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[Assented to 2004]
[Second reading 2004]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Soccer Football Pools Amendment Act 2004*.

2. Commencement

This Act comes into operation on the date fixed by the Administrator by notice in the *Gazette*.

3. Principal Act

The *Soccer Football Pools Act* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

4. New section 2A

The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 2 the following:

"2A. Objects

"The objects of this Act are –

- (a) to promote probity and integrity in gaming;

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- (b) to maintain the probity and integrity of persons engaged in gaming in the Territory;
- (c) to promote fairness, integrity and efficiency in the operations of persons engaged in gaming in the Territory;
- (d) to reduce any adverse social impact of gaming; and
- (e) to promote a balanced contribution by the gaming industry to general community benefit and amenity."

5. Application

Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended –

- (a) by omitting "A person" and substituting "(1) A person"; and
- (b) by inserting at the end the following:

"(2) An application must be in a form approved by the Minister and must be accompanied by the prescribed fee.

"(3) An application must contain or be accompanied by any additional information that the Minister requests.

"(4) If this section is not complied with, the Minister may refuse to consider the application.

"(5) The Minister may refund the whole or part of the application fee."

6. Minister may require bond or reject

Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after subsection (1) the following:

"(1A) In determining whether to grant or refuse to grant a licence, the Minister must have regard to whether –

- (a) the person is of good repute, having regard to character, honesty and integrity;
- (b) the person is of sound and stable financial background;
- (c) in respect of a corporation – it has or has arranged a satisfactory ownership, trust or corporate structure;
- (d) the person has or is able to obtain financial resources that are adequate to ensure the financial viability of the business proposed to be conducted and to obtain the services of persons who have

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sufficient experience in the management and operation of the business;

- (e) the person has sufficient business ability to establish and maintain the business proposed to be conducted;
- (f) the person or any person to be involved in the management or operation of the business proposed to be conducted has any association with any person, body or association who or which, in the opinion of the Minister, is not of good repute having regard to character, honesty and integrity or has undesirable or unsatisfactory financial resources; and
- (g) each director, partner, trustee, executive officer and secretary and any other officer or person determined by the Minister to be associated or connected with the ownership, administration or management of the operations or business of the person is a suitable person to act in that capacity."

7. New section 28B

The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 28A the following:

"28B. Codes of practice

"(1) For the purpose of providing practical guidance to a licensee on any matter relating to this Act, the Minister may, by notice in the *Gazette*, approve a code of practice.

"(2) A code of practice may consist of a code, standard, rule, specification or provision relating to matters in this Act formulated, prepared or adopted by the Minister and may apply, incorporate or refer to a document formulated or published by a body or authority as in force at the time the code of practice is approved or as amended, formulated or published from time to time.

"(3) A notice under subsection (1) must indicate where a copy of the code of practice to which it relates, and all documents incorporated or referred to in the code, may be inspected by members of the public and the times during which it may be inspected.

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"(4) A licensee must not contravene or fail to comply with a code of practice approved under this section.

Penalty: \$10 000 or imprisonment for 2 years."

