

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
POOL BETTING (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1981

ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 1981

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Pool Betting (Amendment) Ordinance 1981 removes the exemption currently applying to promoters of interstate pool betting schemes which operate in the Australian Capital Territory under section 6 of the Pool Betting Ordinance 1964 and thereby requires them to obtain the approval of the Minister for the Capital Territory to conduct their operations in the Territory and generally to comply with the provisions of the Ordinance.

Under the Ordinance the promoter of an interstate pool betting competition is liable to pay to the Commonwealth half the duty he is liable to pay in respect of his ACT operations to the State Government from which he operates or, in the case of soccer football pool competition promoters, the full amount. This amount is payable within 21 days after the end of the month it becomes due. However under section 13C the Minister for the Capital Territory is able to enter into an agreement with the appropriate State Minister with regard to payment by the State to the Commonwealth of the amounts which the promoter would otherwise be liable to pay and such payment by the State discharges the promoter's liability to pay.

The moneys so received are to be paid into the Australian Capital Territory Community Development Fund which is a Trust Account established under section 62A of the Audit Act 1901.

The Pool Betting (Amendment) Ordinance 1981 is part of a group of new and amending Ordinances which have been prepared to implement the Government's decision to ensure that a percentage of the moneys generated from gaming and betting activities in the ACT is set aside for welfare, charitable, sporting and other community-oriented purposes.

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