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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

GAMING MACHINE (CLUB REFUGE) AMENDMENT BILL 2022

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Overview

This supplementary explanatory statement outlines proposed amendments to the *Gaming Machine (Club Refuge) Amendment Bill 2022* (the Bill) as presented to the Legislative Assembly, to be moved by the Minister for Gaming.

The amendments will support the implementation of the legislative framework for community clubs to become heat and smoke refuges for local communities by making amendments to the Gambling and Racing Control (Code of Practice) Regulation 2002.

Human rights implications

As discussed in detail in the explanatory statement, the Bill will support the right to life by supporting clubs to be accessible by the ACT community during an emergency.

Clause notes

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Long title

A technical amendment to the long title to include, and for other purposes.

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Clause 3

Page 2, line 14

Provides that the Act will amend the *Gambling and Racing Control (Code of Practice) Regulation 2002*.

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Proposed new schedule 1

Part 5, line 20

As a schedule to the Bill inserts new part 1.5 into the *Gambling and Racing Control (Code of Practice) Regulation 2002*.

This new part will provide that gaming machine licensees of the club venue(s) which are declared to be refuges through Ministerial declaration under new section 166B of the Act are required to:

- a) provide a separate space away from electronic gaming machines and alcohol where members of the community may congregate while the club venue is declared to be a refuge during an emergency or other hazard;
- b) ensure that gambling contact officers are available within the club venue for the period of time for which the club is a refuge;
- c) subject to being given the information, make information available about other places where members of the community may access refuge; and
- d) refrain from actively promoting club memberships to non-members who are attending the venue for the purpose of seeking refuge during an emergency or other hazard.

Minor technical amendments are made to the Dictionary notes and a definition of club refuge declaration is provided.