

GAMING AND BETTING (RACING) AMENDMENT BILL 1989

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—

- (a) to change the licensing year for race-courses licensed for horse racing, harness racing and pony racing from a calendar to a financial year; and
- (b) so that the approval of the Minister will be required for the holding of race-meetings in place of postponed race-meetings at Randwick, Warwick Farm, Rosehill and Canterbury Racecourses (approval is not currently required if the race-meetings are held on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday within 14 days of the postponed race-meetings).

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the proposed Act to commence on assent.

Clause 3 is a formal provision that gives effect to the Schedule of amendments.

Clause 4 contains transitional provisions relating to the changed licensing year. Race-courses licensed for the 1989 calendar year will continue, subject to payment of the appropriate fee, to be licensed until 30 June 1990. Provision is made to ensure that the number of race-meetings held at the race-courses will not exceed the maximum number that might have been held in the year beginning 1 January 1989 under section 51 before the commencement of the proposed Act.

SCHEDULE 1—AMENDMENTS

Schedule 1 (1) and (2) amend sections 51 (restrictions on race-meetings and harness racing) and 52 (issue of licences) to change the licensing year as mentioned above.

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Schedule 1 (3) amends section 53 (days of race-meetings) to omit a provision permitting race-meetings to be held on certain days of the week within 14 days of postponed meetings and to make consequential amendments.
