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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Gaming Machine Control (Special Employees and Technicians) Regulations 2002

Notice is given under section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the proposed Gaming Machine Control (Special Employees and Technicians) Regulations 2002.

The objective of the draft Regulations is to prescribe the duties for special employees and technicians under the **Gaming Machine Control Act 1991** (the Act). The draft Regulations provide for specific duties for the following—

- a special employee of a venue operator,
- a special employee of a gaming operator; and
- a technician.

Duties for the purpose of the Act are currently prescribed under the Gaming Machine Control (Special Employees and Technicians) Regulations 1992. However, in accordance with section 5(1) of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, these Regulations are due to expire (sunset) on 14 April 2002. The Office of Gambling Regulation has conducted a review of these Regulations with a view to replacing them with new regulations by the expiry date.

An RIS has been prepared in respect of the proposed Regulations. The RIS estimates the costs and benefits of the proposed Regulations in comparison to identified alternatives. The RIS concludes that the net social benefit of the proposed Regulations significantly outweighs any costs to the gaming industry.

If replacement regulations are not made by the expiry date, there will be no prescribed duties for a special employee or technician under the Act. This would result in a diminished regulatory environment that would not be capable of ensuring that the purpose and aims of the Act were achieved. The conclusion from the assessment in the RIS is that there is a sufficient case for government intervention.

Copies of the RIS are available from the Office of Gambling Regulation at Level 5, 35 Spring Street, Melbourne 3000 between 9am and 5pm on weekdays, telephone 9651 3333. A copy may also be downloaded from the Office's website at www.ogr.vic.gov.au

Public comments or submissions are invited on the proposed Regulations and RIS. All comments and submissions must be received in writing by—

Mr. Bill Lahey, Director of Gaming and Betting, Director of Casino Surveillance, Office of Gambling Regulation, PO Box 1988R Melbourne, Vic. 3001 no later than 5.00 pm on Friday, 22 March 2002. All comments and submissions will be treated as public documents.

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REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Gaming Machine Control (Fees) Regulations 2002

Notice is given under section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the proposed Gaming Machine Control (Fees) Regulations 2002.

The objective of the Regulations is to prescribe various fees for the purposes of the **Gaming Machine Control Act 1991** (the Act). The fees are for various applications that may be made under the Act.

These fees are currently prescribed under the Gaming Machine Control (Fees) Regulations 1992. It is proposed to make the Gaming Machine Control (Fees) Regulations 2002 because:

- the Gaming Machine Control (Fees) Regulations 1992 are due to expire on 14 April 2002 in accordance with section 5(1) of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**; and
- Victorian Government policy is that users should pay for services where it is cost-effective to charge fees. The policy is that the full cost of Government services should be recovered, unless there are explicit policy or public good reasons for not doing so.

The proposed Regulations set fees for the following applications:

- approval and renewal of approval of premises for gaming;
- grant and renewal of a venue operator's licence;
- amendment of a condition of a venue operator's licence;
- grant and renewal of a special employee's licence;
- grant and renewal of a technician's licence;
- listing on the Roll of Suppliers;
- evaluation of a gaming machine type or game.

A RIS has been prepared in respect of the proposed Regulations. The RIS estimates the costs and benefits of the identified alternatives. The RIS concludes that, of the alternatives, only the proposed Regulations would be effective in continuing to meet the Government's policy requirements of full cost recovery and maintaining integrity in the gaming industry.

Copies of the RIS are available from the Office of Gambling Regulation (OGR) at Level 5, 35 Spring Street, Melbourne 3000 between 9am and 5pm on weekdays, telephone 9651 3333. A copy may also be downloaded from the OGR website www.ogr.vic.gov.au

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The objective of the Regulations is to ensure the integrity of gaming by prescribing the components of gaming equipment to which possession is restricted to suitably licensed or otherwise authorised persons.

Certain components are currently prescribed under the Gaming Machine Control (Restricted Components) Regulations 1992.

It is proposed to make the Gaming Machine Control (Restricted Components) Regulations 2002 because the Gaming Machine Control (Restricted Components) Regulations 1992 are due to expire on 14 April 2002 in accordance with section 5(1) of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**.

A RIS has been prepared in respect of the proposed Regulations. The RIS estimates the costs and benefits of the identified alternatives. The RIS concludes that, of the alternatives, only the proposed Regulations would be effective in continuing to meet the Government's policy requirements of maintaining integrity in the gaming industry.

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