

**GAMING AND BETTING (TELEPHONE BETTING)
AMENDMENT BILL 1994**

NEW SOUTH WALES



EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)

The object of this Bill is to amend the Gaming and Betting Act 1912 (“the Principal Act”) in order to enable a licensed bookmaker to accept or make bets by telephone while at a race-meeting.

Clause 1 states the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the proposed Act to commence on a day of days to be proclaimed.

Clause 3 provides for the amendment of the Principal Act as set out in Schedule 1.

Clause 4 amends the Bookmakers (Taxation) Act 1917 to include a failure to pay an amount due in relation to an authority to engage in telephone betting among the grounds on which the Bookmakers Revision Committee may take disciplinary action against a bookmaker.

SCHEDULE 1—AMENDMENTS

Schedule 1 (1) inserts proposed section 6C enabling the Minister administering Part 4 of the Principal Act to authorise a licensed bookmaker to accept or make bets by telephone while on a race-course on a race day. It would be an offence for a bookmaker to engage in that sort of betting without being so authorised.

The section also provides for the fees payable by a bookmaker in relation to an authority to engage in telephone betting and enables the Bookmakers Revision Committee to recommend that the Minister cancel or suspend such an authority.

Schedule 1 (2) enables a bookmaker authorised as proposed by Schedule 1 (1) to advertise a willingness to accept bets made by telephone while the bookmaker is on a race-course on a race day. Without the amendment, any such advertising would be illegal.

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Schedule 1 (3) enables a bookmaker authorised as proposed by Schedule 1 (1) to convey, in reply to a request made by telephone, information relating to a bet to be made, or made, with the bookmaker. Without the amendment, it would be illegal to do so. The conditions to which the bookmaker's authority is subject must be complied with.

Schedule 1 (4) has a similar effect to the amendment proposed by Schedule 1 (3) but operates in slightly different circumstances.

Schedule 1 (5) enables a bookmaker authorised as proposed by Schedule 1 (1) to make certain oral statements about betting odds that the bookmaker is prepared to accept or offer. Without the amendment, the statements would be illegal.
