

# NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

## LIQUOR ACT

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## LIQUOR ACT

**An Act to provide for the regulation of the sale, provision, promotion and consumption of liquor, and for related purposes**

### **Part I                      Preliminary**

#### **1                      Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Liquor Act*.

#### **2                      Commencement**

This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Administrator by notice in the *Gazette*.

#### **3                      Objects**

- (1) The primary object of this Act is to regulate the sale, provision, promotion and consumption of liquor:
  - (a) so as to minimise the harm associated with the consumption of liquor; and
  - (b) in a way that takes into account the public interest in the sale, provision, promotion and consumption of liquor.
- (2) The further objects of this Act are:
  - (a) to protect and enhance community amenity, social harmony and wellbeing through the responsible sale, provision, promotion and consumption of liquor;
  - (b) to regulate the sale of liquor in a way that contributes to the responsible development of the liquor and associated industries in the Territory; and
  - (c) to facilitate a diversity of licensed premises and associated services for the benefit of the community.

- (3) When the Commission exercises a power or performs a function under this Act, the Commission must have regard to the objects of this Act and must exercise the power and perform the function in a way that is consistent with those objects.

#### **4 Interpretation**

- (1) In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears:

**assessor** means an assessor appointed under section 14.

**Chairperson** means:

- (a) the Chairperson of the Commission appointed under section 6 of the *Northern Territory Licensing Commission Act*; or
- (b) a person appointed to act as the Chairperson under section 8 of that Act while acting as the Chairperson.

**Commission** means the Northern Territory Licensing Commission established by section 4 of the *Northern Territory Licensing Commission Act*.

**community government area** means a community government area within the meaning ascribed to that term in the *Local Government Act*.

**community government council** means a community government council within the meaning ascribed to that term in the *Local Government Act*.

**condition** means a condition to which a licence is subject pursuant to section 31.

**contravention notice** means a restricted premises contravention notice served under section 101N.

**council** means a municipal council within the meaning ascribed to that term in the *Local Government Act*.

**declaration of restricted premises** means a declaration made under Part VIIIA, Division 1.

**Deputy Director** means a Deputy Director of Licensing appointed under section 24 of the *Northern Territory Licensing Commission Act*.



**Director** means:

- (a) the Director of Licensing appointed under section 22(1) of the *Northern Territory Licensing Commission Act*; or
- (b) a person appointed to act as the Director under section 22(2) of that Act while acting as the Director.

**hearing** means a hearing conducted in accordance with Part V by the Commission.

**infringement notice** means an infringement notice, within the meaning of the *Fines and Penalties (Recovery) Act*, issued under the Regulations.

**inspector** means an Inspector of Licensed Premises appointed under section 18.

**licence** means a licence issued under Part III.

**licensed premises** means premises in respect of which a licensee is licensed.

**licensee** means a person who holds a licence which is in force for the time being.

**liquor** means a beverage that contains more than 1.15% by volume of ethyl alcohol.

**material alteration** means an alteration to licensed premises which:

- (a) increases or decreases the area used for the sale of liquor or the sale and consumption of liquor;
- (b) involves structural alteration;
- (c) alters access to or egress from the premises; or
- (d) alters the external appearance or facilities.

**member** means a member of the Commission appointed under section 6 of the *Northern Territory Licensing Commission Act*.

**municipality** means a municipality within the meaning ascribed to that term in the *Local Government Act*.

**permit** means a permit issued under section 92.

**premises** include an enclosure, place, area of land, vessel or vehicle.

**prohibition notice** means a notice given to a licensee under section 122.

**repealed Ordinance** means the *Licensing Ordinance 1939* as in force immediately before the commencement of this Act.

**restricted area** means a specified area of land which is the subject of a declaration under Division 1 of Part VIII.

**restricted premises** means private premises, within the meaning of section 101A, which are the subject of a declaration of restricted premises.

**sell** includes:

- (a) offer or expose for sale;
- (b) keep or have in possession for sale; and
- (c) supply for or in expectation of any reward or benefit paid or provided, or to be paid or provided by the person supplied or another person, whether or not any person was or is under an obligation to pay or provide a reward or benefit.

**special licence** means a special licence issued under Part VI.

- (2) Unless the contrary intention appears, a reference in this Act to a person employed by a licensee includes a reference to a person whose services are provided to a licensee under a contract with the person or another person.

## **5 Application**

- (1) The provisions of this Act relating to the sale of liquor do not apply to the sale:
  - (a) of spirituous or distilled perfume bona fide as perfumery; or
  - (b) of liquor as a medicine or for medicinal purposes by, or under the direction of, a medical practitioner or pharmacist who has a right of practice under the *Health Practitioners Act*.
- (2) A licence or special licence is not required for the sale:
  - (a) of liquor in a naval, military or air force mess, canteen, camp or post by the permission, and under the control of, the naval, military or air force authorities;
  - (b) at a canteen or club established, conducted, maintained or operated in pursuance of the *Australian Services Canteens*

*Organization Regulations* made under the *Defence Act 1903* of the Commonwealth, of liquor by the Australian Services Canteens Organization Board of Management or a person authorized by the Board for that purpose to a person who is permitted to be in that canteen or club;

- (c) of liquor within the precincts of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory on the authority of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly;
  - (d) of liquor on a vessel plying to or from a port in the Territory or on that vessel while that vessel is berthed or moored where the sale, keeping or consumption of liquor is:
    - (i) authorized by the master of the vessel; and
    - (ii) is restricted to crew, passengers on board for the purposes of undertaking a voyage of not less than 150 kilometres or bona fide guests on board while the vessel is berthed or moored in a port;
  - (e) of liquor to a passenger with the authority of the pilot on an aircraft in flight;
  - (f) of liquor to a passenger with the authority of the catering officer on a train during a journey;
  - (g) of liquor which has been forfeited under a law of the Territory at a sale by auction conducted by a person who holds a licence granted under the *Auctioneers Act*;
  - (h) of liquor to a person who is licensed (otherwise than by a special licence issued under Part VI) or authorized to sell liquor under a law of a State or Territory; or
  - (j) of liquor on premises occupied by the special defence undertaking for the purposes of the *Defence (Special Undertakings) Act 1952* of the Commonwealth known as the Joint Defence Space Research Facility at Alice Springs.
- (3) The provisions of this Act, other than those requiring the obtaining of a licence or special licence for the sale of liquor apply, so far as applicable, to and in relation to:
- (a) the sale of liquor by a person in respect of whom; or
  - (b) the consumption of liquor on premises in respect of which,

there is an exemption from so obtaining a licence or special licence by virtue of this section or any other law of the Territory as if that person were a licensee and those premises were licensed premises.

- (4) Section 116 does not apply to a purchase of liquor made by an inspector or a member of the Police Force in the execution of his duty.

**6 Public interest criteria in respect of licence or licensed premises**

- (1) When the Commission has regard to the objects of this Act in:

- (a) considering or determining an application under this Act in respect of a licence or licensed premises; or
- (b) determining the conditions of a licence,

the Commission must, when taking into account the public interest in the sale, provision, promotion and consumption of liquor, consider any of the criteria specified in subsection (2) that are relevant to the application or conditions.

- (2) For subsection (1), the criteria are the following:

- (a) harm or ill-health caused to people, or a group of people, by the consumption of liquor is to be minimised;
- (b) liquor is to be sold, or sold and consumed, on licensed premises in a responsible manner;
- (c) public order and safety must not be jeopardised, particularly where circumstances or events are expected to attract large numbers of persons to licensed premises or an area adjacent to those premises;
- (d) the safety, health and welfare of persons who use licensed premises must not be put at risk;
- (e) noise emanations from licensed premises must not be excessive;
- (f) business conducted at licensed premises must not cause undue offence, annoyance, disturbance or inconvenience to persons who reside or work in the neighbourhood of the premises or who are making their way to or from, or using the services of, a place of public worship, hospital or school;

- (g) a licensee must comply with provisions of this Act and any other law in force in the Territory which regulate in any manner the sale or consumption of liquor or the location, construction or facilities of licensed premises, including:
    - (i) by-laws made under the *Local Government Act*; and
    - (ii) provisions of or under the *Planning Act*;
  - (h) each person involved in the business conducted at licensed premises must receive suitable training relevant to the person's role in the conduct of the business;
  - (i) the use of credit in the sale of liquor must be controlled;
  - (j) practices which encourage irresponsible drinking must be prohibited;
  - (k) it may be necessary or desirable to limit any of the following:
    - (i) the kinds of liquor that may be sold;
    - (ii) the manner in which liquor may be sold;
    - (iii) the containers, or number or types of containers, in which liquor may be sold;
    - (iv) the days on which and the times at which liquor may be sold;
  - (l) it may be necessary or desirable to prohibit persons or limit the number of persons who may be on licensed premises, on any particular part of licensed premises or in an adjacent area subject to the control of the licensee;
  - (m) it may be necessary or desirable to prohibit or limit the entertainment, or the kind of entertainment, which may be provided on licensed premises or in an adjacent area under the control of the licensee;
  - (n) it may be necessary or desirable to prohibit or limit promotional activities in which drinks are offered free or at reduced prices.
- (3) Also, the Commission must consider:
- (a) any other matter the Commission believes is relevant to the public interest in the sale, provision, promotion and consumption of liquor in respect of the application or conditions under consideration; and

- (b) any information or matter contained in an application, or otherwise provided or raised by the applicant, which is relevant to the public interest in the sale, provision, promotion and consumption of liquor.

## **Part II            Administration**

### **Division 2       Assessors**

#### **14            Assessors**

The Minister may appoint such persons as he thinks necessary to be assessors to advise the Commission, within the terms of their appointments, regarding any matter concerned with the administration or operation of this Act or the regulations.

#### **15            Tenure and remuneration**

An assessor shall hold office during the pleasure of the Minister and shall be paid such fees, allowances and expenses as the Administrator determines.

#### **16            Commission to seek advice of assessor**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), if the Commission is of the opinion that the advice of an assessor is, or might be, relevant to the exercise of a power, authority or discretion of the Commission under this Act, the Commission shall seek and consider the advice of that assessor before exercising that power, authority or discretion.
- (2) Where:
  - (a) an assessor is unable for any reason to provide advice; and
  - (b) failure or delay by the Commission to exercise a power, authority or discretion of the Commission under this Act until such time as the assessor could provide the advice would, in the opinion of the Commission, cause undue hardship to a person interested in the exercise of that power, authority or discretion,

the Commission shall not be required to seek or consider the advice of that assessor.

## **Division 3            Inspectors**

### **18            Inspectors**

- (1) The Minister may appoint such persons as he thinks necessary to be Inspectors of Licensed Premises.
- (2) An inspector shall perform the duties required to be performed by him by this Act and such other duties as the Commission or the Director directs.
- (3) The Director shall issue to each person appointed as an inspector an identity card in accordance with a form approved by the Commission.

### **19            Inspector's powers**

- (1) An inspector with such assistance as he considers necessary may, with such force as is reasonably necessary, at any time when premises are open for the sale of liquor, enter and inspect those premises.
- (2) An inspector who enters licensed premises in pursuance of subsection (1) may not enter a private room of those premises without the prior consent of the occupant, the licensee or a person who is apparently in charge of those licensed premises unless the inspector has reasonable grounds for believing that an offence against this Act has occurred, is occurring or is likely to occur in that room.
- (3) An inspector with such assistance as he considers necessary may, with such force as is reasonably necessary, at any time, enter and inspect premises when there are reasonable grounds for believing that:
  - (a) liquor is being sold on those premises;
  - (b) liquor is being kept for sale on premises which are not licensed premises within the meaning of this Act; or
  - (c) an offence against this Act has occurred, is occurring or is likely to occur on those premises.
- (4) An inspector who enters premises in pursuance of this section is not authorized to remain on those premises if, on the request by the person apparently in charge of those premises, he does not produce the identity card referred to in section 18(3).

- (5) An inspector who enters premises in pursuance of this section may:
- (a) examine, take stock of and take samples of any liquor on the premises;
  - (b) inspect any books, documents or other papers on the premises;
  - (c) remove any books, documents or papers from the premises for the purpose of having copies made;
  - (d) seize and remove any liquor on the premises which he has reasonable grounds to believe is evidence of or otherwise relates to an offence against this Act; and
  - (e) require a person on the premises to provide his name and address and date and place of birth, evidence of his age and the name or identity of the seller or supplier of any liquor in the person's possession.
- (6) An inspector may retain a book, document or paper removed from premises in pursuance of subsection (5) for so long as is reasonably necessary for the purpose of having copies of the book, document or paper made.
- (7) An inspector who takes a sample of liquor in pursuance of subsection (5) shall:
- (a) divide the sample so taken into approximately equal parts and put each part in a sealed container to which is affixed a label bearing:
    - (i) the signature of the inspector;
    - (ii) particulars of the premises on which the sample was taken; and
    - (iii) particulars of the date and time when the sample was taken; and
  - (b) deliver one of the containers to the person apparently in charge of the premises for the time being and deliver the other container to an approved analyst.
- (8) In any proceedings in a court in respect of an offence against this Act, a certificate that purports to have been signed by an approved analyst and states the result of an analysis of the contents of a container delivered to him by an inspector is evidence of the matters stated in the certificate.



- (9) A person shall not, except in the course of his duty under this Act or in the course of proceedings in a court in respect of an offence against this Act, divulge to another person information that he has acquired by reason of the inspection of books, documents or papers in pursuance of this section.
- (10) The provisions of this section, other than subsection (4), apply to and in relation to a member of the Police Force as if the member were an inspector.
- (10A) The provisions of Division 3 of Part VIII apply to any liquor seized under subsection (5) as if it was seized under that Division.
- (11) In this section:

***approved analyst*** means a person approved by the Commission for the purposes of this section.

***liquor*** for the purposes of subsections (5) and (7), includes any liquid in respect of which there are reasonable grounds for believing the liquid to contain alcohol.

***private room*** means a room forming part of licensed premises which is used predominantly for purposes other than:

- (a) the storage, sale or consumption of liquor; or
- (b) the preparation, sale or consumption of food,

in the operation or management of those premises as licensed premises.

## **Division 4            General**

### **20            Assessors not to act where interested**

- (1) Where an assessor whose advice the Commission is required to seek and consider by section 16(1) has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a matter being considered or about to be considered by the Commission, that assessor shall, as soon as possible after the relevant facts have come to his knowledge, disclose the nature of his interest to the Commission and to the Minister.
- (2) Where, for any reason, an assessor whose advice the Commission is required to seek and consider by section 16(1) is of the opinion that it would be improper for him to take part in any deliberation or decision of the Commission in relation to a matter or a class of matters being considered or about to be considered by the Commission he shall, as soon as possible after the relevant facts

have come to his knowledge, inform the Commission and the Minister accordingly.

- (3) Where an assessor whose advice the Commission is required to seek and consider by section 16(1):

- (a) has an interest of a description referred to in subsection (1); or
- (b) holds an opinion of a description referred to in subsection (2),

that assessor shall not, unless the Minister otherwise determines, take part in any deliberation or decision of the Commission in relation to the matter which is the subject of his interest or the matter or class of matters of a description referred to in subsection (2), as the case may be.

- (4) Where an assessor:

- (a) discloses an interest to the Minister pursuant to subsection (1); or
- (b) informs the Minister that he holds an opinion of a description referred to in subsection (2),

the Minister may appoint a person to act in the place of that assessor in relation to the matter which is the subject of the assessor's interest or the matter or class of matters of a description referred to in subsection (2), as the case may be.

- (6) A member shall not hold or have any interest in a licence.

## **22            Delegation by Commission**

- (1) The Commission may, by instrument in writing, either generally or in relation to a matter or class of matters, delegate to:

- (a) a member;
- (b) the Director; or
- (c) a Deputy Director,

all or any of its powers or functions under this Act, other than:

- (d) a power to conduct a hearing under this Act;
- (e) a power or function where, prior to the exercise of that power or function, the Commission is required to conduct a hearing under this Act; or
- (f) this power of delegation.

- (2) A power delegated in accordance with subsection (1) may be exercised by the delegate in accordance with the instrument of delegation.
- (3) A delegation under this section is revocable by the Commission in writing at will and does not prevent the exercise of a power or the performance of a function by the Commission.

## **23            Protection of members**

- (1) An action or proceeding, civil or criminal, does not lie against an assessor or a person concerned in the administration of this Act for or in respect of an act or thing done in good faith by an assessor or a person concerned in the administration of this Act, as the case may be.
- (2) Subsection (1) has effect subject to Part VIIA of the *Police Administration Act* to the extent it relates to the civil liability of a person who is a member of the Police Force

## **Part III            Licences**

### **Division 1            Issue of licence**

#### **23A            Meaning of *associate***

- (1) For this Division, the following persons are associates of a person (***the person***):
  - (a) the person's spouse or de facto partner;
  - (b) a parent or remoter lineal ancestor, son, daughter or remoter issue, or brother or sister of the person;
  - (c) a partner of the person;
  - (d) a body corporate of which the person is an executive officer;
  - (e) if the person is a body corporate – an executive officer of the body corporate;
  - (f) a person who, in the previous year, has provided to the person advice for fee or reward in relation to the sale of liquor;
  - (g) an employee or employer of the person;
  - (h) an officer or employee of a body corporate of which the person is an officer or employee;

- (i) an employee of a natural person of whom the person is an employee;
  - (j) a body corporate whose executive officers are accustomed or under an obligation, whether formal or informal, to act in accordance with the directions, instructions or wishes of the person or, where the person is a body corporate, of the executive officers of that body corporate;
  - (k) a body corporate in accordance with the directions, instructions or wishes of which, or of the executive officers of which, the person is accustomed or under an obligation, whether formal or informal, to act;
  - (l) a body corporate in which the person holds a controlling interest;
  - (m) if the person is a body corporate – a person who holds a controlling interest in the body corporate;
  - (n) a person who is named in an affidavit made by the person under section 26A;
  - (o) a person who, because of this subsection, is an associate of any other person who is an associate of the person.
- (2) For subsection (1)(l) and (m), a person is taken to hold a controlling interest in a body corporate if that person, alone or together with one or more associates of that person, is in a position to control at least 15% of the voting power in the body corporate or holds interests in at least 15% of the issued shares in the body corporate.

## **24 Licences**

Subject to this Act, the Commission may issue a licence, in a form approved by the Commission, to an applicant for the sale of liquor, or the sale and consumption of liquor on, at, or away from, premises specified in the licence.

## **25 Body corporate as licensee**

- (1) A body corporate shall not hold a licence unless it is a corporation within the meaning of the Corporations Act 2001.
- (2) Where a body corporate applies for a licence, other than under section 26(2) where the body corporate does not intend to carry on any business under the licence being applied for shall nominate a person to be its manager of the licensed premises.

- (3) For the purposes of this Act, the manager of the licensed premises nominated by a body corporate shall be deemed to be the person licensed in respect of the premises and the premises shall be deemed to be his licensed premises or the premises in respect of which he is licensed.
- (4) For the purposes of an objection under Part IV, the manager nominated by a body corporate shall be deemed to be a joint applicant with the body corporate for a licence.
- (5) Upon the grant of a licence to a body corporate, the name of the manager nominated by that body corporate shall, in addition to the name of the body corporate, be endorsed on the licence and the approval in writing of the Commission shall be necessary before any change of the manager so nominated will be recognized for the purposes of this Act.
- (5A) Where a person, whose name is endorsed as the person nominated as manager on a licence held by a body corporate, is unwilling to conduct the business of a licensee, the body corporate shall not sell liquor after the date upon which the nominated manager is unwilling to conduct that business until:
  - (a) the person nominated as manager on the licence is willing to resume the conduct of the business of the licensee; or
  - (b) approval of a change of manager under subsection (5) is obtained.
- (6) In addition to a manager nominated pursuant to subsection (2) every director and officer of a body corporate may be prosecuted for an offence committed against this Act by the nominated manager.
- (7) The directors and officers of the body corporate shall not be liable pursuant to subsection (6) where it is proved that the body corporate had given such directions to the nominated manager and had exercised or caused to be exercised such supervision of that manager, as were reasonably necessary to ensure that the manager did not commit an offence against this Act.

## **26            Application for licence**

- (1) An application for the grant of a licence shall be lodged with the Director in a form approved by the Commission and accompanied by the affidavit made under section 26A and the prescribed fee.
- (2) An application under subsection (1) may be made in respect of premises which are to be constructed or which are under construction and, in respect of such premises or proposed

premises, by a person who does not intend to carry on any business under the licence being applied for.

- (3) The applicant for a licence must demonstrate in the application that the grant of the licence will be in the public interest:
  - (a) by providing information about any relevant criteria referred to in section 6(2); and
  - (b) by specifying any other matter relevant to the public interest in the sale, provision, promotion and consumption of liquor.

#### **26A        Disclosure of influential persons or potential beneficiaries**

- (1) An applicant for a licence must make an affidavit disclosing whether certain persons may be able to influence the applicant, or expect a benefit from the applicant, if the licence is granted.
- (2) If the applicant is a body corporate, the affidavit must be made by:
  - (a) the principal executive officer of the body corporate; or
  - (b) if that officer does not have knowledge of the relevant facts – another person who has knowledge of the relevant facts and is authorised by the body corporate to make the affidavit.
- (3) The affidavit must be in a form approved by the Commission and, subject to subsection (6), must disclose the following matters:
  - (a) subject to subsection (4), whether or not there is any person who will by any lease, agreement or arrangement be able to influence any decision made by the applicant in relation to the sale of liquor or the sale and consumption of liquor;
  - (b) subject to subsection (5), whether or not there is any person other than the applicant who by any lease, agreement or arrangement may expect any benefit from the applicant in relation to the sale of liquor or the sale and consumption of liquor;
  - (c) if a person disclosed under paragraph (a) or (b) is a natural person – the person's full name, address and date of birth;
  - (d) if a person disclosed under paragraph (a) or (b) is a body corporate other than a club – the name of the body corporate and the full name, address and date of birth of the secretary and each executive officer of the body corporate;

- (e) if a person disclosed under paragraph (a) or (b) is a club or other voluntary association of persons:
    - (i) the name of the club or voluntary association of persons;
    - (ii) the full name, address and date of birth of the secretary and each executive officer of the club or voluntary association of persons; and
    - (iii) details of the objectives (if any) of the club or voluntary association of persons and whether or not the club is a non-proprietary club or the voluntary association of persons conducts its business in the same way as a non-proprietary club;
  - (f) full and correct particulars of any lease, agreement or arrangement disclosed under paragraph (a) or (b);
  - (g) if the applicant is a body corporate other than a club – the names of all persons who have a substantial holding (within the meaning of section 9 of the Corporations Act 2001) in the body corporate.
- (4) If the applicant is a body corporate, subsection (3)(a) does not require disclosure of a person who is the secretary, an executive officer, a member or a shareholder of the body corporate carrying out the duties or exercising the normal rights of the person in that capacity.
- (5) Subsection (3)(b) does not require disclosure of a contract, agreement or other arrangement entered into for the purposes of this Act or the Regulations and approved by the Commission.
- (6) The affidavit need not disclose anything specified by the Regulations as not requiring disclosure.

## **27 Notice of application**

- (1) An applicant for a licence shall, within 28 days of lodging an application pursuant to section 26, cause to be published in a newspaper or newspapers nominated by the Commission notice of the fact that the applicant has applied for the grant of a licence.
- (2) The notice of the application shall:
  - (a) include a description in sufficient detail to identify the location of the premises in respect of which the application is made;

- (b) include a description of the nature of any business associated with the licence applied for that it is proposed to conduct on the premises referred to in paragraph (a);
  - (c) contain such other particulars as may be determined by the Commission; and
  - (d) be not less than a size determined by the Commission.
- (3) Where:
  - (a) an application lodged under section 26 is with respect to premises which are located in a community government area; and
  - (b) the community government council for that community government area has the power to make by-laws with respect to liquor,

the Director shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, inform the clerk of that community government council of the fact that an application has been made for the grant of a licence.

## **28            Assessment of applications**

- (1) The Commission must conduct or cause to be conducted the investigations it considers necessary to enable it to make a proper assessment of an application for a licence.
- (2) The Commission must consider an application for a licence, the accompanying affidavit made under section 26A and the results of investigations conducted in relation to the application and make an assessment of the following matters:
  - (a) the suitability of the premises in respect of which the application is made, having regard to any law of the Territory which regulates in any manner the sale or consumption of liquor or the location, construction or facilities of premises which are used for that purpose;
  - (b) if the applicant is a natural person – the financial stability, general reputation and character of the applicant;
  - (c) if the applicant is a body corporate – the business reputation and financial stability of the body corporate and the general reputation and character of the secretary and executive officers of the body corporate;



- (d) if the applicant is a federation of clubs – the business reputation and financial stability of each constituent club and the general reputation and character of the secretary and executive officers of each constituent club;
  - (e) whether the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a licence;
  - (f) if a person is referred to in the affidavit under section 26A – whether that person is a fit and proper person to be an associate of a licensee;
  - (g) if the Commission considers it appropriate – whether any other associate of the applicant is a fit and proper person to be an associate of a licensee;
  - (h) if the applicant has nominated a person under section 25(2) to be its manager – whether that person is a fit and proper person to be the manager.
- (3) In assessing whether an applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a licence, the Commission must have regard to any matters prescribed by the Regulations relevant to that assessment.
- (4) The Commission may require an applicant, a nominee manager of the applicant or an associate of the applicant to provide the Commission with the additional information or material that the Commission considers necessary to make a proper assessment of the application.

## **29            Decision after consideration of application**

- (1) Where:
- (a) no objection to the grant of a licence has been lodged with the Director pursuant to section 47F; or
  - (b) such an objection has been dismissed under Part IV,
- the Commission shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, consider an application for a licence.
- (2) After considering an application for a licence, the Commission must, having regard to the objects of this Act:
- (a) issue a licence subject to such conditions as are determined by it under section 31;

- (b) refuse the application and direct the Director to forward notice of the refusal together with a statement of the reasons for refusal to the applicant; or
  - (c) conduct a hearing in relation to the application.
- (3) Where the Commission has conducted a hearing in relation to an application for a licence under subsection (2)(c) or Part IV the Commission shall, after that hearing, take action of a kind described in subsection (2)(a) or (b), in addition to any action it may take under Part IV.
- (4) Where the Commission refuses an application for a licence under subsection (2)(b), the Commission may, if it thinks fit, refund the whole or any part of the prescribed fee paid to the Commission under section 26.

### **30 Duration of licence**

A licence shall remain in force until surrendered, suspended or cancelled under this Act.

## **Division 2 Conditions of licence**

### **31 Conditions of licence**

- (1) Subject to the Regulations, the Commission may issue a licence subject to such conditions as it may consider necessary or desirable in the particular circumstances of an application before it.
- (2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), the Commission may, subject to the Regulations, determine conditions with respect to:
  - (a) the construction and furnishing of licensed premises;
  - (b) the equipment and facilities to be provided on or at licensed premises;
  - (c) subject to the Regulations, the restriction of days when and times during which licensed premises may be open for the sale of liquor;
  - (d) the minimum facilities and services to be operative on the days when and times during which licensed premises may be open for the sale of liquor;

- (e) the method of sale of liquor, including restrictions on the type of container in which liquor may be sold and limitations as to the quantities or type of liquor which may be sold by a licensee;
  - (f) the standard of repair, cleanliness and hygiene to be maintained on or at licensed premises;
  - (g) the provision of entertainment on or at licensed premises;
  - (h) the provision of food on or at licensed premises;
  - (i) the display and content of notices, relating to this Act, on or at licensed premises;
  - (j) the persons who may be admitted to licensed premises; and
  - (k) the prohibition of specified activities on or at licensed premises by the licensee, employees of the licensee or patrons of those premises.
- (3) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1) or (2), the Commission may, in respect of an application for a licence in respect of premises or proposed premises referred in section 26(2), grant the licence subject to the condition that the sale of liquor on the premises is not permitted until the approval in writing to do so is obtained from the Commission or the licence is transferred under section 40.
- (4) It is a condition of all licences that a licensee:
- (a) shall not take any action that, in the opinion of the Commission, would induce the irresponsible or excessive consumption of liquor on licensed premises;
  - (b) shall not publish or cause to be published, in any media, an advertisement which, in the opinion of the Commission, could be construed as inducing the irresponsible or excessive consumption of liquor on licensed premises; and
  - (c) where a code of conduct or code of ethics or rules (by whatever name it is called) relating to the advertising of liquor is approved by the Commission and is accepted and promulgated by the Minister by notice in the *Gazette*, a licensee shall abide by that code or rules.

- (5) Notwithstanding subsection (4), a licence shall not be subject to a condition under paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (4) until 14 days after the publication by the Commission of guidelines under section 67 relating to the expression of its opinion under those paragraphs.
- (6) It is a condition of all licences that a licensee must comply with every prohibition notice given to the licensee.

### **32            Objects etc. to be considered in determining conditions**

In determining the conditions of a licence, the Commission:

- (a) must have regard to the objects of this Act; and
- (b) may conduct or cause to be conducted any further investigations it considers necessary to enable it to make a proper determination.

### **32A          Variation of conditions on application by licensee**

- (1) A licensee may apply to the Commission in a form approved by the Commission for a variation of the conditions of the licence held by the licensee and may request that the Commission conduct a hearing in relation to the application.
- (2) If the Commission considers it to be in the public interest, the Commission may conduct a hearing in relation to the application whether or not the applicant has requested a hearing.
- (3) If the Commission decides to conduct a hearing, the Commission must require the applicant to cause notice of the application to be published:
  - (a) in a newspaper or newspapers nominated by the Commission; and
  - (b) within the period specified by the Commission.
- (4) The notice must:
  - (a) include a description in sufficient detail to identify the location of the premises in respect of which the application is made;
  - (b) include a description of the nature of any business associated with the licence that is conducted on those premises;
  - (c) include details of the proposed variation of conditions;

(d) contain any other particulars determined by the Commission;  
and

(e) be not less than a size determined by the Commission.

(5) Where:

(a) the application is with respect to premises which are located in a community government area; and

(b) the community government council for that community government area has the power to make by-laws with respect to liquor,

the Director must, as soon as reasonably practicable, inform the clerk of the community government council that the application has been made.

(6) Where:

(a) the Commission does not require the applicant to give notice of the application; or

(b) the applicant has given notice as required and no objection to the application is lodged with the Director pursuant to section 47F or such an objection has been dismissed under Part IV,

the Commission must, as soon as reasonably practicable, consider the application.

(7) After considering an application under subsection (6), the Commission must, having regard to the objects of this Act:

(a) by notice to the applicant, vary the conditions of the licence; or

(b) refuse to vary the conditions of the licence and direct the Director to forward to the applicant notice of the refusal together with a statement of the reasons for refusal.

(8) Where a hearing is conducted in relation to an application, the Commission may, having regard to the objects of this Act:

(a) vary or refuse to vary the conditions of the licence; and

(b) make any other order it thinks fit.

(9) A variation of the conditions of a licence takes effect on the date specified by the Commission in a notice under subsection (7)(a) or an order under subsection (8).

### **33 Commission may vary conditions**

- (1) Subject to this section, the Commission may, from time to time by notice in writing, vary the conditions of the licence held by a licensee.
- (2) A licensee may, within 28 days of the date on which the licensee receives a notice of a description referred to in subsection (1), by notice in writing lodged with the Director, request that the Commission conduct a hearing in relation to the conditions of his licence.
- (3) Where, under subsection (2), a licensee requests that the Commission conduct a hearing, the Commission shall conduct a hearing in relation to the conditions of the licence of the licensee.
- (4) After the Commission has conducted a hearing pursuant to this section, the Commission may:
  - (a) affirm, set aside or vary the decision made without a hearing; and
  - (b) make such other order as it thinks fit.
- (5) A variation of the conditions of a licence under this section shall have effect on and from:
  - (a) where the licensee does not request, under subsection (2), that the Commission conduct a hearing:
    - (i) the expiration of the period referred to in that subsection; or
    - (ii) such later date as the Commission may specify in the notice referred to in that subsection; or
  - (b) where the Commission conducts a hearing pursuant to subsection (3) and the Commission affirms or varies the variation of the conditions of the licence:
    - (i) the date of the conclusion of the hearing; or
    - (ii) such later date as the Commission may specify at that hearing.

## **Division 2A        Special conditions of certain licences about payment for liquor**

### **33A        Definitions**

In this Division:

**credit card** has the meaning in section 57(4) of the *Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading Act*.

**debit card** has the meaning in section 57(4) of the *Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading Act*.

**licensee** means the holder of a licence to which this Division applies.

### **33B        Application of Division**

- (1) This Division applies to a licence that authorises only the sale of liquor for removal from and consumption away from the licensed premises to which the licence relates.
- (2) This Division applies to a licence regardless of the date of its issue.

### **33C        Special conditions of licences**

- (1) This Division prescribes conditions for licences.
- (2) However, this Division does not affect the imposition of additional or more stringent conditions on the issue of a licence under section 31 or by varying the conditions of a licence under section 33.

### **33D        Payment for liquor**

- (1) A licensee must not sell liquor to a person unless payment is made under subsection (2) for the liquor at the time of the sale.
- (2) For subsection (1), payment must be made in one or more of the following ways:
  - (a) by legal tender within the meaning of the *Currency Act 1965* of the Commonwealth;
  - (b) by cheque drawn by the person and dated on or before the date of sale;
  - (c) by credit card or debit card;
  - (d) by debit to an ADI account authorised by the person;

- (e) if the sale is made to the person, or the person on behalf of an entity, in the ordinary course of business – by charging the business account of the person or entity held with the licensee;
- (f) by another prescribed way.

### **33E            Retention of credit and debit cards**

- (1) A licensee must not retain possession of a person's credit card or debit card as security for payment by the person for the sale of liquor.
- (2) Subsection (3) applies to a prosecution for an offence against section 110 for a contravention of subsection (1).
- (3) In the absence of evidence to the contrary, on production of a certificate signed by the Director stating that on a specified date a specified licensee had possession of a specified person's credit card or debit card, the licensee must be taken to have had possession of the card in contravention of subsection (1).
- (4) Without limiting subsection (3), proof of compliance with record keeping requirements in guidelines approved by the Minister is evidence to the contrary for that subsection.
- (5) The approval of guidelines must be published in the *Gazette*.
- (6) In this section:

**possession**, of a credit card or debit card, includes having the card under control in any place, whether or not another person has the custody of the card.

### **33F            Exemptions**

The Commission may, on application made to it by a licensee, exempt the licensee from a condition prescribed by this Division.

### **33G            Deciding application**

- (1) In deciding whether to grant the application, the Commission must have regard to the prescribed factors.
- (2) The Commission may make the enquiries it considers appropriate to decide whether to grant the application.
- (3) The Commission may give an exemption on the conditions it considers appropriate.



- (4) The conditions must be stated in the exemption.

**33H        Notice of decision**

- (1) The Commission must give the licensee written notice of its decision on the application.
- (2) If the Commission refuses the application or grants the application but gives an exemption on conditions, the notice must state:
- (a) the reasons for the decision; and
  - (b) the applicant may, under Part 4 of the *Northern Territory Licensing Commission Act*, apply to the Commission for a review of the decision.

**33I        Compliance with conditions**

A licensee must comply with the conditions of the licensee's exemption.

**Division 4        Surrender of licence**

**39        Surrender of licence**

- (1) Subject to this section, a licensee may surrender his licence by lodging it with the Director.
- (1A) The surrender of a licence shall not have effect until it is accepted by the Commission.
- (1B) The Commission shall accept the surrender of a licence if it is satisfied that all persons who have an interest in the licensed premises to which the licence relates have been given by the licensee not less than 2 weeks notice of the licensee's intention to surrender the licence.
- (2) Upon the acceptance by the Commission of the surrender of a licence, the person whose licence is surrendered shall cease to be a licensee, but shall remain liable for:
- (a) an act or omission done, caused, permitted or made by him prior to the surrender; and
  - (b) a liability incurred by him under this Act prior to the surrender.

## **Division 5            Transfer of licence**

### **40            Transfer of licence**

- (1) Subject to this Act and the Regulations, a licence may be transferred from the holder for the time being of the licence to another person.
- (2) A transfer of a licence does not take effect until the Commission authorizes the transfer or until such later date as the Commission specifies.

### **41            Application for transfer**

- (1) The person to whom it is proposed to transfer a licence shall lodge an application for the transfer of the licence with the Director in a form approved by the Commission and accompanied by a fee of \$2.
- (2) The provisions of sections 25, 26A and 28 apply to and in relation to an application for the transfer of a licence as if that application were an application for the grant of a licence under section 24.

### **43            Consideration of application**

The Commission shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, consider an application for the transfer of a licence and after such consideration, having regard to the objects of this Act:

- (a) authorize the transfer of the licence; or
- (b) refuse the application and direct the Director to forward notice of the refusal, together with a statement of the reasons for refusal, to:
  - (i) the holder for the time being of the licence; and
  - (ii) the person to whom it was proposed to transfer the licence.

### **44            Director may be directed to apply for cancellation**

Where an application for the transfer of a licence is refused, the Commission may direct the Director to apply in accordance with section 68(b) for the cancellation of that licence upon one or more of the grounds set out in section 72 or on the ground that the cancellation is in the public interest.

**45            Certificate of transfer**

Where the Commission authorizes the transfer of a licence, the Director shall issue a certificate of transfer in a form approved by the Commission to the applicant.

**46            Liabilities and privileges of transferor and transferee**

Upon the issue of the certificate of transfer pursuant to section 45:

- (a) the applicant shall have and may exercise the same privileges and be subject to the same liabilities and penalties as if the licence transferred to him had been originally granted to him; and
- (b) the person whose licence is transferred shall cease to be a licensee, but shall remain liable for an act or omission done, caused, permitted or made by him prior to the transfer.

**46A          Substitution of premises**

- (1) A licensee may apply to the Commission in a form approved by the Commission for the substitution of other premises (***new premises***) for the premises specified in a licence held by the licensee.
- (2) The applicant must, within 28 days of lodging the application, cause notice of the application to be published in a newspaper or newspapers nominated by the Commission.
- (3) The notice must:
  - (a) include a description in sufficient detail to identify the location of the proposed new premises;
  - (b) include a description of the nature of any business associated with the licence that it is proposed to conduct on the proposed new premises;
  - (c) contain any other particulars determined by the Commission; and
  - (d) be not less than a size determined by the Commission.
- (4) Where:
  - (a) the application is with respect to proposed new premises located in a community government area; and

- (b) the community government council for that community government area has the power to make by-laws with respect to liquor,

the Director must, as soon as reasonably practicable, inform the clerk of the community government council that the application has been made.

(5) Where:

- (a) no objection to the application is lodged with the Director pursuant to section 47F; or
- (b) such an objection has been dismissed under Part IV,

the Commission must, as soon as reasonably practicable, consider the application.

(6) After considering the application, the Commission must, having regard to the objects of this Act:

- (a) approve the application and substitute the new premises in the licence held by the applicant;
- (b) refuse the application and direct the Director to forward notice of the refusal together with a statement of the reasons for refusal to the applicant; or
- (c) conduct a hearing in relation to the application.

(7) After the Commission has conducted a hearing under Part IV or subsection (6)(c), the Commission must take action of a kind described in subsection (6)(a) or (b) in addition to any action it may take under Part IV.

#### **47        Acting licensee**

- (1) Subject to subsection (3), where a licensee is, or is expected to be, unable for any reason to conduct the business of a licensee, the licensee shall appoint a person to act in his place during his inability to conduct the business of a licensee.
- (2) A licensee shall notify the Commission of the full name, address and occupation of a person appointed under subsection (1) before the expiration of 3 days after the date of the appointment.
- (2A) A notification under subsection (2) shall be:
  - (a) in writing and posted to or lodged with; or

- (b) by telegram or telex addressed to,  
  
the Director.
- (3) Where a licensee is unable for any reason to appoint a person to act for him during his inability to conduct the business of a licensee, the Commission may appoint a person to act in place of the licensee during the period that the licensee is unable to conduct the business of a licensee.
- (4) Unless the Commission otherwise determines, a person appointed under subsection (1) or (3) shall not act in place of a licensee for more than 42 days during any period of 12 months that the licence is in force.
- (5) Where:
  - (a) a licensee's inability to conduct the business of a licensee is, or is expected to be, permanent; and
  - (b) an application for transfer of the licence of that licensee is not made in accordance with section 41 within the period referred to in subsection (4) of this section,the Commission shall cancel that licence at the expiration of that period, unless arrangements which are satisfactory to the Commission are made during that period to conduct the business of the licensee.
- (6) A person appointed to act in place of a licensee has all the rights, powers, authorities, functions, duties and obligations of a licensee under this Act.

#### **47A        Continuation of licence after death**

- (1) Where a licensee dies, his licence shall continue in force:
  - (a) for the unexpired portion of the period of the licence, including the period, if any, as varied under subsection (2); or
  - (b) until the licence is cancelled under section 47B,whichever first occurs.
- (2) Where a licensee dies or becomes bankrupt, the Commission may vary the period of the licence as it thinks fit.

**47B        Licence to lapse in certain circumstances**

Where a licensee:

- (a) dies; or
- (b) becomes bankrupt, applies to take the benefit of a law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors or makes an assignment of his property, interest or remuneration for the benefit of his creditors,

and the Commission is not satisfied that adequate arrangements have been made for the conduct of the business of the licensee, the Commission may cancel the licence at the expiration of 7 days after the date of the death, declaration of bankruptcy, application or assignment, as the case may be.

**47C        Conduct of business after death**

A person who is:

- (a) the legal representative of a deceased licensee;
- (b) a member of a deceased licensee's family who has attained the age of 18 years; or
- (c) the representative of a person or class of persons claiming an entitlement in the estate of a deceased licensee,

may, in a form approved by the Commission, apply to the Commission for approval to conduct the business of the licensee.

**47D        Conduct of business after bankruptcy, &c.**

- (1) Where a licensee becomes bankrupt, applies to take the benefit of a law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors or makes an assignment of his property, interest or remuneration for the benefit of his creditors:
  - (a) he shall notify the Commission of that fact; and
  - (b) the person who is the trustee, assignee or other person in whom the estate of the licensee becomes vested may apply to the Commission for approval to conduct the business of the licensee.
- (2) A notification or an application under subsection (1) shall be in a form approved by the Commission and lodged within 7 days after the licensee is declared bankrupt or makes an application to take the benefit of a law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors or

makes an assignment of his property, interest or remuneration for the benefit of his creditors, as the case may be.

**47E Licensee by endorsement**

- (1) Where the Commission considers an application under section 47C or 47D and is satisfied that the applicant is a suitable person to conduct the business of the deceased licensee or licensee, it may endorse the name of the applicant on the licence as a person who may conduct the business of the deceased licensee or licensee, as the case may be.
- (2) A person whose name is endorsed on a licence under subsection (1) shall be deemed to be the licensee for the period in which the licence continues in force under section 47A.
- (4) The Commission may authorize the transfer of a licence from a person deemed to be a licensee under subsection (2) to the person on his own behalf.

**Part IV Objections and complaints**

**47F Person may object to certain applications**

- (1) Subject to this section, a person, organisation or group may make an objection to the following applications:
  - (a) an application for the grant of a licence, as notified under section 27;
  - (b) an application for a variation of the conditions of a licence, as notified under section 32A;
  - (c) an application for the substitution of other premises for the premises specified in a licence, as notified under section 46A;
  - (d) an application for approval to make a material alteration to licensed premises, as notified under section 119.
- (2) The objection may only be made on the ground that the grant of the licence, variation of conditions, substitution of other premises or material alteration may or will adversely affect:
  - (a) the amenity of the neighbourhood where the premises the subject of the application are or will be located; or
  - (b) health, education, public safety or social conditions in the community.

- (3) Only the following persons, organisations or groups may make an objection under subsection (1):
- (a) a person residing or working in the neighbourhood where the premises the subject of the application are or will be located;
  - (b) a person holding an estate in fee simple in land, or a lease over land, in the neighbourhood where the premises the subject of the application are or will be located;
  - (c) a member or employee of the Police Force acting in that capacity;
  - (d) a member or employee of the Fire and Rescue Service within the meaning of the *Fire and Emergency Act* acting in that capacity;
  - (e) an Agency or public authority that performs functions relating to public amenities, including health, education and public safety;
  - (f) a community-based organisation or group (for example, a local action group or a charity).
- (4) An objection under subsection (1) is to:
- (a) be in writing;
  - (b) be signed by or on behalf of the person, organisation or group making the objection;
  - (c) set out the facts relied on by the person, organisation or group to constitute the ground on which the objection is made; and
  - (d) be lodged with the Director within 30 days after the publication of the notice or the last of the notices referred to in section 27, 32A, 46A or 119 (as applicable).
- (5) If an objection is lodged by post, the objection is taken to be duly lodged with the Director if it is delivered to an office of Australia Post for transmission to the office of the Director within the period referred to in subsection (4)(d).

#### **47G Applicant to be given opportunity to reply to objection**

If an objection to an application is lodged with the Director under section 47F, the Director must, within 5 days after the expiry of the 30 day period referred to in section 47F(4)(d), inform the applicant to whom the objection relates of the substance of the objection and give the applicant sufficient opportunity to provide a written reply to



the objection.

**47H Facts specified as constituting objection delimits inquiry etc. in relation to objection**

A person, organisation or group who or which objects to an application under section 47F may not, in the course of any determination, inquiry, review or hearing under this Act or the *Northern Territory Licensing Commission Act* in relation to the person's, organisation's or group's objection, rely on any facts other than the facts specified in the objection as the facts constituting the ground on which the objection is made.

**47I Decision on whether objection to proceed to hearing**

- (1) The Director must forward an objection and the reply to the objection (if any) to the Chairperson.
- (2) On receiving the objection and the reply to the objection, the Chairperson must select a member to consider the substance of the objection.
- (3) The member selected under subsection (2):
  - (a) must consider the objection and the reply to the objection;
  - (b) may inquire into any circumstance relating to the objection as he or she considers appropriate; and
  - (c) must:
    - (i) dismiss the objection if satisfied that the objection:
      - (A) is of a frivolous, irrelevant or malicious nature; or
      - (B) does not describe circumstances that may or will adversely affect the amenity of the neighbourhood or health, education, public safety or social conditions in the community; or
    - (ii) determine that the Commission must conduct a hearing in relation to the objection and forward the objection, reply to the objection and his or her findings in relation to the objection to the Commission.
- (4) If the member dismisses the objection under subsection (3)(c)(i), he or she must direct the Director to inform the person, organisation or group who made the objection that the objection has been dismissed.

- (5) The Director must inform the person, organisation or group that the objection has been dismissed by notice in writing as soon as practicable after receiving the member's direction.
- (6) The notice to the person, organisation or group is to include the member's reasons for dismissing the objection.
- (7) If the member determines under subsection (3)(c)(ii) that the Commission must conduct a hearing, the Commission must conduct the hearing.

**47J      Review of member's decision to dismiss objection**

- (1) If a member dismisses an objection under section 47I(3)(c)(i), the person, organisation or group who made the objection may apply to the Commission for a review of the member's decision.
- (2) An application for review is to:
  - (a) be in writing;
  - (b) be signed by or on behalf of the person, organisation or group who made the objection;
  - (c) set out the grounds on which the application for review is made and the facts relied on to establish the grounds; and
  - (d) be lodged with the Director within 14 days after the person, organisation or group received notice of the member's decision to dismiss the objection.
- (3) The Commission must review the member's decision in a manner that is fair and expeditious and must give proper consideration to the issues.
- (4) After determining the review, the Commission must, by notice in writing to the person, organisation or group who applied for the review:
  - (a) affirm the member's decision to dismiss the objection; or
  - (b) revoke the member's decision and conduct a hearing in relation to the objection.
- (5) If the Commission affirms the member's decision, the Commission must specify its reasons for doing so in the notice.
- (6) A decision of the Commission under subsection (4):
  - (a) is not a decision referred to in section 56; and

- (b) may be reviewed under Part 4 of the *Northern Territory Licensing Commission Act*.

#### **48 Complaints**

- (2) A person may make a complaint regarding any matter arising out of the conduct of the business at licensed premises or the conduct of a licensee in relation to the business of a licensee, or that a licensee is not a fit and proper person to hold a licence.
- (3) A complaint under this section shall:
  - (a) be in writing;
  - (b) be signed by the person by whom the complaint was made; and
  - (c) be lodged with the Director.
- (6) Where a complaint is lodged with the Director under this section, he or she must, as soon as is reasonably practicable:
  - (a) inform the licensee of the substance of the complaint and give the licensee an opportunity to comment in writing on the substance of the complaint;
  - (b) conduct the investigations of the substance of the complaint as he or she considers appropriate; and
  - (c) forward the comments (if any) he or she receives pursuant to paragraph (a) and the results of his or her investigations under paragraph (b) to the Commission.

#### **48A Power to suspend licence or impose or vary conditions**

- (1) The Commission may, on its own motion in an emergency or pending the investigation of a complaint under section 48, but subject to subsection (2), suspend a licence, or impose or vary a condition of a licence, where in its opinion it is in the public interest to do so.
- (2) Without derogating from the Commission's powers elsewhere given in this Act, action of the Commission taken under subsection (1) has no effect after the expiration of 7 days after the action is taken.

**49 Decision on consideration of complaint**

- (1) If the Commission is of the opinion that further investigations of a complaint are desirable, the Commission may direct the Director to conduct such further investigations as the Commission specifies and report the results of the investigations to the Commission.
- (2) The Commission must consider a complaint, the report or reports of the Director and any comments forwarded to the Commission under section 48(6) and must:
  - (a) if the Commission is of the opinion that the complaint is of a frivolous, irrelevant or malicious nature – dismiss the complaint and direct the Director to inform the person who made the complaint that the complaint has been dismissed;
  - (b) direct the Director to inform the person who made the complaint that the complaint has been investigated but no further action is warranted; or
  - (c) conduct a hearing in relation to the complaint.
- (4) Where the Commission conducts a hearing in relation to a complaint pursuant to subsection (2)(c), the Commission may, in addition to any other action the Commission may or is required to take under the provisions of this Act, after that hearing:
  - (a) amend the conditions of a licence or vary the type of licence;
  - (b) in accordance with section 65, by notice in writing, direct the licensee to take, or to refrain from taking, within such time as the Commission shall in that notice specify, a specified action; or
  - (c) defer further consideration of the complaint for such period and subject to such conditions, including that an application for the transfer of the licence be lodged, as the Commission thinks fit.

**49A Licence may be suspended if drug premises order made**

- (1) The Commissioner of Police may apply to the Commission in the approved form for the suspension of a licence in respect of licensed premises that are drug premises within the meaning of the *Misuse of Drugs Act*.
- (2) The Commission must conduct a hearing in relation to an application under subsection (1) within 28 days after the application is made.

- (3) At a hearing in relation to an application under subsection (1), the Commission is to have regard to the matters it thinks fit, including:
  - (a) the material before the Local Court when the drug premises order in relation to the premises was made; and
  - (b) evidence of the steps, if any, taken by the licensee, before or after the making of the order, to ensure that dangerous drugs are not supplied on the premises by an employee or agent of the licensee.
- (4) At the conclusion of a hearing in relation to an application under subsection (1), the Commission may suspend the licence if it is of the opinion that:
  - (a) suspension of the licence is necessary for the protection of the public; or
  - (b) the circumstances of the case are of sufficient gravity to justify the suspension of the licence.
- (5) A suspension may be imposed under subsection (4) for a period of not more than 14 days specified by the Commission.
- (6) The Commission must serve notice of a decision under this section on the Commissioner of Police and the licensee.
- (7) The suspension of a licence under subsection (4) has effect on and from:
  - (a) the date on which the licensee receives the notice referred to in subsection (6); or
  - (b) another later date that the Commission specifies in the notice.
- (8) This section does not prevent the Commission taking any other action that it is permitted to take under this Act in relation to premises to which a drug premises order relates.

## **Part V                      Hearings**

### **50                      Commission to conduct hearing in certain circumstances**

- (1) In addition to the circumstances where, under this Act, the Commission may, or is required to, conduct a hearing, the Commission shall conduct a hearing where:
  - (a) an applicant for a licence requests a hearing after his or her application has been refused without a hearing;

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- (b) the holder for the time being of a licence or a person to whom it was proposed to transfer the licence, requests a hearing after an application for transfer of the licence has been refused without a hearing;
  - (c) a licensee requests a hearing in relation to the conditions of his or her licence where the licence was issued without a hearing;
  - (d) a licensee requests a hearing after an application for a variation of the conditions of his or her licence has been refused without a hearing; or
  - (e) a licensee requests a hearing after approval of a material alteration has been refused without a hearing.
- (2) After the Commission has conducted a hearing pursuant to subsection (1), the Commission may, having regard to the objects of this Act:
- (a) affirm, set aside or vary the decision made without a hearing; and
  - (b) make such other order as it thinks fit.

## **51 Procedure at hearing**

- (1) Where a hearing is to be conducted under this Act, the Chairperson shall fix a time and place for the hearing.
- (2) The Chairperson shall cause notice of the time and place fixed for the hearing, together with copies of all documents relating to the subject-matter of the hearing and which have been lodged with the Director under this Act, to be given to the parties not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the hearing.
- (2A) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 13(2), at a hearing under this Act the Commission may be constituted by:
  - (a) one member (whether or not the Chairperson); or
  - (b) 3 members,

selected by the Chairperson, and, where the Chairperson is not one of the 3 members referred to in paragraph (b), the member nominated by the Chairperson shall preside at the hearing.

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- (3) At a hearing under this Act:
- (a) the procedure shall be within the discretion of the Commission;
  - (b) the Commission may take unsworn evidence or take evidence on oath or affirmation;
  - (c) the Commission shall give all parties an opportunity to be heard;
  - (d) the Commission shall not be bound by the rules of evidence but may inform itself in such manner as it thinks fit; and
  - (e) the member presiding may administer an oath or affirmation to a person who attends to give evidence.
- (4) The Commission may adjourn a hearing from time to time and from place to place.
- (5) Subject to subsection (6), a hearing shall be conducted in public.
- (6) If the Commission is of the opinion that the conduct of a hearing in public is likely to cause undue hardship to a person, it may direct that the hearing or part of the hearing be conducted in private.
- (7) Where the Commission has given a direction under subsection (6), a person shall not enter, or remain in, the room in which a hearing is taking place except with the permission of the Commission.
- (8) A party may be represented at a hearing by a legal practitioner, or by another person, who may examine witnesses and address the Commission on behalf of the person for whom he appears.
- (9) A legal practitioner appearing for a party at a hearing has the same protection and immunity as a legal practitioner has in appearing for a party in proceedings in the Supreme Court.
- (10) A witness who gives evidence at a hearing has the same protection as a witness has in giving evidence in proceedings in the Supreme Court.
- (10A) Where the Commission is constituted by one member, a party who is not satisfied with the decision of the Commission may apply, within 14 days after the decision, in writing to the Chairperson for a new hearing.
- (10B) Where a party applies, under subsection (10A), for a new hearing the Chairperson may, if he thinks fit, cause a new hearing to be held.

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- (10C) Where a new hearing is held, under subsection (10B), the Commission:
- (a) shall be constituted by not less than 3 members; and
  - (b) may make any decision that it could have made if a hearing had not previously been held.
- (10D) A decision by the Commission under subsection (10C) shall be in substitution for the decision made at the hearing by a single member in respect of which the new hearing is being held.
- (11) In this section, **party** means:
- (a) an applicant for the exercise of a power, authority or discretion of the Commission;
  - (b) a person who has made an objection or complaint under Part IV;
  - (c) a licensee who is, or a licensee of premises which are, the subject of an objection or complaint made under Part IV; or
  - (d) the holder for the time being of a licence in respect of which an application has been made under section 41 for the transfer of that licence,
- as the case requires.

## **52 Power to summon witnesses**

- (1) The Chairperson may, by writing under his hand, summon a person to attend a hearing at a time and place specified in the summons and then and there to give evidence and produce books and other documents in his custody as he is required by the summons to produce.
- (2) A summons under subsection (1) may be served:
  - (a) personally;
  - (b) by sending it by post to the person at the place of abode or business of the person that is last known to the Chairperson; or
  - (c) by leaving it at that place of abode or business with a person who has apparently attained 16 years of age.



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**53 Failure to attend or produce documents**

- (1) A person served with a summons to attend a hearing shall not refuse or fail, without reasonable excuse:
  - (a) to attend at the hearing; or
  - (b) subject to subsection (2), to produce at the hearing the books or other documents in his custody or control that he is required to produce by the summons.

Penalty: \$200.

- (2) It is a defence to a charge in respect of a refusal or failure, without reasonable excuse, to produce at a hearing a book or other document if the accused proves that the book or other document was not relevant to the matter the subject of the hearing.

**54 Refusal to be sworn or give evidence**

- (1) A person appearing as a witness at a hearing shall not refuse to be sworn or to make an affirmation or to answer a question relevant to the proceedings put to him by a member.

Penalty: \$200.

- (2) A statement or disclosure made before the Commission by a witness is not, except in proceedings for giving false testimony at a hearing, admissible in evidence in civil or criminal proceedings.

**55 Member may inspect books, &c.**

- (1) A member may inspect books or other documents produced at a hearing and shall return them as soon as practicable after the completion of the hearing.
- (2) A member may make copies of such portions of those books or other documents as are relevant to a matter before a hearing.

**56 Decision of Commission to be final**

Subject to section 51, where a hearing has been conducted by the Commission under this Act, a decision of the Commission:

- (a) shall be final and conclusive; and
- (b) shall not be challenged, appealed against, reviewed, quashed or called into question in any court.

## **Part VI                      Special licences**

### **57                      Special licences**

Subject to this Act, a special licence authorizes the holder to sell liquor:

- (a) during the period or periods;
- (b) on or at the premises; and
- (c) subject to the conditions,  
specified in the special licence.

### **58                      Application for special licence**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), an application for the grant of a special licence shall be:
  - (a) lodged with the Director not later than 7 days before the date or the first date in respect of which the application is made;
  - (b) in a form approved by the Commission.
- (2) The Director may, at his discretion, accept an application for the grant of a special licence which does not comply with provisions of subsection (1).

### **59                      Conditions of special licence**

The Commission may issue, or approve the issue of, a special licence to an applicant subject to such conditions as it thinks fit.

### **60                      Issue of special licence by Director**

- (1) Subject to section 61, where an application for a special licence has been made in accordance with section 58, the Director shall, upon payment of a fee of \$20, issue a special licence to the applicant.
- (2) A special licence issued under subsection (1) shall:
  - (a) be in a form approved by the Commission; and
  - (b) be subject to such conditions as may be determined by the Commission under section 59.

**61 Application to be submitted to Commission in certain circumstances**

Where:

- (a) an application for a special licence relates to a period or periods which in total exceed 10 hours on more than one day, where a day is a period of 24 hours ending at 2 o'clock in the morning; or
- (b) the Director is of the opinion that there are facts or circumstances by reason of which it is desirable that the Commission considers an application for a special licence,

the Director shall submit the application to the Commission.

**62 Decision on consideration by Commission**

- (1) Where an application for a special licence has been submitted to the Commission pursuant to section 61, the Commission shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, consider the application.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the Commission may conduct such investigations and cause to be conducted such investigations as it thinks fit.
- (3) After considering an application for a special licence, the Commission shall:
  - (a) issue a special licence in a form approved by the Commission subject to such conditions as are determined by it under section 59; or
  - (b) refuse the application and direct the Director to forward notice of the refusal together with a statement of the reasons for refusal to the applicant.

**63 Revocation of special licence**

A special licence may be revoked by the Commission at its discretion.

**64 Application of certain provisions to special licences**

Divisions 1 and 2 of Part VII, Part IX with the exception of sections 104(3)(e), (f), 106, 111, 112 and 113, Parts X and XI, with such alterations as the circumstances may require, apply to and in relation to the holder of a special licence and the premises in respect of which a special licence is issued as if that holder of a special licence were a licensee and those premises were licensed

premises.

## **Part VII            Control of conduct of licensees**

### **Division 1        Directions to licensees**

#### **65            Commission's power to give directions**

Where a licensee:

- (a) has contravened or failed to comply with a condition of his licence;
- (b) has permitted or suffered the premises in respect of which he holds a licence to be so used as to cause undue disturbance or inconvenience to:
  - (i) persons who are lawfully on or at those premises; or
  - (ii) persons who reside in the neighbourhood of those premises; or
- (c) has contravened or failed to comply with a provision of this Act or a law of the Territory which regulates, in any manner, the sale or consumption of liquor or the location, construction or facilities of premises which are used for such a purpose,

the Commission may, from time to time by notice in writing, direct the licensee to take, or to refrain from taking, within such time as the Commission shall in that notice specify, a specified action to rectify or minimize the effects of:

- (d) the licensee's contravention or failure to comply, referred to in paragraph (a) or (c); or
- (e) the undue disturbance or inconvenience, referred to in paragraph (b),

as the case may be.

#### **66            Commission's power to suspend licence**

- (1) The Commission may, by notice in writing, suspend the licence of a licensee where:
  - (a) the Commission:
    - (i) gives a direction to the licensee under section 49(4)(b) or 65; and

- (ii) is of the opinion that suspension of the licence is necessary for the protection of the public;
  - (b) the licensee has contravened or failed to comply with his licence, this Act or the Regulations and the Commission is satisfied that the contravention or failure is of sufficient gravity to justify the suspension of the licence; or
  - (c) the licensed premises are not being used for the sale or supply of liquor.
- (2) The suspension of a licence under subsection (1) shall have effect on and from:
- (a) the date on which the licensee receives the notice referred to in that subsection; or
  - (b) such other date as the Commission may specify in the notice.
- (3) A licence which is suspended under subsection (1) shall have no effect until that suspension is revoked by the Commission.
- (4) Where:
- (a) the Commission has, under subsection (1), suspended the licence of a licensee to whom a direction has been given under section 49(4)(b) or 65; and
  - (b) the licensee has complied with that direction,
- the Commission may revoke the suspension of the licence.
- (5) The Commission may, if it thinks fit, either before or after the expiration of a period fixed under section 49(4)(b) or 65, extend that period.

## **Division 2      Guidelines**

### **67      Guidelines**

Subject to the approval of the Minister, the Commission may publish guidelines with respect to the operation of this Act and the Regulations in any manner that is, in its opinion, convenient, to assist:

- (a) licensees;
- (b) persons who may wish to apply for a licence; or
- (c) members of the public generally.

## **Division 3      Cancellation of licences**

### **68      Compulsory applications**

Where:

- (a) it comes to the notice of the Director that:
  - (i) a licensee is serving a sentence of imprisonment imposed in respect of his conviction for an offence; or
  - (ii) a licensee has been found guilty of an offence against this Act; or
- (b) the Commission directs the Director under section 44 to apply for the cancellation of a licence,

the Director shall make an application to the Commission for an order under this Division.

### **69      Other applications**

Where it appears to the Director that there is a ground other than section 68(a) or (b) upon which the Commission would be authorized to cancel a licence, the Director may make an application to the Commission for an order under this Division.

### **70      Procedure of application**

- (1) An application for an order under this Division shall be delivered by the Director to the Chairperson together with a statement signed by the Director and setting out:
  - (a) particulars of the ground or grounds upon which the application is made; and
  - (b) the facts relied upon by the Director to constitute that ground or each of those grounds, as the case may be.
- (2) The Director shall forward a copy of the statement referred to in subsection (1) to the licensee who is the subject of an application for an order under this Division.

## **71 Consideration by Commission**

The Commission shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, consider an application for an order under this Division and shall:

- (a) dismiss the application, where the Commission is of the opinion that the facts set out in the statement made by the Director pursuant to section 70 would not, if they were proved, establish any of the grounds upon which an application is made; or
- (b) conduct a hearing in relation to the application.

## **72 Cancellation of licence**

- (1) The Commission, after conducting a hearing, may, by order, cancel a licence where:
  - (a) the licensee is serving a sentence of imprisonment imposed in respect of his conviction for an offence;
  - (b) the licensee has been found guilty of an offence against this Act;
  - (c) the licensee has contravened or failed to comply with a direction of the Commission under section 49(4)(b) or 65; or
  - (d) the licensee has contravened or failed to comply with a condition of his licence.
- (2) The Commission shall not make an order upon the ground specified in subsection (1)(a) unless:
  - (a) the offence for which the licensee is serving a sentence of imprisonment is an offence against this Act; or
  - (b) the Commission is satisfied that the offence is of sufficient gravity to justify the cancellation of the licence.
- (3) The Commission shall not make an order upon the ground specified in subsection (1)(b) or (d) unless it is satisfied that:
  - (a) the offence of which the licensee has been found guilty or the contravention or failure to comply with the condition, as the case may be, is of sufficient gravity to justify the cancellation of the licence; and
  - (b) in all the circumstances, the matter is not one in which the giving of directions by the Commission would be likely to be effective to prevent the commission of further offences or

further contraventions or failures to comply with the condition, as the case may be, by the licensee.

- (4) The Commission shall not make an order upon the ground specified in subsection (1)(c) or (d) where the licensee satisfies the Commission that:
- (a) the contravention or failure to comply with the direction or condition, as the case may be, arose out of, or was occasioned by, the act or neglect of an employee of the licensee; and
  - (b) the licensee had given such directions to his employees, and had exercised or caused to be exercised such supervision of his employees, as were reasonably necessary to ensure that the licensee did not contravene, or fail to comply with, the direction of the Commission or a condition of his licence, as the case may be.
- (5) In addition to subsection (1), and notwithstanding anything in this Act which may be construed as qualifying or limiting the power of the Commission to cancel a licence, the Commission, after conducting a hearing, may, by order, cancel a licence where it is satisfied that:
- (a) licensed premises in respect of which the licence was granted have not been used for the sale or supply of liquor for a period of 90 days;
  - (b) subject to the payment of compensation, the presence of the licensed premises in respect of which the licence was granted no longer meets the needs or wishes of the community; or
  - (c) a licensee is not a fit and proper person to hold a licence.
- (6) For the purposes of subsection (5), and without limiting the generality of that subsection, a licensee is not a fit and proper person to hold a licence where:
- (a) the licensee is found guilty of an offence relating to the possession or supply of a drug for which offence, on being found guilty, a sentence of imprisonment may be imposed (whether or not a sentence of imprisonment is imposed); or
  - (b) subject to subsection (7), in a period of 12 months not less than 3 persons are found guilty of offences committed on the licensed premises to which the licence relates relating to the possession or supply of a drug and the licensee fails to satisfy the Commission that all reasonable steps were taken by the licensee to prevent those offences from taking place.



- (7) Where, as a result of the assistance of, or the providing of information by, a licensee or an employee of a licensee, a person is found guilty of an offence relating to the possession or supply of a drug which offence was committed on the licensed premises to which the licence relates, that finding of guilt shall not be taken into account for the purposes of subsection (6)(b).
- (8) The Commission shall, by order, cancel the licence of a licensee where it has thought fit to do so under section 124(2A).
- (9) The cancellation of a licence under subsection (8) shall have effect on the day specified in the order.

## **Part VIII            Restricted areas**

### **Division 1          Declaration of restricted area**

#### **73            Interpretation**

- (1) In this Part, **relevant area** means a specified area of land which is the subject of an application for that area to be declared a restricted area.
- (2) Where the Commission declares, under section 74(2), that a restricted area is restricted in respect of liquor other than a type of liquor, in this Part, **liquor** does not, in respect of that restricted area, include that type of liquor.

#### **74            Power to declare restricted area**

- (1) Subject to this Act, the Commission may declare that a specified area of land shall be a restricted area.
- (2) The Commission may, upon the declaration of a restricted area, declare that the restricted area is restricted in respect of liquor other than a specified type of liquor.

#### **75            Liquor not brought into, &c., restricted area**

- (1) Subject to this Part, a person shall not:
  - (a) bring liquor into;
  - (b) have liquor in his possession or under his control within; or
  - (c) consume, sell or otherwise dispose of liquor within,a restricted area.

(1A) Subsection (1), other than paragraph (c) so far as it relates to the sale of liquor in a restricted area, does not apply to liquor that is being or will be:

- (a) brought into a restricted area; and
- (b) administered within a restricted area,

for the purposes of worship associated with the celebration of the Holy Communion or any other religious service by a person approved by the Commission (for the purposes of paragraph (a) or (b) or of both (a) and (b)).

(2) In any proceeding for an offence against this section, a certificate, purporting to be signed by a person who claims in the certificate to be the Director or a Deputy Director, stating that a place was or was not, at a specified time, within a restricted area is evidence of the facts stated.

## **76 Application for declaration**

An application for a specified area of land to be declared a restricted area shall:

- (a) be lodged with the Director;
- (b) be in writing;
- (c) be signed by the applicant;
- (d) include a description of the relevant area in sufficient detail to enable the Commission to identify the location of the proposed restricted area;
- (e) include a statement of the applicant's reasons for desiring the relevant area to be declared a restricted area; and
- (f) if the applicant desires the relevant area to be declared a restricted area in respect of liquor other than a type of liquor – state the type of liquor.

## **77 Consideration of application**

- (1) The Commission shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, consider an application made under section 76 and shall:
  - (a) refuse the application where the Commission is of the opinion that the application is of a frivolous, irrelevant or malicious nature; or

- (b) conduct a hearing.
- (2) Where the Commission decides to conduct a hearing pursuant to subsection (1)(b), the Director shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, inform:
  - (a) each licensee whose licensed premises are located in the relevant area;
  - (b) each applicant for a licence whose premises, in respect of which a licence is sought, are located in the relevant area;
  - (c) each licensee who, in the opinion of the Director, may be affected adversely by a declaration of the relevant area to be a restricted area;
  - (d) where the relevant area forms the whole or part of a municipality – the clerk of the council for that municipality; and
  - (e) where the relevant area forms the whole or part of a community government area – the clerk of the community government council for that community government area,of the location of the relevant area and the time and place of the hearing.
- (3) A hearing pursuant to subsection (1)(b) shall be held:
  - (a) at a place within the relevant area; or
  - (b) at a place in the vicinity of the relevant area which, in the opinion of the Chairperson, is convenient for persons who may desire to express an opinion regarding an application in accordance with section 78.

## **78 Opinions regarding application**

- (1) A person may express an opinion regarding an application for a specified area of land to be declared a restricted area:
  - (a) by submitting an opinion in writing to the Chairperson; or
  - (b) subject to subsection (2), by appearing in person at a hearing conducted pursuant to section 77(1)(b).
- (2) Where a person notifies the Chairperson in writing, not later than 7 days before the date fixed for a hearing to be conducted pursuant to section 77(1)(b), that he wishes to be heard with respect to an application for a specified area of land to be declared a restricted area, he is entitled to appear before the Commission and to

express an opinion regarding the application.

**79 Commission to ascertain residents' opinions**

- (1) Where the Commission decides to conduct a hearing pursuant to section 77(1)(b), the Chairperson shall, prior to that hearing, take all such steps as are, in his opinion, necessary to:
  - (a) inform the people who reside in the relevant area of the time and place of the hearing;
  - (b) inform such people that a person may express an opinion regarding the application in accordance with section 78;
  - (c) ascertain opinions of such people regarding the application;
  - (d) where the relevant area forms the whole or part of a municipality – ascertain the advice of the council for that municipality regarding the application; and
  - (e) where the relevant area forms the whole or part of a community government area – ascertain the advice of the community government council for that community government area regarding the application.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(c), the Commission may conduct such investigations and cause to be conducted such investigations as it thinks fit.

**80 Commission to consider opinions expressed regarding application**

In deciding whether to grant an application for an area of land to be declared a restricted area, the Commission shall:

- (a) consider the opinions regarding that application expressed or ascertained pursuant to sections 78, 79(1)(c) and (2); and
- (b) where the relevant area forms the whole or part of a municipality or a community government area – consider any advice regarding the application ascertained pursuant to section 79(1)(d) or (e), as the case may be.

## **81      Decision after hearing**

- (1) Subject to section 80, after the Commission has conducted a hearing in relation to an application for an area of land to be declared a restricted area, the Commission must, have regard to the objects of this Act:
  - (a) refuse to declare the relevant area to be a restricted area and direct the Director to forward notice of the refusal together with a statement of the reasons for refusal to the applicant;
  - (b) declare an area of land to be a restricted area; or
  - (c) declare an area of land to be a restricted area in respect of liquor other than a type of liquor.
- (2) A declaration by the Commission under subsection (1)(b) or (1)(c) may be in relation to:
  - (a) the relevant area; or
  - (b) land that in area is equal to, greater than or less than the relevant area.
- (3) The land referred to in subsection (2)(b) shall include a part of the relevant area.

## **82      Notice of declaration**

- (1) The Commission shall, within 14 days of declaring an area of land to be a restricted area, cause to be published in the *Gazette* and in a newspaper or newspapers nominated by the Commission notice of the fact that the declaration has been made.
- (2) The notice of the declaration shall include:
  - (a) a description of the restricted area in sufficient detail to identify the location of that area of land;
  - (aa) if the restricted area is restricted in respect of liquor other than a type of liquor – a statement to that effect identifying the type of liquor;
  - (b) a copy of section 75; and
  - (c) such other particulars as may be determined by the Commission.

**83 Commencement of declaration**

A declaration of an area of land to be a restricted area shall have effect on and from:

- (a) the date of the publication of the notice referred to in section 82 in the *Gazette*;
  - (b) the date on which it is published in a newspaper or newspapers in accordance with that section; or
  - (c) such date as is specified in the declaration,
- whichever is the latest.

**84 Revocation of declaration**

A declaration of an area of land to be a restricted area may be revoked by the Commission at its discretion.

**85 Commission to ensure publicity of declaration**

Where an area of land is declared to be a restricted area, the Commission shall take all such steps as are, in its opinion, necessary to cause to be posted and to be kept posted at:

- (a) the place where a road or other customary access route enters the restricted area; and
- (b) the customary departure locations for aircraft flying into the restricted area,

a notice stating that it is an offence to bring liquor into, to be in possession or control of liquor or to consume, sell or otherwise dispose of liquor within the area.

**86 Not an offence to transport liquor through restricted area**

- (1) It shall not be an offence under section 75 where a person brings liquor into, or has liquor in his possession or under his control within, a restricted area, for the purpose only of transporting that liquor to a destination outside a restricted area.
- (2) In any proceedings for an offence under section 75, the onus of establishing a purpose of a nature referred to in subsection (1) shall be on the accused.

## **Division 2      Permits**

### **87      Commission may grant permits**

- (1) Subject to this Part, the Commission may grant a permit to a person:
  - (a) who resides in; or
  - (b) who is temporarily living in, or intends to temporarily live in, a restricted area.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), the holder of a permit may:
  - (a) bring liquor into;
  - (b) have liquor in his possession or under his control within; or
  - (c) consume liquor within,the restricted area to which the permit relates.
- (3) The Commission may issue a permit subject to such conditions as it thinks fit.

### **88      Guest of permit holder may consume liquor**

A person who:

- (a) does not reside in the restricted area to which a permit relates; and
- (b) is a guest of the holder of a permit on or at premises which are owned or occupied by that holder of a permit,

may consume liquor at the invitation of that holder of a permit on or at those premises.

### **89      Person may deliver liquor to permit holder at his request**

A person may, at the request of the holder of a permit:

- (a) bring liquor which is owned by, or ordered under a contract of purchase by, that holder of a permit into; or
  - (b) have such liquor in his possession or under his control within,
- the restricted area to which the permit relates, for the purpose only of delivering the liquor to that holder of a permit.

**90            Application for permit**

- (1) An application for a permit may be made by a person referred to in section 87(1).
- (2) An application pursuant to subsection (1) shall:
  - (a) be lodged with the Director;
  - (b) be in writing;
  - (c) be signed by the applicant; and
  - (d) include a statement of the applicant's reasons for desiring a permit.

**91            Consideration of application**

- (1) The Commission shall consider an application for a permit and shall:
  - (a) conduct such investigations and cause to be conducted such investigations of the application as it thinks fit; and
  - (b) take all such steps as are, in its opinion, necessary to ascertain opinions regarding the application of the people who reside in the restricted area to which the application relates.
- (2) In deciding whether to grant an application for a permit, the Commission shall consider the results of any investigations under subsection (1)(a) and the opinions ascertained pursuant to subsection (1)(b).

**92            Decision after consideration**

Subject to section 91(2), after considering an application for a permit, the Commission shall:

- (a) issue a permit in a form approved by the Commission, subject to such conditions as are determined by the Commission under section 87(3); or
- (b) refuse the application and direct the Director to forward notice of the refusal together with a statement of the reasons for refusal to the applicant.



**93 Permit revoked on breach of condition**

Where the holder of a permit contravenes or fails to comply with a condition of his permit, in addition to any penalty to which he may be subject for an offence against section 75(1) as a consequence of that contravention or failure:

- (a) that permit shall be revoked forthwith; and
- (b) the holder of that permit shall surrender it to an inspector or a member of the Police Force upon demand made by that inspector or member of the Police Force.

**94 Revocation of permit by Commission**

A permit may be revoked by the Commission at its discretion.

**Division 3 Seizure and forfeiture**

**95 Powers of search and seizure**

- (1) Where an inspector is satisfied that there is reasonable ground for suspecting that an offence against this Part has been, is being or is likely to be committed, he may, without warrant, and with such assistance as he thinks necessary:
  - (a) enter, with such force as is reasonably necessary, at any time, any premises, vehicle, vessel, aircraft or place and for that purpose, stop and detain any vehicle, vessel or aircraft;
  - (b) search the premises, vehicle, vessel, aircraft or place and any person found in or on them or it and any person whom he reasonably believes to be about to enter or to have recently left the premises, vehicle, vessel, aircraft or place;
  - (c) break open and search any cupboard, drawer, chest, trunk, box, cage, package or other receptacle, whether a fixture or not, in or on the premises, vehicle, vessel, aircraft or place;
  - (d) seize, take, detain, remove and secure any vehicle, vessel or aircraft, or any receptacle containing liquor, or any receptacle that he reasonably believes to contain liquor, or any thing that he finds on any premises, vehicle, vessel, aircraft or place or on any person searched, if he has reasonable grounds to believe that it is evidence of or otherwise relates to any offence that has been or is being committed against this Part;

- (e) require the master or other person in charge of a vehicle, vessel or aircraft to cause it to stop or to bring it to a place in the Territory and to remain in control of it at that place until an inspector permits him to depart from that place;
  - (f) stop, detain and search any person upon whom he believes, on reasonable grounds, that there is something that is evidence of or otherwise relates to an offence against this Part; and
  - (g) take such action as is reasonably necessary to prevent the commission of an offence against this Part.
- (2) Before commencing a search under subsection (1), if there is a person who is or appears to be in charge of the premises, vehicle, vessel, aircraft or place, an inspector shall produce his identity card, issued under section 18(3), to that person and to any person he is about to search.
- (3) A person shall not refuse or fail to comply with a requirement made by an inspector under subsection (1)(e).
- (4) A female shall not be searched under this section except by a female.
- (5) This section, other than subsection (2), applies to and in relation to a member of the Police Force as if the member were an inspector.
- (6) In this section **enter**, in relation to a vehicle, vessel or aircraft, includes board.

## **96 Forfeiture**

- (1) A thing seized under this Part and not released under section 100A is forfeited to the Territory if a person is found guilty of an offence in connection with which it was seized.
- (2) A thing seized under this Part and not released under section 100A is forfeited to the Territory if:
- (a) the owner of the thing is charged with an offence in connection with which it was seized;
  - (b) the owner fails to appear before the court at the trial in relation to that charge, a warrant to apprehend the owner is issued and the trial adjourned; and
  - (c) the owner is not brought before the court within 30 days of the issue of the warrant to apprehend.

- (3) A thing seized under this Part and not released under section 100A is forfeited to the Territory if:
- (a) a person other than the owner of the thing is charged with an offence in connection with which it was seized;
  - (a) the person fails to appear before the court at the trial in relation to that charge; and
  - (b) a warrant to apprehend the person is issued.
- (4) A forfeiture under this section is in addition to and not part of a penalty imposed under this Part.

**97 Delivery of thing seized to Chairperson**

A thing seized under this Part shall, as soon as practicable, be delivered to the Chairperson by the inspector or member of the Police Force who seized it.

**98 Claim to be made to Chairperson**

Where a thing seized is delivered to the Chairperson, if no prosecution is instituted within 30 days in respect of the use or possession of the thing or, if the thing seized is liquor, in respect of the carriage, possession, control, sale or other disposal of the liquor, the Chairperson shall, by notice in writing, require the person from whom the thing was seized or a person appearing to the Chairperson to be the owner of the thing to claim delivery to him of the thing seized.

**99 Forfeit if no claim**

If no claim is made within 30 days of the date of service of the notice referred to in section 98, the thing seized is forfeited.

**100 Claims to be dealt with summarily**

Where a person served with a notice under section 98 makes a claim for the delivery to him of a thing seized under this Part, the Chairperson shall refer the claim to a court of summary jurisdiction which may deal with the claim in all respects as if it were a claim made by a claimant of property under section 130B of the *Justices Act*.

**100A Release of seized vehicle, &c., pending prosecution**

- (1) The owner or other person who, but for its being seized, would be entitled to possession of a vehicle, vessel or aircraft seized under this Part may, before the trial of a person for the alleged offence in

connection with which it was seized, apply to the Minister for its release to the owner or that other person, as the case may be.

- (2) The Minister may, in his absolute discretion, after considering the recommendations of the Chairperson and being satisfied that the applicant was not knowingly involved in the act constituting the alleged offence in connection with which it was seized and had no reason to suspect that the vehicle, vessel or aircraft might be used in connection with the commission of the alleged offence, release it to the applicant on such conditions relating to its production as evidence at the trial of the alleged offence as the Minister thinks fit.

## **101      Disposal of forfeited things**

All things forfeited under this Part may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of in such manner as the Chairperson thinks fit, including, with the approval of the Minister where, in the case of a vehicle, vessel or aircraft, the Minister is of the opinion that the person was not knowingly involved in the act constituting the offence as a result of which it was forfeited and had no reason to suspect that it might be used in connection with such an offence, by selling or otherwise returning it to a person who, immediately before the forfeiture, had a legal or equitable interest in the vehicle, vessel or aircraft.

## **Part VIIIA      Restricted premises**

### **Division 1      Declaration of restricted premises**

#### **101A      Definitions**

In this Division:

***interested person***, in relation to private premises referred to in an application under section 101C(2), means any of the following:

- (a) a person residing in or conducting business in the neighbourhood of the premises;
- (b) a community-based organisation or group whose activities are connected with or relevant to the neighbourhood of the premises;
- (c) a police officer of or above the rank of Senior Sergeant.

***private premises*** includes the following:

- (a) privately owned land, and any building on the land, even if all or part of the land or building is open to and used by the public;

- (b) Crown land that is leased or occupied under a licence or agreement;
- (c) residential premises;
- (d) retail shopping centres within the meaning of the *Business Tenancies (Fair Dealings) Act*;
- (e) churches and other buildings owned by religious bodies and used for public worship;
- (f) hospitals and other premises providing health services;
- (g) schools and other educational premises;
- (h) premises specified by the Regulations to be private premises.

**101B Power to declare restricted premises**

Subject to this Act, the Commission may declare that private premises are restricted premises.

**101C Application for declaration of restricted premises**

- (1) An owner or occupier (including a tenant) of private premises may apply to the Commission for a declaration that the premises, or a specified part of the premises, are restricted premises.
- (2) An interested person may apply to the Commission for a declaration of restricted premises for any part of private premises open to and used by the public.
- (3) The application may be made by a person or body representing the applicant.
- (4) The application must:
  - (a) be lodged with the Director; and
  - (b) give particulars of the applicant and (if applicable) the applicant's representative; and
  - (c) be signed by the applicant or (if applicable) the applicant's representative; and
  - (d) include a description of the private premises and (if applicable) the specified part, in sufficient detail to enable the Commission to identify the location of the premises and (if applicable) the specified part; and

- (e) include a statement of the applicant's reasons for desiring the private premises to be declared restricted premises; and
  - (f) if the applicant is not the owner of the private premises – give particulars of the owner and a statement of whether the applicant or applicant's representative has informed the owner of the application.
- (5) The Director or Commission may request additional information from the applicant or applicant's representative.

#### **101D Commission to consult regarding application**

- (1) As soon as practicable after the Commission receives an application for a declaration of restricted premises, the Commission must consult with the following persons:
  - (a) the occupiers of the private premises;
  - (b) the owners of the private premises;
  - (c) if the application is made under section 101C(2) – the interested person;
  - (d) the Commissioner of Police.
- (2) The consultations may be conducted in the manner the Commission considers appropriate in the circumstances.

#### **101E Decision after consultation**

- (1) The Commission may make a declaration of restricted premises if it is satisfied:
  - (a) making the declaration:
    - (i) if the application is made under section 101C(1) – will reflect the wishes of the majority of the occupiers of the private premises; or
    - (ii) if the application is made under section 101C(2) – will be in the public interest, particularly having regard to the object of this Act in section 3(2)(a) in relation to the consumption of liquor; and
  - (b) making the declaration is practicable in the circumstances.

- (2) The declaration may be made for the whole of the premises specified in the application, or to a smaller or larger part than specified, and must describe the area to which it relates in sufficient detail for it to be clearly identified.
- (3) The Commission must refuse to make the declaration if it is not satisfied about the matters in subsection (1) or is satisfied the application is of a frivolous, irrelevant or malicious nature.
- (4) If the Commission refuses to make the declaration, the Director must give the applicant a notice of the refusal and a statement of the reasons for the refusal.

**101F      Notice of declaration**

- (1) Within 14 days after making a declaration of restricted premises, the Commission must display on the premises a notice about the declaration.
- (2) The notice must include the following:
  - (a) a statement that the premises are restricted premises;
  - (b) a statement about the offences and penalty under section 101L;
  - (c) any other information the Commission considers appropriate.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4), a person must not remove, deface or otherwise interfere with the notice.

Penalty:      If the offender is a natural person – \$1 000.

                    If the offender is a body corporate – \$5 000.

- (4) The Commission must remove the notice as soon as practicable after the declaration of restricted premises lapses or is revoked.

**101G      Commencement of declaration**

A declaration of restricted premises takes effect from the time the notice of the declaration is displayed at the restricted premises.

**101H      Variation of declaration**

- (1) The Commission may, on application, vary a declaration of restricted premises by reducing or enlarging the area to which the declaration relates.

- (2) This Division applies (with the necessary changes) to an application for the variation of a declaration of restricted premises as if it were an application for the declaration.

**101J      Lapse of declaration**

- (1) This section applies to a declaration of restricted premises only if the application for the declaration was made under section 101C(1).
- (2) The declaration lapses if:
- (a) the title of ownership of the premises is transferred; or
  - (b) the lease of the premises is terminated.
- (3) The applicant for the declaration, or the applicant's representative, must give written notice to the Commission of the transfer of ownership or termination of the lease of the premises.
- (4) If the applicant for the declaration is not the owner of the premises, the owner must also give written notice to the Commission of the transfer or termination.

**101K      Revocation of declaration**

- (1) The Commission may revoke a declaration of restricted premises on the written application of the applicant for the declaration or the applicant's representative.
- (2) The Commission may revoke a declaration of restricted premises, or part of a declaration, in other circumstances at its discretion.

**Division 2      Offences, seizure and forfeiture**

**101L      Offences in relation to restricted premises**

- (1) A person must not:
- (a) bring liquor onto restricted premises; or
  - (b) have liquor in the person's possession on restricted premises;  
or
  - (c) consume liquor on restricted premises.

Penalty:      \$500.



- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply in relation to liquor on restricted premises belonging to a religious body and used for public worship if the liquor is intended for use in connection with the celebration of the Holy Communion or any other religious service.
- (3) Subsection (1)(a) or (b) does not apply to a person who is passing through an area of restricted premises, open to and used by the public, in possession of an unopened container of liquor intended for consumption elsewhere.

**101M      Police powers of entry, search and seizure**

- (1) If a police officer believes on reasonable grounds a person is contravening section 101L(1), the police officer may, without a warrant:
  - (a) enter the restricted premises; and
  - (b) search the premises and any person on the premises; and
  - (c) in accordance with this section, seize any opened or unopened container the police officer has reason to believe contains liquor.
- (2) If the police officer seizes an opened container, the officer must immediately empty or destroy the container unless the officer believes doing so may provoke a disturbance or disorderly behaviour.
- (3) If the police officer seizes an unopened container, or has the belief referred to in subsection (2) after seizing an opened container, the officer must ensure the container is taken to a police station, where the container and liquor must be destroyed.
- (4) Any interest in liquor destroyed under this section is converted into an interest in the money equivalent of the value of the liquor.
- (5) This section applies regardless of whether the police officer makes a complaint or serves an infringement notice or contravention notice for the alleged offence against section 101L(1).

**101N      Service etc. of contravention notice on alleged offender**

- (1) A police officer must serve a restricted premises contravention notice on a person believed on reasonable grounds to have contravened section 101L(1) if the officer:
  - (a) has seized one or more unopened containers of liquor under section 101M; and

- (b) does not intend to make a complaint or serve an infringement notice for the alleged offence.
- (2) The contravention notice must contain the following information:
  - (a) the name of the alleged offender;
  - (b) the date, time and place of the alleged offence;
  - (c) a description of the alleged offence and the circumstances causing the police officer to believe an offence was being committed against section 101L(1);
  - (d) a description of the liquor seized by the police officer including, if possible, the type and quantity;
  - (e) the name and rank of the police officer and the name of the police station to which the police officer is attached;
  - (f) a statement that the alleged offender may choose to have the matter dealt with by a court of summary jurisdiction by making an application under section 101Q.
- (3) The police officer in charge of the police station referred to in the contravention notice must send a copy of the notice to a court of summary jurisdiction.

**101P      Court order if no application under section 101Q**

- (1) If the alleged offender served with a contravention notice does not make an application under section 101Q, a court of summary jurisdiction may make an order that the alleged offender committed the offence described in the notice on the date specified in the notice.
- (2) On the order being made, all interests in the money equivalent to the value of the liquor are forfeited to the Territory.

**101Q      Application to court by alleged offender in contravention notice**

- (1) The alleged offender served with a contravention notice may apply to a court of summary jurisdiction for the alleged offence described in the notice to be dealt with by the court.
- (2) The application must be:
  - (a) made no later than 28 days after the date of the alleged offence; and

- (b) in writing; and
  - (c) accompanied by a copy of the contravention notice.
- (3) On receiving the application, the clerk of the court must:
  - (a) fix a time and date for the court to deal with the matter; and
  - (b) notify the following persons of the time and date:
    - (i) the alleged offender;
    - (ii) the person in charge of the police station named in the contravention notice.
- (4) The date fixed by the clerk of the court must be no earlier than 14 days after the last day the alleged offender is permitted by this section to make the application.

**101R      How court deals with offence alleged in contravention notice**

- (1) When a court deals with an alleged offence described in a contravention notice, the notice is taken to be a complaint alleging the person named in the notice committed the offence at the time and place and in the circumstances specified in the notice.
- (2) If a court receives more than one application under section 101Q and is satisfied the alleged offences described in the accompanying contravention notices arise out of the same facts, the court may try the matters together and may adjourn the hearing of the matters.

**101S      Effect of court findings generally**

- (1) If a court finds a person guilty of an offence against section 101L(1), all interests in the money equivalent to the value of any liquor destroyed under section 101M are forfeited to the Territory on the finding.
- (2) If a court finds a person not guilty of an offence against section 101L(1), the court may make an appropriate order for compensation for the loss of the money equivalent to the value of any liquor destroyed under section 101M.

## **Part IX            Obligations and offences**

### **Division 1        Licensees**

#### **102            Liquor not to be sold to intoxicated persons**

A licensee or a person employed by a licensee shall not sell or supply liquor to a person unless the person to whom it is sold or supplied is not intoxicated at the time (the onus of proof of which lies with the defendant).

#### **103            Licensee not to sell adulterated liquor**

A licensee or any person employed by a licensee shall not sell adulterated liquor.

#### **104            Persons on licensed premises after hours**

- (1) Subject to this section, a person shall not enter, or remain on or at, licensed premises in respect of which a licence is in force for the sale of liquor for consumption on or at those premises unless those premises are open for the sale of liquor in accordance with the conditions of the licence.
- (2) A person does not commit an offence against subsection (1) by remaining on or at licensed premises for a period not exceeding 30 minutes after those premises cease to be open for the sale of liquor.
- (3) Nothing in this section applies to, or in relation to:
  - (a) the licensee of premises;
  - (b) a member of the family of the licensee;
  - (c) a person who enters, or remains on or at, licensed premises in the course of his employment;
  - (d) a person who enters, or remains on or at, licensed premises at the invitation of, and as a guest of, the licensee or a member of the family of the licensee;
  - (e) a lodger occupying residential accommodation provided on the licensed premises;
  - (f) a person who enters licensed premises at the invitation of, and as a guest of, such a lodger; or

- (g) a person authorized by the Commission, either on application or on the motion of the Commission, to enter licensed premises.

**105 Permitting riotous conduct on or at licensed premises**

A licensee shall not permit indecent, violent, quarrelsome or riotous conduct to occur on or at his licensed premises.

**106 Commission may declare licensed premises prohibited areas for minors**

- (1) The Commission may, by notice in writing, declare licensed premises or parts of licensed premises to be an area or areas where a person who has not attained the age of 18 years:
  - (a) shall not enter or remain; or
  - (b) shall not enter or remain unless that person is in the company of his parent, guardian or spouse (who has attained the age of 18 years).
- (2) Where the Commission makes a declaration under subsection (1), the Commission shall serve a copy of the declaration on the licensee of the licensed premises to which the declaration relates.
- (3) A licensee, on being served a copy of a declaration under subsection (2), shall cause a notice in a form approved by the Commission to be posted, and to be kept posted, at each entrance of the licensed premises or part of the licensed premises to which the declaration relates, and at such other places on the licensed premises as the Commission may require.

**106A Minors on licensed premises**

- (1) A person who has not attained the age of 18 years shall not enter or remain on licensed premises or any part of licensed premises that is the subject of a declaration for the purposes of section 106(1)(a).
- (2) A person who has not attained the age of 18 years shall not enter or remain on licensed premises or any part of licensed premises that is the subject of a declaration for the purposes of section 106(1)(b) unless the person is in the company of his parent, guardian or spouse (who has attained the age of 18 years).
- (3) In proceedings for an offence against subsection (1) or (2), evidence that the accused person was required under section 19(5)(e) to provide evidence of his age and did not provide, and has not subsequently provided, that evidence, is *prima facie*

evidence that the accused person had not attained the age of 18 years on the date when the requirement was made.

- (4) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against subsection (1) or (2) that the accused person did not know he had entered or remained on licensed premises or any part of licensed premises the subject of a declaration under section 106 and that he did not have reasonable cause to know that he had entered or remained on licensed premises or part of licensed premises the subject of a declaration under section 106.

**106B Licensee or employee not to permit minors to enter, &c., licensed premises**

- (1) A licensee of licensed premises, or any person employed by a licensee, shall not permit a person to enter or remain on the licensed premises or any part of the licensed premises the subject of a declaration served under section 106 if that person has not attained the age of 18 years or, if that person is purportedly in the company of his parent, guardian or spouse, both that person and the parent, guardian or spouse, have not attained the age of 18 years.

**106BA Misrepresentation of age by minor**

A person who has not attained the age of 18 years and who, for the purpose of entering or remaining on licensed premises in respect of which that person would not otherwise be entitled to enter or remain, misrepresents the age of the person:

- (a) by spoken statements made by the person or another person;
- (b) by presenting a form of written identification which purports to relate to the person presenting it but which in fact is fictitious or relates to some other person; or
- (c) by presenting a form of written identification which is false in a material particular,

is guilty of an offence.

**106C Supply of liquor to minors**

A person who has attained the age of 18 years shall not sell or supply liquor on licensed premises to another person who has not attained the age of 18 years except where the first-mentioned person is the licensee of the licensed premises, or a person employed by the licensee, and:

- (a) the liquor is sold or supplied on licensed premises or any part of licensed premises that is the subject of a declaration for the purposes of section 106(1)(b);
- (b) the person to whom the liquor is sold or supplied is in the company of his parent, guardian or spouse (who has attained the age of 18 years); and
- (c) the liquor is sold in conjunction with or ancillary to a meal supplied on the licensed premises.

#### **106D        Definitions of *parent* and *guardian***

In sections 106(1), 106A(2), 106B and 106C, ***parent*** and ***guardian***, in relation to a person who has not attained the age of 18 years, include a person who has attained the age of 18 years to whom the care and control of the first-mentioned person has been given by his parent or guardian (irrespective of the duration).

#### **106E        Evidence**

In a prosecution for an offence against section 106A, 106B or 106C:

- (a) a certificate purporting to be signed by a person who claims in the certificate to be the Director or Deputy Director, stating that licensed premises or a specified part of licensed premises was or was not, at a specified time, the subject of a declaration under section 106 and a copy of the declaration was served on the licensee of the licensed premises on a specified day, is prima facie evidence of the facts stated; and
- (b) the onus of proving that the care and control of a person who has not attained the age of 18 years had, at the relevant time, been given to a particular person by his parent or guardian rests on the accused person.

#### **107        Licence to be kept on premises**

- (1) A licensee shall ensure that the licence is kept on or at the premises to which it relates at all times.
- (2) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against subsection (1) that, at the time of the alleged offence, the licence had been delivered to the Director and had not been returned to the licensee.

**108                      Licence to be produced on demand**

A licensee shall produce his licence to an inspector or a member of the Police Force upon demand being made by the inspector or the member of the Police Force on or at the premises to which the licence relates.

**109                      Permitting breach of *Gaming Control Act***

(1) Where:

(a) a person is found guilty of an offence against a provision of the *Gaming Control Act*; and

(b) the offence occurred on or at licensed premises,

the licensee of those premises is guilty of an offence.

(2) It is a defence to a charge under subsection (1) to show:

(a) that the licensee or, if at the time of the offence the licensee was not on or at the premises, the person then in charge of the premises, did not know, and could not by the exercise of all practicable diligence have known, that the offence against the *Gaming Control Act* was taking place; or

(b) that the offence against the *Gaming Control Act* took place contrary to the will of the licensee or, if the licensee was not at the time on or at the premises, contrary to the will of the person who was then in charge of the premises, and the licensee or the person so in charge, as the case may be, took all reasonable steps to prevent the offence against the *Gaming Control Act* from taking place.

**110                      Licensee to comply with conditions**

A licensee shall not contravene, or fail to comply with, a condition of his licence.

**111                      Licensee to keep record of liquor purchases**

(1) A licensee shall keep a written record, in a form approved by the Commission, in respect of each period of 3 months referred to in section 113(1) during which his licence is in force, of every purchase of liquor for disposal in pursuance of his licence during that period.

(2) A record kept for the purposes of subsection (1) shall show:

(a) the quantity of liquor purchased;



- (b) the date of purchase;
  - (c) the name and address of the person from whom the liquor was purchased; and
  - (d) the gross price paid or payable for the liquor.
- (3) A record kept for the purposes of subsection (1) shall be retained by the licensee for a period of not less than 3 years after the date on which the last entry in the record, in respect of each period of 3 months referred to in section 113 during which his licence was in force, was made.
- (4) In this section:

**gross price** includes all duties, taxes, imposts and other charges, not being the cost of freight or packaging for freight, paid or payable for or in connection with liquor regardless of whether the duties, taxes, imposts or other charges are paid or payable together with or separately from the price paid or payable for liquor.

**112        Licensee to produce record, &c., on demand**

A licensee shall produce the record kept in pursuance of section 111 together with any documents or papers relating to the business of the licensee to an inspector upon demand being made by the inspector on or at the premises to which the licence relates.

**113        Licensee to lodge return**

- (1) Subject to the conditions of his licence, a licensee shall, within 28 days of the last day of March, June, September and December during the period of his licence, lodge with the Director a return, in a form approved by the Commission, showing details of all purchases of liquor for disposal in pursuance of his licence made by the licensee in the 3 months preceding the last day of that March, June, September or December, as the case requires.
- (2) A licensee shall not:
- (a) refuse or neglect to make a return in accordance with subsection (1);
  - (b) before the expiration of the period of 3 years referred to in section 111(3), destroy without the permission of the Commission any record kept for the purposes of section 111(1) or any document or paper referred to in section 112; or

- (c) furnish any return which is false in any particular or falsify any such document or paper.

**113AA Commission may make inquiries, &c.**

- (1) Where an understatement relating to the amount of purchases of liquor for disposal in pursuance of a licence in a return lodged under section 113(1) is brought to the attention of the Commission, the Commission may:
  - (a) cause to be made such inquiries; or
  - (b) conduct a hearing in accordance with Part V,in relation to the understatement as it thinks fit.

**113AB Licensee liable for understatement, &c.**

- (1) Where, consequent on:
  - (a) the investigations or inquiries; or
  - (b) the hearing,under section 113AA, the Commission is satisfied that a licensee has made an understatement relating to the amount of purchases of liquor for disposal in pursuance of his licence in a return under section 113(1), the Commission shall, as soon as practicable, by notice in writing, notify the licensee of:
  - (c) the result of the investigations or inquiries; or
  - (d) its decision following the conduct of a hearing,and such notice shall specify the value of the understatement.
- (2) The notice referred to in subsection (1) shall be served personally or by post on the licensee.
- (3) The licensee on whom a notice referred to in subsection (1) is served shall, within 28 days after such service, pay to the Commission the balance of the fee payable on the corrected value of the purchases of liquor for disposal in pursuance of his licence.
- (4) Where an understatement referred to in subsection (1) is in value in excess of \$750, the licensee shall, within 28 days after service of the notice referred to in subsection (1), in addition to payment of the balance of the fee referred to in subsection (3), pay, subject to subsection (5), to the Commission an amount equal to the value of the understatement specified in subsection (1).

- (5) The Commission may, if it thinks fit, remit the whole or any part of the payment referred to in subsection (4).

### **113A      Wholesalers of liquor**

- (1) A person, firm or body corporate shall not sell liquor to a licensee unless the person, firm or body corporate:
- (a) is registered as a wholesaler of liquor under this Act; or
  - (b) is a licensee.
- (2) The Director shall keep, in such form as he thinks fit, a register of wholesalers of liquor.
- (3) The Director shall register a person, firm or body corporate in the register kept under subsection (2) if the person, firm or body corporate lodges with him:
- (a) an application in such form, and accompanied by such documents, samples and other material as the Director thinks fit; and
  - (b) a registration fee of \$20.
- (4) Where the Director registers a person, firm or body corporate in the register kept under subsection (2), the person, firm or body corporate is registered as a wholesaler of liquor for a period of 12 months on and after the date on which the entry is made.
- (5) A certificate signed by the Director certifying that on a specified day or during a specified period a person, firm or body corporate was or was not registered as a wholesaler of liquor shall be admissible in a court as prima facie evidence of the matter contained in the certificate.

### **114        Wholesalers to lodge returns**

A person, firm or body corporate registered under section 113A shall, within 28 days after the last day of March, June, September and December of each year, lodge with the Director a return, in a form approved by the Commission, showing details of all purchases and sales of liquor made by the person, firm or body corporate in the 3 months preceding the last day of that March, June, September or December, as the case requires.

## **Division 2                  General**

### **115                  Sale of liquor not authorized by licence**

Subject to this Act, a person shall not sell any liquor unless the sale is authorized by a licence.

### **116                  Purchase of liquor not authorized by licence**

Subject to this Act, a person shall not purchase any liquor unless the sale of the liquor is authorized by a licence or the person who sells the liquor is licensed, registered or in any other manner authorized to sell liquor under a law of a State or Territory providing for the licensing, registration or other authorization of persons who sell liquor.

### **116A                Minors not to sell, &c., liquor**

- (1) Except in accordance with a condition of his licence or as permitted under subsection (2) by the Commission, a licensee shall not employ a person who has not attained the age of 18 years to sell, supply or serve liquor on licensed premises.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the Commission may in writing, either generally or, on the application of a licensee, in relation to a particular person, permit a licensee to employ a person who has not attained the age of 18 years to sell, supply or serve liquor on licensed premises where the Commission is satisfied that the person is a genuine employee of the licensee or is undergoing employment training at the licensed premises.

### **117                  Minors not to be sent to obtain liquor**

A person shall not send a person who has not attained the age of 18 years to purchase or collect liquor from or at licensed premises.

### **118                  Minors not to buy or consume liquor on licensed premises**

- (1) A person who has not attained the age of 18 years shall not purchase from or consume liquor on licensed premises unless:
  - (a) the liquor is purchased or consumed on licensed premises or any part of licensed premises that is the subject of a declaration for the purposes of section 106(1)(b);
  - (b) the person is in the company of his parent, guardian or spouse (who has attained the age of 18 years); and
  - (c) the person purchases or consumes the liquor in conjunction with or ancillary to a meal supplied on the licensed premises.

- (2) In subsection (1) **parent** and **guardian**, in relation to a person who has not attained the age of 18 years, include a person who has attained the age of 18 years to whom the care and control of the first-mentioned person has been given by a parent or guardian (irrespective of its duration).
- (3) In a prosecution for an offence against subsection (1):
  - (a) a certificate purporting to be signed by a person who claims in the certificate to be the Director or Deputy Director, stating that licensed premises or a specified part of licensed premises was or was not, at a specified time, the subject of a declaration served under section 106 and a copy of the declaration was served on the licensee of the licensed premises on a specified day, is prima facie evidence of the facts stated; and
  - (b) the onus of proving that the care and control of a person who has not attained the age of 18 years had, at the relevant time, been given to a particular person by his parent or guardian rests on the accused person.

## **Part X                      Alteration of premises**

### **119                      Approval of material alteration of licensed premises**

- (1) A licensee shall not, except with the approval of the Commission, make a material alteration to the premises to which his or her licence relates.
- (2) An application for approval under this section shall be:
  - (a) lodged with the Director;
  - (b) accompanied by a copy of the plans and specifications for the alteration; and
  - (c) accompanied by evidence which is sufficient to show that the alteration will not result in a contravention of or a failure to comply with a provision of this Act or a law of the Territory which regulates in any manner the sale or consumption of liquor or the location, construction or facilities of premises which are used for such a purpose.
- (3) The Commission may require the applicant to cause a notice of the application to be published:
  - (a) in a newspaper or newspapers nominated by the Commission; and

(b) within the period specified by the Commission.

(4) The notice must:

- (a) include a description in sufficient detail to identify the location of the premises in respect of which the application is made;
- (b) include a description of the nature of any business associated with the licence that is conducted on those premises;
- (c) include details of the material alteration;
- (d) contain any other particulars determined by the Commission; and
- (e) be not less than a size determined by the Commission.

(5) Where:

- (a) the application is with respect to premises which are located in a community government area; and
- (b) the community government council for that community government area has the power to make by-laws with respect to liquor,

the Director must, as soon as reasonably practicable, inform the clerk of the community government council that the application has been made.

(6) Where:

- (a) the Commission does not require the applicant to give notice of the application; or
- (b) the applicant has given notice as required and no objection to the application is lodged with the Director pursuant to section 47F or such an objection has been dismissed under Part IV,

the Commission must, as soon as reasonably practicable, consider the application.

(7) After considering the application, the Commission must, having regard to the objects of this Act:

- (a) approve the material alteration;
- (b) refuse to approve the material alteration and direct the Director to forward notice of the refusal together with a statement of the reasons for refusal to the applicant; or

- (c) conduct a hearing in relation to the application.
- (8) After the Commission has conducted a hearing under Part IV or subsection (7)(c), the Commission must take action of a kind described in subsection (7)(a) or (b) in addition to any action it may take under Part IV.
- (9) The Commission may conduct or cause to be conducted the investigations it considers necessary in relation to the application.
- (10) Where the Commission grants approval of a material alteration, the licensee must not, while the alteration is being made, conduct business on the licensed premises except in accordance with arrangements approved by the Commission.

## **120 Unauthorized alterations**

- (1) Where, without the approval of the Commission, a licensee makes a material alteration to the premises to which his licence relates, the Commission may, after giving to the licensee notice of its intention to do so, cause that alteration to be removed from the licensed premises or those premises to be restored to a condition which is satisfactory to the Commission.
- (2) The cost of taking the required action pursuant to subsection (1) shall be a debt due to the Territory by the licensee and be recoverable in a court of competent jurisdiction.

## **Part XI Miscellaneous**

### **121 Power to exclude or remove persons**

- (1) A licensee or employee of the licensee shall, or an inspector may, exclude or remove a person, not being a bona fide resident of the licensee's licensed premises, from the licensed premises if the person is intoxicated, violent, quarrelsome, disorderly or incapable of controlling his behaviour.
- (1A) A licensee, an employee of the licensee or an inspector may exclude or remove from the licensee's licensed premises:
  - (a) a bona fide resident of the premises, if that resident is intoxicated, violent, quarrelsome, disorderly or incapable of controlling his behaviour;

- (b) subject to any other law in force in the Territory, any person (including a bona fide resident), if the presence or continued presence of the person on or at the premises would or might:
    - (i) render the licensee liable to a penalty under this Act or any other law in force in the Territory; or
    - (ii) in his opinion, disrupt the business of the licensee or unreasonably interfere with the wellbeing of other persons lawfully on the premises; or
  - (c) for or during a period not exceeding 12 months from the time a person was found guilty of an offence relating to the possession or supply of a drug on licensed premises, that person.
- (2) A person to whom subsection (1) or (1A) is applicable shall immediately leave licensed premises on being requested to do so by the licensee, an employee of the licensee, an inspector or a member of the Police Force.
- (3) A member of the Police Force shall, on the demand of the licensee, an employee of the licensee or an inspector remove or assist in removing from licensed premises a person who has been requested by the licensee, an employee of the licensee or an inspector in accordance with subsection (2), to leave the premises.
- (4) A licensee, employee of a licensee, inspector or a member of the Police Force exercising a power under this section may use such force as is reasonably necessary for the purpose.

## **122 Prohibition notice**

- (1) This section applies if the Alcohol Court gives the Director a copy of a prohibition order made under section 34(1)(a) of the *Alcohol Court Act*.
- (2) The Director must give all relevant licensees a prohibition notice relating to the prohibition order.
- (3) The prohibition notice must include the following information:
  - (a) the details of the prohibition order relevant to the licensee, including the name of the prohibited person and the period the order is to remain in force;



- (b) a statement that the licensee must take all reasonable steps to ensure:
  - (i) the prohibited person is not permitted to enter or remain on the licensed premises except in accordance with conditions of the prohibition order; and
  - (ii) no liquor is sold or supplied at the licensed premises to the prohibited person except in accordance with conditions of the prohibition order;
- (c) a statement that a contravention of the prohibition notice is a contravention of the condition of the licence imposed by section 31(6);
- (d) any information the Alcohol Court has directed in the prohibition order must be included in the prohibition notice.
- (4) The prohibition notice may include further information the Director considers appropriate in the circumstances, including information to assist the relevant licensees to comply with the prohibition notice.
- (5) In this section:

***prohibited person*** means the person in respect of whom the prohibition order is made.

***relevant licensees*** means the following:

- (a) any licensees the Alcohol Court has directed in the prohibition order must be notified;
- (b) any other licensees the Director considers most likely to be affected by the prohibition order.

## **122A Duplicate licences, &c.**

Where the Commission is satisfied that a licence, special licence or permit issued under this Act has been destroyed, lost or stolen, it may, upon the application of the licensee or permit holder and upon payment to it of a fee of \$2, issue to the licensee or permit holder a duplicate licence or permit, as the case may be.

## **123 Surrender of cancelled or suspended licence, special licence or permit**

- (1) Where the Commission:
  - (a) cancels or suspends a licence;

(b) revokes a special licence; or

(c) revokes a permit,

the holder of the licence, special licence or permit, as the case may be, shall deliver the licence, special licence or permit to the Director as directed by the Commission.

- (2) Where the suspension of a licence is revoked, the Director shall return the licence to the holder.

### **123A Prosecution of licensee for actions of employee**

Where the actions of a person employed by a licensee would constitute an offence against this Act, the licensee may be prosecuted for the offence (whether or not the person employed is also prosecuted) as if the licensee had personally performed those actions.

### **124 Offences, penalties, &c.**

- (1) A person shall not contravene or fail to comply with a provision of this Act or the regulations or a lawful requirement made pursuant to this Act.
- (2) A person who contravenes or fails to comply with a provision of this Act or the regulations or a lawful requirement made pursuant to this Act for which a penalty is not provided by a provision of this Act or the regulations other than this section, is liable on being found guilty to a penalty not exceeding:
- (a) for the first offence – \$1,000 or imprisonment for 6 months; and
- (b) for a second or subsequent offence – \$2,000 or imprisonment for 12 months.
- (3) An offence against this Act may be prosecuted summarily.

### **124AAA Additional penalty**

- (1) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the Commission may, in relation to the finding of guilt of a licensee for an offence against section 102, 105, 106B, 106C or 121, by notice in writing served on the licensee and for a period specified in the notice, not exceeding that prescribed by subsection (2):
- (a) suspend the licensee's licence; or

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- (b) vary the licence so that the licence applies to and in relation to part only of the premises to which it previously applied,
- or, where the offence is a third or subsequent offence, instead of suspending or varying the licence, cancel the licence.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the following are the prescribed periods:
    - (a) where the offence is the first offence by the licensee against any of the sections referred to in that subsection – 24 hours;
    - (b) where the offence is a second offence – 7 days; and
    - (c) where the offence is a third or subsequent offence – 28 days.
  - (3) For the purposes of subsection (2)(b) or (c), an offence is a second, third or subsequent offence if the previous offence was an offence, or the previous offences were offences, against any of the sections referred to in subsection (1), whether committed before or after the commencement of this section.

#### **124AA Regulatory offences**

- (1) An offence of contravening or failing to comply with section 75(1), 93(b), 102, 103, 104(1), 105, 106B(1), 111, 113, 114, 118, 119(1) or (10), 121(1) or 123(1) is a regulatory offence.
- (2) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence referred to in subsection (1) if the defendant proves on the balance of probabilities that:
  - (a) any contravention or failure to comply constituting the offence occurred in an emergency and was necessary to preserve life or prevent injury or to protect property;
  - (b) any contravention or failure to comply constituting the offence was authorised by being in obedience to the order of a competent authority whom the defendant is bound by law to obey unless the order is manifestly unlawful (the determination of which is a matter of law); or
  - (c) where the offence relates to section 106B, the defendant was shown an identification for the purposes of representing that the person who has not attained the age of 18 years had attained the age of 18 years, or that the person purporting to be a parent, guardian or spouse had attained the age of 18 years, and the defendant had no reasonable grounds for doubting the validity of the identification.

**124A      Averments in complaints**

In any proceedings for an offence against this Act or the regulations an averment by the prosecutor in a complaint or information that:

- (a) a specified person was or was not, at a specified time, the holder of a licence;
- (b) specified premises were or were not, at a specified time, licensed premises; or
- (c) a specified liquid is or is not liquor, or is or is not a type of liquor,

is evidence of the facts averred.

**124B      Results of breath analysis as evidence**

In proceedings for an offence against this Act in which the question of whether a person was or was not intoxicated is in issue, the result of a breath analysis, by the use of a breath analysis instrument prescribed for the purposes of the *Traffic Act*, is admissible and is prima facie evidence of the person having, at the time the sample of breath to be analysed was taken, a concentration of alcohol in his or her blood not less than the concentration assessed by the analysis.

**125      Delivery of documents by post**

Subject to section 47F(5) and the Regulations, a document that is required or permitted to be given or delivered to, or lodged with a person, may be given, delivered or lodged, as the case may be, by post.

**126      Commission may determine on procedures**

Subject to this Act, the Commission may determine the manner in which the business of the Commission will be conducted and the forms or contents of applications, licences, special licences, permits, notices, returns and other documents required by or for the purposes of this Act.

**127      Commission may extend or abridge time**

- (1) Where this Act provides that an act or thing may or is required to be done:
  - (a) within a specified time; or
  - (b) not before the expiration of a specified time,

the Commission may, in its discretion, extend or abridge that time.

- (2) The Commission may extend time under subsection (1) notwithstanding that the time prescribed by this Act for the doing of an act or thing has expired.

## **128 Regulations**

- (1) The Administrator may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing all matters that are required or permitted by this Act to be prescribed or are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for giving effect to this Act.
- (2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), the Regulations may make provision for:
- (a) restriction of the days when and times during which licensed premises may be open for the sale of liquor for consumption away from the premises;
  - (b) authorizing the Commission to permit a licensee to sell at times other than those prescribed in the Regulations liquor for consumption away from the premises and to endorse that licensee's licence accordingly, where it is satisfied that liquor sold at such times is not likely to be consumed in public or to lead to public drunkenness;
  - (c) prohibiting or regulating the quantities or kinds of liquor that may be sold at licensed premises, whether at all licensed premises or at specified licensed premises or at specified types of licensed premises;
  - (d) providing for the Commission, in exercising its powers and performing its functions, to take into account any prescribed general policy directions relating to that exercise or performance;
  - (e) prohibiting or regulating the giving of credit for the purchase of liquor from licensed premises;
  - (f) categories of licences and the conditions to which those licenses may be subject; and
  - (g) fees to be charged in relation to applications or permits referred to in or under this Act.

(3) The Regulations may:

- (a) for an offence against the Regulations, prescribe a fine not exceeding:
  - (i) if the offender is a natural person – 100 penalty units; or
  - (ii) if the offender is a body corporate – 500 penalty units; and
- (b) provide for:
  - (i) the payment of a prescribed amount instead of a penalty that may otherwise be imposed for an offence against this Act; and
  - (ii) the service of a notice relating to payment of the amount on a person alleged to have committed the offence; and
  - (iii) the particulars to be included in the notice.

**128A Acquisitions to be on just terms**

Where the application of a provision of this Act or a regulation made under it would, but for this section, result in an acquisition of property otherwise than on just terms, the person from whom the property is acquired shall be entitled to receive just compensation for the acquisition, and a court of competent jurisdiction may determine the amount of the compensation or make such order as, in its opinion, is necessary to ensure that the acquisition is on just terms.

## **Part XII Transitional matters for Liquor Act 1978**

**130 Saving of inspectors' appointments**

An inspector appointed under the repealed Ordinance shall continue in office as if this Act had been in force when he was appointed and as if he were appointed under this Act.

**132 References to repealed Ordinance**

A reference in a law of the Territory to the repealed Ordinance or a provision of the repealed Ordinance shall, unless the context is such that it would be inappropriate or the contrary intention appears, be construed as a reference to this Act or the corresponding provision of this Act, as the case requires.

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**Part XIII                      Transitional matters for Antisocial Behaviour  
(Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2006****133                      Definitions**

In this Part:

**amendment Act** means the *Antisocial Behaviour (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2006*.

**existing prohibition order** means a prohibition order in force under repealed section 122.

**repealed section 122** means section 122 as in force immediately before the commencement of section 7 of the amendment Act.

**134                      Condition of licence relating to prohibition notice**

The condition of a licence imposed by section 31(6) applies even if the licence was in force before the commencement of section 5 of the amendment Act.

**135                      Continued application of existing prohibition order**

An existing prohibition order continues in force in accordance with the terms of the order.

**136                      Continued application of repealed section 122**

Repealed section 122 continues to apply in relation to a person the subject of a matter or application before a court or the Local Court under the section immediately before the commencement of section 7 of the amendment Act.

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## ENDNOTES

### 1 KEY

Key to abbreviations

<b>amd</b> = amended	<b>od</b> = order
<b>app</b> = appendix	<b>om</b> = omitted
<b>bl</b> = by-law	<b>pt</b> = Part
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***Liquor Act 1978 (Act No. 10, 1979)***

Assent date	22 January 1979
Commenced	12 February 1979 ( <i>Gaz</i> No. 6, 9 February 1979, p 4)

***Liquor Act 1979 (Act No. 23, 1979)***

Assent date	27 March 1979
Commenced	27 March 1979

***Remuneration (Statutory Bodies) Act 1979 (Act No. 9, 1980)***

Assent date	14 January 1980
Commenced	8 February 1980 ( <i>Gaz</i> G6, 8 February 1980, p 6)

***Liquor Act 1980 (Act No. 35, 1980)***

Assent date	19 March 1980
Commenced	19 March 1980

***Statute Law Revision Act 1980 (Act No. 6, 1981)***

Assent date	9 January 1981
Commenced	9 January 1981

***Liquor Amendment Act 1981 (Act No. 33, 1981)***

Assent date	30 March 1981
Commenced	30 March 1981

***Liquor Amendment Act (No. 2) 1981 (Act No. 88, 1981)***

Assent date	21 September 1981
Commenced	21 September 1981

***Liquor Amendment Act (No. 3) 1981 (Act No. 110, 1981)***

Assent date	24 December 1981
Commenced	1 January 1982 (s 2)



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***Liquor Amendment Act 1982 (Act No. 12, 1982)***

Assent date 8 April 1982  
Commenced 8 April 1982

***Liquor Amendment Act (No. 2) 1982 (Act No. 93, 1982)***

Assent date 14 December 1982  
Commenced 17 December 1982 (*Gaz S35*, 17 December 1982)

***Criminal Law (Regulatory Offences) Act 1983 (Act No. 68, 1983)***

Assent date 28 November 1983  
Commenced 1 January 1984 (s 2, s 2 *Criminal Code Act 1983* (Act No. 47, 1983), *Gaz G46*, 18 November 1983, p 11 and *Gaz G8*, 26 February 1986, p 5)

***Liquor Amendment Act 1984 (Act No. 39, 1984)***

Assent date 25 September 1984  
Commenced 8 May 1985 (*Gaz G18*, 8 May 1985, p 7)

***Public Service and Statutory Authorities Amendment Act 1985 (Act No. 28, 1985)***

Assent date 26 June 1985  
Commenced 26 June 1985

***Statute Law Revision Act 1985 (Act No. 49, 1985)***

Assent date 1 October 1985  
Commenced 1 October 1985

***Liquor Amendment Act 1986 (Act No. 29, 1986)***

Assent date 14 July 1986  
Commenced 1 October 1986 (*Gaz G39*, 1 October 1986, p 4)

***Liquor Amendment Act (No. 2) 1986 (Act No. 40, 1986)***

Assent date 19 September 1986  
Commenced 1 October 1986 (s 2, s 2 *Racing, Gaming and Liquor Commission Act 1986* (Act No. 39, 1986) and *Gaz S70*, 1 October 1986, p 1)

***Liquor Amendment Act 1988 (Act No. 47, 1988)***

Assent date 20 October 1988  
Commenced 20 October 1988

***Liquor Amendment Act (No. 2) 1988 (Act No. 62, 1988)***

Assent date 15 December 1988  
Commenced 18 January 1989 (*Gaz G2*, 18 January 1989, p 5)

***Liquor Amendment Act 1989 (Act No. 67, 1989)***

Assent date 16 November 1989  
Commenced 20 December 1989 (*Gaz G50*, 20 December 1989, p 8)

***Liquor Amendment Act 1990 (Act No. 61, 1990)***

Assent date 14 December 1990  
Commenced 14 December 1990

***Liquor Amendment Act (No. 2) 1990 (Act No. 62, 1990)***

Assent date 14 December 1990  
Commenced 20 February 1991 (*Gaz G7*, 20 February 1991, p 2)

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Assent date 3 June 1991  
Commenced 1 July 1991 (s 2)

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Assent date 13 March 1992  
Commenced 1 April 1992 (Gaz S19, 30 March 1992)

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Assent date 24 September 1992  
Commenced 24 September 1992

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Assent date 24 June 1993  
Commenced 24 June 1993

***Public Sector Employment and Management (Consequential Amendments) Act 1993 (Act No. 28, 1993)***

Assent date 30 June 1993  
Commenced 1 July 1993 (s 2, s 2 *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993* (Act No. 11, 1993) and Gaz S53, 29 June 1993)

***Liquor Amendment Act (No. 2) 1993 (Act No. 46, 1993)***

Assent date 27 September 1993  
Commenced 27 September 1993

***Statute Law Revision Act (No. 2) 1993 (Act No. 70, 1993)***

Assent date 9 November 1993  
Commenced 9 November 1993

***Liquor Amendment Act (No. 3) 1993 (Act No. 75, 1993)***

Assent date 23 November 1993  
Commenced 6 December 1993 (Gaz S97, 6 December 1993)

***Local Government (Consequential Amendments) Act 1993 (Act No. 84, 1993)***

Assent date 31 December 1993  
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***Financial Management (Consequential Amendments) Act 1995 (Act No. 5, 1995)***

Assent date 21 March 1995  
Commenced 1 April 1995 (s 2, s 2 *Financial Management 1995* (Act No. 4, 1995) and Gaz S13, 31 March 1995)

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Assent date 17 June 1996  
Commenced 17 June 1996

***Sentencing (Consequential Amendments) Act 1996 (Act No. 17, 1996)***

Assent date 19 April 1996  
Commenced 1 July 1996 (s 2, s 2 *Sentencing Act 1995* (Act No. 39, 1995) and Gaz S15, 13 June 1996)

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Assent date 17 September 1996  
Commenced 17 September 1996

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**Statute Law Revision Act 1999 (Act No. 27, 1999)**

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Assent date 7 November 2002  
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Assent date 11 December 2002  
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Assent date 15 March 2004  
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