere with any such seal.

Maximum penalty: $5 000 or imprisonment for 3 months.

65—Removal of gaming tokens

A person other than a person acting in the course of his or her duties must not remove any cash or gaming tokens from a gaming machine.

Maximum penalty: $5 000 or imprisonment for 3 months.

66—Machines not to be operated in certain circumstances

(1) If, at any time when a gaming area on licensed premises is open for business, the licensee or a gaming manager suffers or permits a gaming machine to be operated—

(a) while the gaming machine or any game in the machine is not operating in such a manner that the rules of the game are being complied with, while the sequence or incidence of winnings has in any way been altered or while the machine is in any other way operating defectively; or

(b) while the gaming machine is not connected to the monitoring system or the connection is in anyway defective; or

(c) while the door of its computer cabinet is not sealed in the manner approved by the Commissioner,

the licensee or manager is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $20 000 or imprisonment for 1 year.

67—Power to remove offenders

(1) An authorised person, if satisfied that a person who is in a gaming area on licensed premises—

(a) has damaged or physically abused any gaming machine; or

(b) has committed, is committing or is about to commit an offence; or

(c) is behaving in an offensive, abusive or disorderly manner,

may remove the person from the licensed premises, using only such force as is reasonably necessary for the purpose.

(2) A person removed from licensed premises under subsection (1) who enters or attempts to enter the premises within 24 hours of being so removed from them is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $2 500.

(3) An authorised person may refuse entry to, or prevent from entering, the gaming area, or areas, on licensed premises any person who is behaving in an offensive, abusive or disorderly manner.

(4) A person—

(a) who is refused entry to, or prevented from entering, a gaming area under subsection (3); and
(b) who enters or attempts to enter any of the gaming areas on the premises within 24 hours after entry is so refused or prevented,

is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $2 500.

(4a) The regulations may prescribe procedures to be observed by authorised persons in or in connection with the prevention of persons from entering gaming areas.

(4b) An authorised person must comply with any procedures—

(a) prescribed under subsection (4a); or

(b) prescribed under the Liquor Licensing Act 1997 in relation to the removal by authorised persons (within the meaning of that Act) of persons from licensed premises.

(5) The powers exercisable under this section are in addition to any other powers that are exercisable at law.

**Division 6—Offences relating to profit sharing etc**

**68—Certain profit sharing etc is prohibited**

(1) If the holder of a gaming machine licence—

(a) enters into partnership with an unlicensed person (that is to say, a person who is not one of the holders of the gaming machine licence) in relation to the business conducted pursuant to the licence; or

(b) is party to any agreement or arrangement under which an unlicensed person in any way participates in the proceeds or profits of the business carried on pursuant to the licence; or

(c) remunerates an unlicensed person (other than the holder of the gaming machine monitor licence) by reference to the proceeds or profits of, or the amount staked in the course of, the business carried on pursuant to the licence; or

(d) permits an unlicensed person (not being a person who is a gaming manager in respect of the business) to conduct, superintend or manage the business carried on pursuant to the licence; or

(e) permits an unlicensed person to hold himself or herself out to the public as the licensee,

the licensee and the unlicensed person are each guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $20 000 or imprisonment for 1 year.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to—

(a) an agreement or arrangement providing for the disbursement of proceeds or profits to a person in a position of authority in a trust or corporate entity that holds the gaming machine licence; or

(b) an agreement or arrangement on terms approved by the Commissioner.
Part 6—Review

69—Right of review

(1) A party to proceedings before the Commissioner who is dissatisfied with a decision or order made or given in the proceedings may apply to the Court for a review of the decision or order.

(2) A person who is the subject of a direction given by the Commissioner under this Act (except when acting as an authorised officer) may apply to the Court for a review of that direction.

(3) An application for review under this section must be made within one month of the decision, or order or direction being made or given or such longer period as the Court may allow.

(4) A review under this section is in the nature of a rehearing.

(5) The Court may, on a review under this section, do such of the following as the Court thinks appropriate:
   (a) affirm, vary or quash the decision, order or direction subject to the review;
   (b) substitute, or make in addition, any decision, order or direction that the Commissioner could make;
   (c) remit the matter to the Commissioner for further consideration;
   (d) make any incidental or ancillary order.

(5a) If the reasons of the Commissioner are not given in writing at the time of making or giving a decision, order or direction and the person aggrieved by the decision, order or direction within 1 month after receiving notice of the decision, order or direction requires the Commissioner to state the reasons in writing, the time for applying for a review of the decision, order or direction runs from the time when the person receives the written statement of those reasons.

(6) For the purposes of this section, the transferor of a gaming machine licence is a party to any proceedings relating to the transfer of the licence.

(6a) For the purposes of this section, a person who has objected to an application under this Act is entitled to be joined as a party to any proceedings relating to the application.

(7) No right of appeal lies against a decision or order of the Court on a review under this section.

70—Operation of decisions pending review

(1) Subject to subsection (2), a decision, order or direction in relation to which a right of review exists continues to operate despite that right of review or the commencement of review proceedings.

(2) The Commissioner or the Court may—
   (a) suspend the operation of a decision, order or direction in relation to which an application for review has been made or is proposed; or
   (b) make any other order or direction that may be appropriate in the circumstances.
70A—Procedure in relation to criminal intelligence

In any proceedings under this Part, the Court—

(a) must, on the application of the Commissioner of Police, take steps to maintain the confidentiality of information classified by the Commissioner of Police as criminal intelligence, including steps to receive evidence and hear argument about the information in private in the absence of the parties to the proceedings and their representatives; and

(b) may take evidence consisting of or relating to information classified by the Commissioner of Police as criminal intelligence by way of affidavit of a police officer of or above the rank of superintendent.

Part 7—Powers of inspection etc

71—Powers of authorised officers

(1) An authorised officer—

(a) may, for the purposes of ascertaining whether the provisions of this Act or a licence under this Act are being complied with, at any time while premises on which the holder of a licence conducts any business pursuant to the licence are open for business or at any other reasonable time; or

(b) may, where the officer suspects on reasonable grounds that an offence has been, is being or is about to be committed on any premises or that evidence of an offence is likely to be found on any premises, at any time, exercise all or any of the following powers:

(c) enter or, where necessary, break into the premises, using only such force as is reasonably necessary for the purpose;

(d) inspect or search the premises or anything on the premises;

(e) require any person on the premises to—

(i) produce any equipment or other items, or any books, papers or documents, that are in the person's custody or control;

(ii) answer any questions put by the authorised officer;

(iii) open any gaming machine on the premises or any part of such a machine;

(f) inspect any books, papers or documents produced to him or her and retain them for so long as is reasonably necessary for the purpose of copying or taking extracts from any of them;

(g) if the authorised officer suspects on reasonable grounds that an offence has been committed, seize and retain anything that he or she believes affords evidence of the offence;

(h) give such directions as are reasonably necessary for, or as are incidental to, the effective exercise of the officer's powers under this section.
(2) An authorised officer cannot exercise powers under subsection (1)(c) in relation to premises that are not used in the course of a business carried on pursuant to a licence under this Act except on the authority of a warrant issued by a justice.

(3) A justice cannot issue a warrant under subsection (2) unless satisfied, on information given on oath—

(a) that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that an offence has been, is being or is about to be committed; and

(b) that the warrant is reasonably required in the circumstances.

(3a) If, in accordance with this section, the holder of a gaming machine licence is required to produce documents or other material relating to staff training, the licensee must be allowed not less than 7 days to comply with the requirement.

(4) An authorised officer may, in exercising powers under this section, be accompanied by such assistants as are reasonably necessary for the purpose.

(5) Where an authorised officer suspects on reasonable grounds that—

(a) a gaming machine or an approved game is defective or is not operating correctly; or

(b) that the monitoring system is defective or is not operating correctly,

the authorised officer may give such directions to any licensee or employee of a licensee as the officer thinks fit for the purpose of ensuring compliance with this Act or the proper conduct of gaming operations.

(6) If a person refuses or fails to comply with a direction given under subsection (5), the authorised officer may himself or herself do such things as are reasonably necessary to ensure compliance with the direction, including, if the officer believes it to be the only effective way of ensuring compliance, the seizure of any game, gaming machine or gaming machine component.

(6a) An authorised officer may—

(a) require a person who has custody or control of books, papers or documents relevant to a business conducted under a licence to produce them at a specified place for inspection at a specified time or within a specified period; and

(b) inspect books, papers or documents so produced and retain them for as long as is reasonably necessary for the purposes of copying or taking extracts from any of them.

(7) Subject to subsection (8), a person who—

(a) without reasonable excuse, hinders or obstructs an authorised officer in the exercise of powers under this section; or

(b) fails to answer a question put by an authorised officer to the best of his or her knowledge, information or belief; or

(c) fails to comply with any other lawful requirement or direction of an authorised officer; or

(d) uses abusive, threatening or insulting language to an authorised officer or a person assisting an authorised officer; or
(e) falsely represents, by word or conduct, that he or she is an authorised officer, is guilty of an offence.

   Maximum penalty: $20 000.

(8) A person is not required to answer a question, or to produce books, papers or documents, under this section if—
   (a) the answer to the question or the contents of the books, papers or documents would tend to incriminate the person of an offence; or
   (b) by answering the question or producing the books, papers or documents the person would commit a breach of legal professional privilege.

(9) In this section—

   *offence* means an offence against this Act or any other offence arising out of or committed in connection with the conduct of gaming operations pursuant to this Act.

**Part 8—Gaming tax**

**71A—Moratorium on increases in rates of gaming tax**

It is the intention of Parliament that the rates of gaming tax, as in force at the time of the enactment of this section, should not be increased before 30 June 2014.

**72—Interpretation**

In this Part—

*net gambling revenue* or *NGR*, in relation to the holder of a gaming machine licence and a financial year, means the total amount of all bets made on the gaming machines on the licensed premises during the year less the total amount of all prizes won on the machines during the year;

*non-profit business* means a business carried out under a gaming machine licence held by or on behalf of a body corporate or association, where the Minister is satisfied that the profits of the business cannot be returned to the members or shareholders of the body corporate or association;

*prescribed gaming tax*—
   (a) in respect of the 2002/2003 financial year, means—
   (i) in the case of a non-profit business—the amount of tax calculated in accordance with Part 1 of the following table, as adjusted, for the 6 months from 1 January 2003 until 30 June 2003 (the *second 6 months*), by subtracting or adding (as the case requires) the adjustment amount in accordance with Part 2 of the table:

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<td>subtract 20.91% of the NGR</td>
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<td>For NGR of more than $1,250,000 but equal to or less than $1,750,000 for the second 6 months</td>
<td>add $32,325.25 plus 16.09% of the excess NGR over $1,250,000</td>
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<td>add $112,775.25 plus 24.09% of the excess NGR over $1,750,000</td>
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(ii) in any other case—the amount of tax calculated in accordance with Part 1 of the following table, as adjusted, for the 6 months from 1 January 2003 until 30 June 2003 (the *second 6 months*), by subtracting or adding (as the case requires) the adjustment amount in accordance with Part 2 of the table:

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<td>25.91% of the NGR</td>
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<td>$103,380.90 plus 34.41% of the excess NGR over $399,000</td>
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<td>$291,259.50 plus 40.91% of the excess NGR over $945,000</td>
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<td>For NGR of $37 500 or less for the second 6 months</td>
<td>subtract 25.91% of the NGR</td>
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<td>For NGR of more than $37 500 but equal to or less than $199 500 for the second 6 months</td>
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<td>subtract $7 140.45 and add 2.59% of the excess NGR over $199 500</td>
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<td>subtract $69.75 and add 6.59% of the excess NGR over $750 000</td>
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<td>add $32 880.25 plus 16.09% of the excess NGR over $1 250 000</td>
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<td>add $113 330.25 plus 24.09% of the excess NGR over $1 750 000</td>
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(b) in respect of the 2003/2004 financial year and each successive financial year, means—

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<td>21% of the excess NGR over $75 000</td>
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<td>$68 040 plus 28.5% of the excess NGR over $399 000</td>
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<td>$223 650 plus 30.91% of the excess NGR over $945 000</td>
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<td>$395 200.50 plus 37.5% of the excess NGR over $1 500 000</td>
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<td>$770 200.50 plus 47% of the excess NGR over $2 500 000</td>
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<td>$1 240 200.50 plus 55% of the excess NGR over $3 500 000</td>
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(ii) in any other case—the amount of tax calculated in accordance with the following table:
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<td>27.5% of the excess NGR over $75 000</td>
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<td>$89 100 plus 37% of the excess NGR over $399 000</td>
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<td>$291 120 plus 40.91% of the excess NGR over $945 000</td>
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<td>$518 170.50 plus 47.5% of the excess NGR over $1,500 000</td>
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<td>$993 170.50 plus 57% of the excess NGR over $2,500 000</td>
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<td>$1,563 170.50 plus 65% of the excess NGR over $3,500 000</td>
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72A—Gaming tax

(1) The holder of a gaming machine licence must pay to the Treasurer, for each financial year, the prescribed gaming tax on the net gambling revenue derived in respect of the licensed premises in the financial year.

(3) The tax to which a licensee is liable under subsection (1) is payable in monthly instalments, to be calculated and paid (subject to subsection (3a)) in the manner specified by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.

(3aa) The Minister may, by further notice in the Gazette, vary or revoke a notice under subsection (3).

(3a) The monthly instalments referred to in subsection (3) will be determined on the basis of the net gambling revenue derived in respect of the licensed premises for the whole of the relevant financial year whether that revenue is derived by the same person or different persons during different parts of the year or pursuant to one gaming machine licence or to two or more gaming machine licences during different parts of the year.

(3b) The holder of a gaming machine licence at the end of a month in respect of which an instalment referred to in subsection (3) is payable is liable for the amount payable in respect of that month whether he or she was the holder of the licence throughout the month or not.

(4) The revenue received under this section by the Treasurer in respect of each financial year is to be paid—

(a) as to $3.5 million—into the Sport and Recreation Fund established under this Part;

(b) as to $4 million—into the Charitable and Social Welfare Fund established under this Part;

(ba) as to $3.845 million—into the Gamblers Rehabilitation Fund established under this Part;
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(c) as to $20 million—into the Community Development Fund established under this Part;

(d) as to the balance—into the Consolidated Account.

(5) The Treasurer will pay the sums referred to in subsection (4)(a), (b), (ba) and (c) into the various Funds at a time or times determined by the Treasurer.

72B—Recovery of tax

(1) If default is made by a licensee for more than 7 days in paying an amount due and payable under this Part, a fine of 10 per cent of the amount outstanding is added to that amount.

(2) The Commissioner may, if he or she thinks good reason exists for doing so, waive payment of the whole or a part of a fine incurred under subsection (1).

(2a) If default is made by a licensee for more than 10 days in paying an amount due and payable under this Part, the Commissioner may, by written notice to the licensee, suspend the licence (and the licence will remain suspended until the amount, and any fine, is paid or the Commissioner terminates the suspension of the licence).

(3) An amount due and payable under this Part is recoverable by the Treasurer as a debt due to the Crown.

(4) If an amount is due and payable under this Part by a licensee that is a body corporate and—

(a) the body corporate is dissolved; or

(b) the amount is not satisfied in full within 14 days of written demand being made by the Commissioner,

the amount outstanding may be recovered from—

(c) a person who was a director or a member of the governing body of the body corporate or former body corporate at the time when the amount became due and payable by the licensee; or

(d) a body corporate that was a related body corporate (as defined in the Corporations Law) at that time or a person who was a director of such a related body corporate at that time.

73—Accounts and monthly returns

(1) The holder of a gaming machine licence must cause proper accounts to be kept, in accordance with this section, of the gross gaming turnover and net gambling revenue for each month in respect of the business carried out pursuant to the licence and such other accounts in relation to that business as the Commissioner may require.

(2) The accounts must—

(a) be kept in a form determined by the Commissioner; and

(b) be kept on the licensed premises; and

(c) be preserved on those premises or, if the business to which they relate no longer exists, at some other place within the State, for a period of six years from the date on which they are compiled.
(3) The holder of a gaming machine licence must furnish the Commissioner, within seven
days of the end of each month in respect of which a payment is to be made pursuant to
this Part, with a return in a form determined by the Commissioner giving such
information as the Commissioner may require for the purposes of determining the
amount of that payment.

(4) A licensee who, in a return furnished under this section, knowingly makes any false
statement or knowingly gives any false information or particulars is guilty of an
offence.

Maximum penalty: $10 000 or imprisonment for 2 years.

(5) A court, on convicting a person of an offence against subsection (4), may, if satisfied
that the false statement, information or particulars resulted in a reduced amount of
gaming tax being payable, impose (in addition to any other penalty imposed) a fine of
an amount equal to twice the amount by which the tax was so reduced.

73A—Sport and Recreation Fund

(1) The Sport and Recreation Fund is established.

(2) The Fund is to be kept at Treasury.

(3) The money paid into the Fund under this Part will from time to time be applied, in
accordance with the directions of the prescribed Minister, in financial assistance for
sporting or recreation organisations.

(4) The prescribed Minister must, before giving a direction under subsection (3), consult
with the Economic and Finance Committee established under the Parliamentary

(5) The Chief Executive of the administrative unit of the Public Service responsible to the
prescribed Minister must provide the Economic and Finance Committee with such
information as the Committee may require relating to applications for financial
assistance made by sporting or recreation organisations.

(6) Financial assistance will not be given under this section to an organisation that is the
holder of a gaming machine licence.

(7) In this section—

prescribed Minister means the Minister responsible for the administration of the

73B—Charitable and Social Welfare Fund

(1) The Charitable and Social Welfare Fund is established.

(2) The Fund will be kept at Treasury.

(3) The money paid into the Fund under this Part will from time to time be applied by the
Treasurer, in accordance with the directions of the Minister responsible for the
administration of the Family and Community Services Act 1972, in financial assistance
for charitable or social welfare organisations.

73BA—Gamblers Rehabilitation Fund

(1) The Gamblers Rehabilitation Fund is established.

(2) The Fund will be kept at the Treasury.
(3) The Minister responsible for the administration of the *Family and Community Services Act 1972* will invite contributions to the Fund from stakeholders in the gambling industry.

(4) The money paid into the Fund under this Part will from time to time be applied by the Minister responsible for the administration of the *Family and Community Services Act 1972* towards programs for or related to minimising problem gambling or rehabilitating problem gamblers and towards any costs associated with the gambling advisory committee and gambling advisory officer established in accordance with this section.

(5) At least 85% of the money paid into the Fund must be applied towards programs for rehabilitating problem gamblers.

(6) The Minister responsible for the administration of the *Family and Community Services Act 1972* must establish an advisory committee (the *gambling advisory committee*) to provide advice to that Minister in relation to the performance of his or her functions under this section.

(7) The committee established under subsection (6) is to consist of 4 members appointed by the Minister responsible for the administration of the *Family and Community Services Act 1972* of whom—

   (a) 2 must be from bodies representative of gaming machine licensees; and
   (b) 2 must be representatives of charitable or social welfare organisations.

(8) Members of the gambling advisory committee will be appointed on terms and conditions determined by the appointing Minister.

(9) Subject to any direction of the appointing Minister, the procedure of the gambling advisory committee may be determined by the committee.

(10) The Minister responsible for the administration of the *Family and Community Services Act 1972* must appoint a person (the *gambling advisory officer*) who, in the opinion of that Minister, is an appropriate representative of charitable or social welfare organisations to provide advice to the Minister, either on his or her own initiative or at the request of the Minister, on any other matter relating to the gambling industry.

(11) The gambling advisory officer must be paid remuneration of an amount determined by the appointing Minister.

### 73C—Community Development Fund

(1) The *Community Development Fund* is established.

(2) The Fund will be kept at Treasury.

(3) The money paid into the Fund under this Part will from time to time be applied by the Treasurer, in accordance with the directions of the Governor, towards—

   (a) financial assistance for community development; and
   (b) the provision of government health, welfare or education services.

(4) Despite subsection (3), at least $850 000 must be applied from the Fund in each financial year towards programs that will be of benefit to the live music industry.
73D—Funding agreements

An agreement for, or relating to, the provision of money from a fund maintained under this Part must not prevent or limit the ability of the person or body receiving such money to make public comment about any aspect of the funding arrangement or the services provided by the person or body.

Part 9—Miscellaneous

74—Annual report

(1) The Commissioner must, on or before 30 September in each year, prepare and submit to the Minister a report on the performance of the Commissioner's functions under this Act during the preceding financial year.

(2) A report of the Commissioner required under this Act may be combined with a report of the Commissioner required under any other Act (provided that such reports relate to the same period).

(3) The Commissioner's report under this section must include the following information in relation to the financial year to which the report relates:

   (a) the number of expiation notices issued for offences against this Act;

   (b) the number of prosecutions commenced for offences against this Act.

(4) The Minister must, within 12 sitting days after receiving the Commissioner's report, have copies of the report laid before both Houses of Parliament.

75—Audit requirements for gaming machine monitor licence

The accounts of the undertaking carried out pursuant to the gaming machine monitor licence, and the undertaking carried out by the holder of that licence pursuant to any other licence under this Act, may at any time, and must at least once in each year of operation, be audited by the Auditor-General.

76—Power to refuse to pay winnings

(1) If the holder of a gaming machine licence or a gaming manager for the licensed premises is satisfied that a gaming machine on the premises, or a game being played on such a machine, is not operating properly and that it would not be just and equitable to allow a particular player to redeem his or her winnings on the machine, the licensee or manager may withhold those winnings from that player and, in that event, must obtain the player's name and address and inform him or her of the right to have the decision reviewed.

(2) A player who is aggrieved by a decision to have his or her winnings withheld may apply to the Commissioner for a review of the decision.

(3) The Commissioner may confirm or revoke the decision and his or her decision on the matter is not reviewable.
68A—Financing of licensee's business

(1) The Minister may, by notice in the Gazette, grant an exemption from such provisions of this Act as may be necessary for the purpose of enabling—

(a) the holder of a gaming machine licence, the special club licence or a gaming machine dealer's licence and a credit provider to enter into any arrangements (including leasing arrangements) for the financing of the licensee's acquisition of gaming machines or gaming machine entitlements or otherwise financing the business conducted on the licensed premises; and

(b) a credit provider to exercise rights of repossession and sale over gaming machines, and gaming machine entitlements, subject to any credit arrangement.

(2) An exemption is subject to any conditions specified in the notice.

(3) The Minister may, by subsequent notice in the Gazette, vary an exemption.

(4) If a credit provider repossesses or acquires a gaming machine or gaming machine entitlement under an arrangement to which an exemption relates, the credit provider—

(a) must, within 7 days after the repossession or acquisition, give written notice to the Commissioner of the repossession or acquisition; and

(b) must ensure the gaming machine is not operated while in the ownership of the credit provider; and

(c) must ensure the gaming machine is, while in the ownership of the credit provider, stored by the holder of a gaming machine dealer's licence or gaming machine service licence in a secure storage location; and

(d) must not sell the gaming machine except to the holder of a gaming machine dealer's licence; and

(e) must, within 7 days after selling or otherwise disposing of the gaming machine or gaming machine entitlement, give written notice to the Commissioner of the details of the sale or other disposition.

Maximum penalty: $35 000.

77—Certain agreements and arrangements are unlawful

(1) If any agreement or arrangement is entered into by the holder of a gaming machine licence and any person other than the holder of a gaming machine dealer's licence for, or in connection with, the supply or acquisition of gaming machines, games or prescribed gaming machine components—

(a) the agreement or arrangement is null and void; and

(b) the parties to the agreement or arrangement are each guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $10 000.

(2) However—

(a) a gaming machine, game or prescribed gaming machine component may be moved from 1 licensed premises to another (subject to this Act and the conditions of the gaming machine licences relating to those premises) if each of the gaming machine licences is held by the same licensee; and
(b) subsection (1) does not apply in relation to a supply to or acquisition by the transferee on a transfer of a gaming machine licence in accordance with Part 3 Division 4.

(3) If the Commissioner or an inspector enters into any agreement or arrangement of a financial or business nature with a licensee, a person who is an applicant for a licence or approval under this Act or a gaming manager or gaming employee without the prior approval of the Minister—

(a) the agreement or arrangement is null and void; and

(b) the parties to the agreement or arrangement are each guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $20 000.

78—False or misleading statements

A person who knowingly makes a false or misleading statement in an application, a return or any other document furnished by him or her under this Act is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $10 000 or imprisonment for 2 years.

79—Bribery

(1) A person who offers, promises or gives a bribe to a licensee or a gaming manager or gaming employee with the intent of gaining for himself or herself or some other person an improper benefit in the course of gaming conducted pursuant to this Act is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $50 000 or imprisonment for 4 years.

(2) A licensee or a gaming manager or gaming employee who solicits, accepts or agrees to accept such a bribe (whether for himself or herself or some other person) is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: $50 000 or imprisonment for 4 years.

(3) In this section—

bribe includes any form of inducement.

80—Licensees to disclose gifts etc

A licensee must, within one month of receiving, accepting or taking advantage of any gift, favour or benefit given or offered to him or her in connection with carrying out the undertaking authorised by the licence, furnish the Commissioner with a written report of the particulars of the gift, favour or benefit, including the name and address of the person who gave or offered it.

Maximum penalty: $2 500.

81—Liability of licensed dealer for acts of agent

If a person, in the course of acting as the agent of the holder of a gaming machine dealer's licence, commits an offence against this Act or commits any other offence in the course of dealing with a licensee under this Act in relation to the undertaking authorised by the licence held by the licensee, the holder of the gaming machine dealer's licence is guilty of an offence and liable to the same penalty as is prescribed for the principal offence.
82—Service

(1) A notice or other document required to be given to or served on a licensee under this Act may be given to or served on the licensee—

(a) personally; or

(ab) if the licensee has nominated an address for service—by leaving it at or posting it to that address in an envelope addressed to the licensee; or

(b) by leaving it at the licensed premises, in an envelope addressed to the licensee, with a person apparently employed or engaged in the business conducted in pursuance of the licence; or

(c) by sending it by post to the licensee addressed to him or her at the licensed premises.

(1aa) If, under any Act or law, a licensee is a party to an arrangement, or is subject to a requirement, that the licensee be given notices or documents by the Commissioner in a manner not specified in subsection (1), a notice or document required to be given to the licensee by the Commissioner under this Act may be given in that manner (or may be given in a manner specified in subsection (1)).

(1a) A notice or other document required to be given to or served on any other person under this Act may be given to or served on the person—

(a) personally; or

(b) if the person has nominated an address for service—by leaving it at or posting it to that address in an envelope addressed to the person; or

(c) by posting it to the person's usual place of business or residence in an envelope addressed to the person; or

(d) by leaving it at or posting it to the address of the person's solicitor in an envelope addressed to the solicitor.

(2) A notice or other document sent by post to a person under this section will be conclusively presumed to have been served on the person at the time when it would, in the ordinary course of post, reach the address to which it was posted.

84—Prosecution of summary offences

Proceedings for a summary offence against this Act must be commenced—

(a) in the case of an expiable offence—within the time limits prescribed for expiable offences by the Summary Procedure Act 1921;

(b) in any other case—within 5 years of the date on which the offence is alleged to have been committed.

85—Vicarious liability

(1) If a body corporate that holds a licence is guilty of a prescribed offence, each person occupying a position of authority in the body corporate is guilty of an offence and liable to the same penalty as is prescribed for the principal offence unless the person proves that he or she could not by the exercise of due diligence have prevented the commission of the offence.
(1a) If a body corporate that holds a licence is guilty of any other offence against this Act (other than an offence against the regulations), each person occupying a position of authority in the body corporate is guilty of an offence and liable to the same penalty as is prescribed for the principal offence if the prosecution proves that—

(a) the person knew, or ought reasonably to have known, that there was a significant risk that such an offence would be committed; and

(b) the person was in a position to influence the conduct of the body corporate in relation to the commission of such an offence; and

(c) the person failed to exercise due diligence to prevent the commission of the offence.

(1b) Subsection (1a) does not apply if the principal offence is an offence against section 6, 50A, 54, 64, 65, 71 or 80.

(1c) If a body corporate that holds a licence is guilty of an offence against this Act (other than an offence against the regulations), any gaming manager for the licensed premises is guilty of an offence and liable to the same penalty as is prescribed for the principal offence unless the manager proves that he or she could not by the exercise of due diligence have prevented the commission of the offence.

(2) If the trustee of a trust that holds a licence is guilty of an offence against this Act (other than an offence against the regulations), any other person occupying a position of authority in the trust and any gaming manager for the licensed premises are each guilty of an offence and liable to the same penalty as is prescribed for the principal offence unless it is proved that the person could not, by the exercise of reasonable care, have prevented the commission of the principal offence.

(3) If there is proper cause for disciplinary action against a trust or corporate entity under Part 3, there is proper cause for disciplinary action under that Part against each person occupying a position of authority in the entity unless it is proved that the person could not, by the exercise of reasonable care, have prevented the misconduct.

(3a) The regulations may make provision in relation to the criminal liability of—

(a) a person occupying a position of authority in a body corporate that is guilty of an offence against the regulations; or

(b) a gaming manager for licensed premises where the licence is held by a body corporate that is guilty of an offence against the regulations.

(4) In this section—

*prescribed offence* means any offence for which the maximum penalty includes a term of imprisonment of 2 or more years.

85A—Destruction of fingerprints

(1) This section applies—

(a) to fingerprints taken under section 19, 28 or 42 in connection with an application for a licence, consent or approval if the application is refused; or

(b) to fingerprints taken under section 19, 28 or 42 in connection with an application for a licence, consent or approval if the application is granted and—
(i) in the case of a licence—the licence is revoked or surrendered, or the holder, being a body corporate, dissolved; or

(ii) in the case of an approval—the approval is revoked.

(2) A person whose fingerprints have been taken for the purposes of this Act may, if the fingerprints are fingerprints to which this section applies, apply to the Commissioner of Police to have the fingerprints, and any copies of the fingerprints, destroyed.

(3) The Commissioner of Police may grant or refuse the application as the Commissioner of Police sees fit.

86—Evidentiary provision

(1) In proceedings for an offence against this Act or in disciplinary proceedings against a licensee, an allegation in the complaint—

(a) that a person named in the complaint is or is not, or was or was not on a specified date, the holder of a specified licence;

(b) that premises referred to in the complaint are, or were on a specified date, licensed premises;

(c) that an area referred to in the complaint was or was not, on a specified date, a gaming area;

(d) that a person named in the complaint is, or was on a specified date, a minor;

(e) that a licence referred to in the complaint is, or was on a specified date, subject to specified conditions;

(g) that a machine referred to in the complaint was or was not on a specified date an approved gaming machine;

(h) that an item referred to in the complaint was or was not on a specified date an approved gaming token or an approved game;

(i) that a person named in the complaint is not, or was not on a specified date, an approved manufacturer of gaming tokens;

(j) that a person named in the complaint is, or was on a specified day, occupying a position of authority in a trust or corporate entity that holds a licence under this Act;

(k) that a person named in the complaint is or is not, or was or was not on a specified date, an inspector,

will be accepted as proved in the absence of proof to the contrary.

(2) In any legal proceedings, a document apparently certified by the Commissioner to be a licence, approval or other document issued under this Act, or to be a copy of such a licence, approval or other document, will be accepted as such in the absence of proof to the contrary.

87—Regulations

(1) The Governor may make such regulations as are contemplated by this Act, or as are necessary or desirable for the purposes of this Act.
(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), the regulations may—

(a) regulate any matter relating to the conduct, management or procedures of a business carried on pursuant to a licence;

(b) fix fees in respect of any matter under this Act and provide for their payment, recovery or waiver;

(c) provide for the exemption, subject to prescribed conditions, of any person who, immediately before the commencement of this Act, had possession of a gaming machine in his or her home;

(d) grant or provide for the granting of other conditional or unconditional exemptions from this Act, or from any provision of this Act;

(e) fix penalties not exceeding $10 000 for breaches of the regulations;

(f) fix expiation fees not exceeding $1 200 for alleged breaches of the regulations.

(3) A regulation under this Act may be of general, limited or varied application according to—

(a) the classes of person, gaming machines or gaming operations; or

(b) the circumstances; or

(c) any other specified factor,

to which the regulation is expressed to apply.

(4) A regulation under this Act may provide that a matter or thing in respect of which regulations may be made is to be determined according to the discretion of the Minister or the Commissioner.

(4a) The regulations may make provisions of a saving or transitional nature consequent on the enactment of any amendments to this Act or on the commencement of specified provisions of this Act or on the making of regulations under this Act.

(5) The regulations may, for transitional purposes—

(a) provide that this Act or specified provisions of this Act will not apply in relation to a particular person or thing, or a class of person or thing, until a specified day; or

(b) modify the application of this Act or provisions of this Act in relation to a particular person or thing, or a class of person or thing, until a specified day.

(6) Subsection (5) is in addition to, and does not derogate from, any other provision of this section.

88—Exclusion of compensation

(1) No right to compensation arises—

(a) as a result of the expropriation or diminution of rights of a licensee by the 2004 amendments; or

(b) as a result of the cancellation or lapse of a gaming machine entitlement under this Act.
(2) In this section—

**2004 amendments** means the amendments to this Act made by the *Gaming Machines (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act 2004*.

## Schedule 1—Gaming machine licence conditions

The conditions to which a gaming machine licence will be subject are as follows:

(a) that the licensee will use only approved gaming machines, approved games and prescribed gaming machine components in the gaming operations conducted pursuant to the licence; and

(c) that the licensee will conduct the gaming operations only within the area, or areas, designated in the licence as the gaming area, or areas, for the premises; and

(ca) that the licensee will not have in the licensee's possession more gaming machines than the number of gaming machine entitlements held in respect of the licensed premises; and

(d) that the licensee will not have in any gaming area on the licensed premises a greater number of gaming machines than the number fixed by the Commissioner as the maximum for that area; and

(f) that the licensee will not make any structural or other alterations within a gaming area on the licensed premises except with the approval of the Commissioner; and

(g) that the licensee will not conduct the gaming operations outside the hours specified in the licence; and

(j) that the licensee will not engage any person other than the holder of a gaming machine service licence to install, service or repair a game, gaming machine or gaming machine component; and

(k) that the licensee will not commence to conduct gaming operations pursuant to the licence until—

(i) he or she has entered into an arrangement, the terms of which have been approved by the Commissioner, for the monitoring by computer of the operation of all gaming machines on the licensed premises and that arrangement has been implemented; and

(ii) each gaming machine has been inspected and sealed by an authorised officer or approved gaming machine technician; and

(l) that the licensee will not purchase for use, or use, in gaming machines any tokens other than approved gaming tokens that bear unique identification approved by the Commissioner; and

(m) that the licensee will not purchase gaming tokens from a person other than an approved manufacturer of gaming tokens; and

(ma) that the licensee will (in a manner and form to be determined by the Commissioner)—

(i) notify the Commissioner of the appointment of a person as a gaming manager or gaming employee; and

(ii) keep a record of the appointment of each gaming manager and gaming employee; and
(iii) within 14 days of a person ceasing to be appointed as a gaming manager or
gaming employee, or of a person so appointed ceasing to be in his or her
employment, notify the Commissioner of that fact; and

(nd) that the licensee will not conduct the gaming operations on the licensed premises
between the hours of 2 am and 8 am unless measures are in place that prevent
machines designed to change a monetary note into coins (and located on the licensed
premises) from being operated between the hours of 2 am and 8 am; and

(o) such other conditions (if any) as the Commissioner thinks fit and specifies in the
licence (not being conditions of a kind prohibited by the regulations).

Schedule 2—Gaming machine monitor licence conditions

The conditions to which the gaming machine monitor licence will be subject are as follows:

(a) a condition that the licensee will not charge any fee for any service provided by the
licensee in the course of carrying out the undertaking authorised by the licence unless
the fee is in accordance with a scale of fees approved by the Minister for the purpose;

(b) a condition that the licensee will comply with such directions as the Minister or
Commissioner may give in relation to—

(i) the keeping of books, accounts, financial statements and other records, and
the manner in which they are to be kept and preserved, by the licensee in
relation to the undertaking authorised by the licence; and

(ii) the furnishing of reports to the Minister or Commissioner on the financial
affairs of the licensee in respect of that undertaking;

(c) a condition that the licensee will not employ any person to carry out duties in
connection with the undertaking authorised by the licence unless that person has first
been approved by the Commissioner;

(d) a condition that the licensee will not modify in any way the monitoring system
operated pursuant to the licence without the prior approval of the Commissioner;

(e) a condition that the licensee will not, in the course of carrying out the undertaking
authorised by the licence, do any other specified thing without the prior approval of
the Commissioner;

(f) a condition that the licensee must modify or upgrade the monitoring system operated
pursuant to the licence as the Commissioner may from time to time reasonably
require;

(g) a condition that the licensee will comply with such other directions as the
Commissioner may, in the interests of ensuring the efficient and effective monitoring
of all gaming operations conducted pursuant to this Act, give to the licensee in relation
to carrying out the undertaking authorised by the licence;

(h) such other conditions (if any) as the Commissioner thinks fit and specifies in the
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**Gaming Machines (Prohibition of Cross Holdings, Profit Sharing, etc.) Amendment Act 1994**

8—Transitional provisions

(1) Sections 4 and 5 of this Act do not affect a decision made by the Commissioner in relation to an application for a licence or an approval under the principal Act if the decision was made before 19 April 1994.

(2) Section 5 of this Act does not prevent the Commissioner from granting an application for approval to a person to assume a position of authority in a body corporate that is the holder of a gaming machine licence if—

(a) the person was, before 19 April 1994, approved under the *Liquor Licensing Act 1985* to hold a position of authority in a body corporate that held a licence under that Act; and

(b) the body corporate held the gaming machine licence at the time that approval was granted; and

(c) the Commissioner is satisfied that the applicant or some other person incurred significant irrecoverable costs or expenses on the assumption that, because approval was granted under the Liquor Licensing Act, the application under the principal Act would be granted.

**Gaming Machines (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act 1996**

13—Transitional provision

The Commissioner must, in relation to a gaming machine licence that is in force as at the commencement of this section, vary the condition fixing the hours during which gaming operations may be conducted on the licensed premises to such extent (if any) as is necessary to ensure—

(a) that gaming operations cannot be conducted on the premises on Christmas Day or Good Friday; and
that at other times there are at least 6 hours in each 24 hour period (which may be a continuous period of 6 hours, or 2 separate periods of 3 hours or 3 separate periods of 2 hours) during which gaming operations cannot be conducted on the premises.

**Statutes Amendment (Gambling Regulation) Act 2001**

29—Transitional provision

(1) On the commencement of this section, the holder of a gaming machine licence will be taken to have adopted the codes of practice relating to advertising and responsible gambling approved by the Minister, by notice in the Gazette, for the purposes of this section.

(2) On approving a code of practice under this section, the Minister will cause a copy of the code to be given personally or by post to each holder of a gaming machine licence.

(3) The codes of practice referred to in subsection (1) will, for the purposes of the principal Act (as amended by this Act), be taken to be codes of practice approved under the Act by the Independent Gambling Authority.

**Gaming Machines (Limitation on Exception to Freeze) Amendment Act 2002**

3—Transitional provision

The amendments effected by section 2 apply in respect of applications for a gaming machine licence made on or after 8 May 2002 or made, but not determined, before that date.

**Statutes Amendment (Liquor, Gambling and Security Industries) Act 2005, Sch 1—Transitional provisions**

1—Gaming Machines Act 1992

(1) An amendment to the Gaming Machines Act 1992 effected by a provision of this Act applies in respect of an application under that Act if the application is determined after the commencement of that provision irrespective of whether the application was lodged before or after that commencement.

(2) An amendment to the Gaming Machines Act 1992 effected by a provision of this Act applies in respect of a licence or approval granted under that Act, or a person licensed or approved under that Act, whether the licence or approval was granted before or after the commencement of that provision.

**Gaming Machines (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act 2010, Sch 1—Transitional provisions**

4—Principles

(1) Section 10A(5) and (7) of the Gaming Machines Act 1992 as inserted by this Act do not apply to the first notice published in the Gazette under that section prescribing the principles for assessing whether a game is likely to lead to an exacerbation of problem gambling (and, consequently, consultation is not required and the notice need not be laid before both Houses of Parliament and is not subject to disallowance).
(2) The Authority must ensure that the principles for assessing whether a game is likely to lead to an exacerbation of problem gambling first prescribed by the Authority are substantially in the form of the guidelines in force for the purposes of section 40 of the *Gaming Machines Act 1992* immediately before the commencement of this subsection.

(3) Failure to comply with subclause (2) does not affect the validity of the principles.

5—Application for gaming machine licence

If an application for a gaming machine licence has been made but not determined before the commencement of section 13 of this Act—

(a) section 15(4) of the *Gaming Machines Act 1992* as inserted by section 13 of this Act does not apply to the application; and

(b) section 15(5) of the *Gaming Machines Act 1992* as in force immediately before its deletion by section 13 of this Act continues to apply to the application as if it had not been so deleted and had been redesignated as section 15(4).

6—Exemptions

An exemption granted by notice in the Gazette under regulation 10(2) of the *Gaming Machines Regulations 1993* and in force immediately before the commencement of section 76A of the *Gaming Machines Act 1992* as inserted by this Act continues in force as if it had been granted under section 76A of the *Gaming Machines Act 1992*.

*Statutes Amendment (Gambling Reform) Act 2013*

122—Transitional provision—approval of gaming machines and games

(1) A gaming machine or game that was, immediately before the commencement of this section, approved under section 40 of the *Gaming Machines Act 1992* will be taken to have been approved under section 40 of the *Gaming Machines Act 1992* as amended by this Act (and such approval is, for the purposes of that section, taken to have been granted on the day on which this section commences).

(2) For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this section derogates from any other requirements of the *Gaming Machines Act 1992* (as in force after the commencement of this Act) relating to a gaming machine or game.

123—Transitional provision—licence condition offence categories

(1) The Commissioner may, by notice given to the holder of a gaming machine licence (in any manner in which a notice may be given to a licensee by the Commissioner in accordance with section 82 of the *Gaming Machines Act 1992*), specify in relation to any prescribed licence condition whether a contravention of, or failure to comply with, the condition is to be taken to be a category A, B, C or D offence, or a category A, B, C or D expiable offence, for the purposes of section 46 of the *Gaming Machines Act 1992* as substituted by section 86 (and, in the absence of such specification, a contravention of, or failure to comply with, any such condition will be taken to be both a category A offence and a category A expiable offence for the purposes of section 46 of the *Gaming Machines Act 1992*).
(2) In this section—

*prescribed licence condition* means a licence condition of a kind referred to in section 46(3)(b) of the *Gaming Machines Act 1992* that was imposed before the commencement of section 86.

124—Transitional provision—barring orders

(1) The Liquor and Gambling Commissioner must, as soon as practicable after the commencement of section 100, notify the Independent Gambling Authority of all orders that the Commissioner knows were in force under section 59 of the *Gaming Machines Act 1992* immediately before the commencement of section 100.

(2) The Independent Gambling Authority may, by notice given to the holder of a gaming machine licence (in any manner in which a notice may be given to a licensee by the Authority in accordance with section 82 of the *Gaming Machines Act 1992*) require the licensee to provide specified information, or information of a specified kind, in relation to orders made by the holder of the licence that were in force under section 59 of the *Gaming Machines Act 1992* immediately before the commencement of section 100.

(3) It is taken to be a condition of a gaming machine licence that the licensee comply with a notice under subsection (2).

(4) A person who, immediately before the commencement of section 100, is barred from entering or remaining in the gaming area, or areas, of premises by order under section 59 of the *Gaming Machines Act 1992* is, on the commencement of section 100, taken to be so barred under section 15C of the *Independent Gambling Authority Act 1995* (as enacted by this Act) for a period of 3 years or until a review of the order is completed under section 140 (whichever occurs first).

*Statutes Amendment (Boards and Committees—Abolition and Reform) Act 2015*

86—Transitional provision

A member of the board established under section 73B(3) of the *Gaming Machines Act 1992* as in force immediately before the commencement of section 85 of this Act ceases to hold office on the commencement of this section.

*Statutes Amendment and Repeal (Budget Measures) Act 2018, Pt 5*

84—Transitional provisions

(1) A matter prescribed by the Independent Gambling Authority under section 10A of the *Gaming Machines Act 1992* as in force immediately before the commencement of this section continues in force as if it were prescribed by the Commissioner.

(2) A notice of recognition given by the Independent Gambling Authority under section 10B of the *Gaming Machines Act 1992* as in force immediately before the commencement of this section continues in force as if it had been given by the Commissioner.

(3) A direction given by the Independent Gambling Authority under section 11 of the *Gaming Machines Act 1992* as in force immediately before the commencement of this section continues in force as if it had been given by the Commissioner.
(4) If an appeal has been commenced but not finally determined by the Independent Gambling Authority under section 69(2) of the *Gaming Machines Act 1992* before the commencement of section 76 of this Act, the appeal may be continued and completed by the Court as if it had been commenced (as proceedings for a review) under section 69(2) as in force after the commencement of section 76.

(5) The provisions of this section are subject to any regulations made under section 87(4a) of the *Gaming Machines Act 1992* (as in force after the commencement of section 83(2)).

(6) In this section—

*Commissioner* has the same meaning as in the *Gaming Machines Act 1992*;

*Court* means the Licensing Court of South Australia;

*Independent Gambling Authority* means the Independent Gambling Authority established under the *Independent Gambling Authority Act 1995* as in force immediately before the commencement of this section.

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