

**REGISTERED CLUBS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS)  
BILL 1990**

NEW SOUTH WALES



**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Bill is cognate with the Liquor (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 1990.

The object of this Bill is to amend the Registered Clubs Act 1976 to provide more efficient procedures for the administration of registered clubs.

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**Clause 1** specifies the **short** title of the proposed Act.

**Clause 2** provides for the proposed Act to commence on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.

**Clause 3** gives effect to the Schedule of amendments.

**SCHEDULE 1—AMENDMENTS**

**Schedule 1 (1)** makes it an offence for a minor to use false evidence of age in order to obtain entrance to, or liquor from, a registered club.

**Schedule 1 (2)** extends to persons such as poker machine manufacturers an existing offence relating to the making of false statements.

**Schedule 1 (3)** deals with matters relating to minors. It replaces the present section 57 and inserts new sections 57A and 57B.

Proposed section 57 would enable the regulations to prescribe the kind of evidence that would be acceptable as a defence to a prosecution for an offence under the Act alleged to have been committed by a minor.

Proposed section 57A follows the Summary Offences Act 1988 in enabling a police officer, instead of bringing proceedings in a court against a juvenile offender, to serve an infringement notice requiring payment by the offender of \$50.

Proposed section 57B precludes the imprisonment or detention of a person under 16 years of age for failure to pay a penalty imposed under the Act.

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\* Amended in committee — see table at end of volume.

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**Schedule 1 (4)** follows the Liquor Act 1982 by providing for the acceptance in evidence, unless denied as prescribed by the regulations, of an allegation that a person was, at a particular time, under the age of 18 years.

**Schedule 1 (5)** requires a registered club to “lodge” certain returns rather than “forward” them.

**Schedule I (6)** excludes the secretary of a registered club from the definition of “poker machine adviser”.

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