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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF DECISION TO MAKE A STATUTORY RULE

I, John Pandazopoulos MP, Minister for Gaming, give notice under section 12(1) of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** of my decision to make the Gaming No. 2 (Bingo) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (“the Regulations”).

The Regulations will —

- (a) revoke references to “notional receipts” in the Gaming No. 2 (Bingo) Regulations 1998;
- (b) prescribe a condition of a bingo permit to provide that the maximum amount that can be paid as prizes in a session of bingo is 90% of the gross receipts;
- (c) prescribe the amount a bingo permit holder may incur as expenses of bingo;
- (d) prescribe how the fee payable to an operator is to be determined under section 26(2)(e) of the **Gaming No. 2 Act 1997** (“the Act”); and
- (e) prescribe the period for and the time limit in which bingo centre operators must send a return to the Victorian Casino and Gaming Authority under section 47 of the Act.

A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) was prepared in relation to these Regulations and advertised as being available for public comment between 1 October 2002 and 29 October 2002.

Eight submissions were received in response to the RIS and they all suggested amendments to the Regulations. The Regulations have been amended since being advertised with the RIS.

I have decided to amend the Regulations so that the prescribed amount a bingo permit holder may incur as expenses of bingo will be 60%, instead of 50%.

Other issues raised by the submissions do not warrant amendment to the proposed Regulations, as they will not assist the policy objective of ensuring a greater certainty of a benefit to the community or charitable organisations from bingo sessions conducted on their behalf.

The Regulations will come into operation on 1 October 2003 and will amend the Gaming No. 2 (Bingo) Regulations 1998.

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