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LIQUOR (NIGHT-TIME ECONOMY) AMENDMENT BILL 2024

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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INTRODUCTION

This supplementary Explanatory Statement is for government amendments to the Liquor (Night-Time Economy) Amendment Bill 2024 (the Bill).

The Bill was introduced in the ACT Legislative Assembly on the 21 March 2024.

This supplementary Explanatory Statement should be read with the Explanatory Statement provided when the Bill was introduced.

Clause 1 of the Bill stated the name of the Act as the *Liquor (Night-Time Economy) Amendment Act 2024* (the Act).

Clause 2 of the Bill stated that the Act will commence on the day after its notification day.

Due to the Bill being brought forward in the 2024 Sitting Calendar to the Sitting Week of 9-11 April 2024, a number of provisions will now commence later than the notification day initially provided in the Bill.

This government amendment corrects clause 2 – Commencement, as outlined in the clause notes. It is considered a minor/technical amendment as it relates to the commencement of the reforms.

CLAUSE NOTES

Clause 2 – Commencement

The government amendment provides that:

- (1) The Act, other than the provisions mentioned in subsection 2, commence on the day after its notification day.
- (2) The provisions outlined in sections 9 to 17, sections 19 to 22, and section 24 of the Bill will commence on a day fixed by the Minister by written notice.

There are reforms in the Bill that require the development of SmartForms, as well as the development of IT solutions, to ensure the Regulator is able to facilitate the operational aspect of the reforms. Additionally, a number of the reforms will require the notification of instruments to give effect to the new provisions.

Once readied, all reforms that do not commence on the day after the Bill is notified will be made effective via a ministerial commencement notice.