

Act 1994 No. 18

**GAMING AND BETTING (RACE-MEETINGS) AMENDMENT  
BILL 1994**

NEW SOUTH WALES



**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

Under the Gaming and Betting Act 1912, race-meetings for horse, greyhound or harness racing throughout the State cannot ordinarily be held on Sundays. However, section 53AA was inserted in 1991 to allow for a maximum of 8 Sunday race-meetings to be held between 1 January 1992 and 31 December 1993. The purpose of the section was to raise money towards the Sydney Olympic 2000 bid.

The object of this Bill is to replace section 53AA with a new section allowing up to 6 Sunday race-meetings to be held in each financial year between 1 July 1994 and 30 June 2001. The Minister will, as the current section 53AA provides, determine the dates and places where these Sunday race-meetings are to be held. The new version of section 53AA will enable a Sunday on which race-meetings have been abandoned or cancelled to be carried over in certain cases to an alternative Sunday in a subsequent financial year. The section also provides that the Sunday race-meetings do not count in calculating the maximum number of days on which race-meetings may be held under the Act.

This Bill is designed, subject to the usual Parliamentary appropriation process, to enable revenue derived from the Sunday race-meetings to be applied towards such projects as the development of elite sports programs in the lead-up to the Olympic Games in 2000, the staging of the Paralympic Games in 2000 and the promotion of the Sydney Autumn Racing Carnival.

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

**Clause 2** provides for the proposed Act to commence on the date of assent,

**Clause 3** amends the Gaming and Betting Act 1912 in the manner described above.

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