

## Legislation Fact Sheet

### Gaming (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2013

The Gaming (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill introduces a number of amendments to the *Gaming Control Act 1993* to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulation of gaming in the State that:

- extends the requirement to define the boundaries of a casino premise to include the boundaries of a gaming operator's premises;
- requires that the Commission must not grant an application for a licensed premises gaming licence (a hotel or club gaming venue) unless it is satisfied that the applicant has a legal right to occupy the premises;
- clarifies that a licensed premise gaming licence (not just its conditions) can be amended either by the Commission or at the request of the licensee;
- requires that listing on the Roll of Recognised Manufacturers, Suppliers and Testers of Gaming Equipment maintained by the Commission be limited to a period of five years (renewable);
- provides for the variation of a listing on the Roll when details change;
- repeals references to prescribed endorsements as this type of endorsement is not used in practice;
- introduces a 12 month expiry where a Tasmanian gaming licence has been granted and no endorsement(s) have commenced;
- clarifies that wagering is included in certain restrictions in the Act relating to the conduct of gaming activities;
- extends the prohibition on gaming or wagering on duty that applies to special employees to also apply to licensed technicians under the Act;
- extends the current controls on the storage of gaming equipment applying to licensed premises and gaming operators to all licensed providers such as the TOTE;
- enables the Commission to amend an existing approval of gaming equipment granted under section 76ZZG;
- transfers a number of minor fees in the Act to the Regulations;
- provides for the Commission, or on the request of a foreign games permit holder, to modify a foreign games permit when details change;
- extends the current restrictions on providing credit to include where participating in wagering activities;
- amends incorrect references in the Act;

- clarifies that the cap on total endorsement fees of 450 000 fee units per annum under a Tasmanian gaming licence applies to Betfair;
- replaces references to the Treasurer with Minister in respect to functions associated with the expenditure of the Community Support Levy;
- replaces the current restriction that an “authorised officer” employed in the Liquor and Gaming Branch must cease to be a state servant for two years before being significantly associated with, or work in venues with gaming, with cease to be an authorised officer for two years;
- amends the definition of “prescribed duties” and “conduct of gaming” to include gaming activity (activities of a Tasmanian gaming licence holder) to clarify that the prescribed duties of special employees of a Tasmanian gaming licence holder are included in this definition;
- repeals the definition of “Director” (of Gaming) in the *TT-Line Gaming Act 1993* and replaces it with “Victorian Commission” as the relevant Victorian gaming regulator and amends references to sections of the Gaming Control Act that apply to the regulation of TT-line gaming; and
- amends the table of fees in Schedule I of the Regulations to include fees that are being prescribed in the Gaming Control Act as a consequence of the amendment Act.