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A Bill for an Act to amend the *Gaming Control Act*

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
GAMING CONTROL AMENDMENT ACT 2018

Act No. [] of 2018

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An Act to amend the *Gaming Control Act*

[Assented to [] 2018]
[Introduced [] 2018]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Gaming Control Amendment Act 2018*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day fixed by the Administrator by *Gazette* notice.

3 Act amended

This Act amends the *Gaming Control Act*.

4 Section 3 amended (Definitions)

(1) Section 3

omit

, unless the contrary intention appears

(2) Section 3

insert (in alphabetical order)

Community Benefit Fund Guidelines means the guidelines approved under section 68A(3).

major grant means:

- (a) a grant for an amount that is more than a minor grant and not more than the amount determined by the Minister under section 68A(4)(a); or
- (b) a grant of a motor vehicle.

minor grant means a grant for an amount that is not more than the amount determined by the Minister under section 68A(4)(b).

- (3) Section 3, definition **Community Benefit Committee**

omit

68B

insert

68B(3)

- (4) Section 3, at the end

insert

Note for section 3

The Interpretation Act contains definitions and other provisions that may be relevant to this Act.

5 Part 5A heading amended

Part 5A, heading

omit

and Committee

6 Section 68A amended (Community Benefit Fund)

- (1) Section 68A(2)

omit

Moneys in the Community Benefit Fund are

insert

Money in the Community Benefit Fund is

(2) Section 68A(2)(c), after "funding of"

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grants for

(3) After section 68A(2)

insert

(3) The Minister may from time to time approve guidelines for this Part to be known as the Community Benefit Fund Guidelines.

(4) The Minister may determine the following in the Guidelines for the purpose mentioned in subsection (2)(c):

(a) the maximum amount of a major grant;

(b) the maximum amount of a minor grant.

(5) Subsection (4) does not limit any other matters the Minister may determine in the Guidelines.

(6) The Guidelines must be published on the Agency's website as soon as practicable after they are made.

7 Section 68B replaced

Section 68B

repeal, insert

68B Role of Director-General and Community Benefit Committee

(1) The functions of the Director-General are:

(a) to consider applications for:

(i) grants from the Community Benefit Fund for the purposes mentioned in section 68A(2)(a) and (b) and to make recommendations to the Minister about those applications; and

(ii) minor grants from the Community Benefit Fund for the purpose mentioned in section 68A(2)(c) and to make recommendations to the Minister about those applications; and

(b) to monitor the contribution made to the community by clubs that are licensees under the *Gaming Machine Act*.

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- (2) The Director-General has the powers necessary to perform the Director-General's functions.
 - (3) The Minister must:
 - (a) establish a committee known as the Community Benefit Committee; and
 - (b) determine the membership of the Committee and how it is to operate.
 - (4) The functions of the Committee are:
 - (a) to consider applications for major grants from the Community Benefit Fund for the purpose mentioned in section 68A(2)(c); and
 - (b) to make recommendations to the Minister about those applications.
 - (5) The Committee has the powers necessary to perform its functions, including the power to require the Director-General to provide the Committee with specified information.
 - (6) The Director-General and Committee must provide the Minister with a joint report on the Director-General's and Committee's operations during a financial year in relation to the Community Benefit Fund within 3 months after the end of the financial year.
 - (7) The Minister must table a copy of the report in the Legislative Assembly within 6 sitting days after the Minister receives the report.

8 Section 68C amended (Payments into and out of Fund)

- (1) Section 68C(1)
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- (2) Section 68C(1)(a) to (c)
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moneys

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- (3) Section 68C(1)(d)

omit

moneys that, under any Act, are

insert

money that, under any Act, is

- (4) Section 68C(2) to (5)

omit, insert

- (2) The Minister must determine the total amount to be paid out of the Fund in a financial year in respect of each purpose specified in section 68A(2).

- (3) An application:

(a) for a grant for a purpose mentioned in section 68A(2)(a) or (b), or for a minor grant for the purpose mentioned in section 68A(2)(c), is made to the Director-General; and

(b) for a major grant for the purpose mentioned in section 68A(2)(c) is made to the Community Benefit Committee.

- (4) If an application is made to the Director-General or the Committee, the Director-General or Committee must:

(a) consider the application; and

(b) recommend to the Minister that the Minister:

(i) approve the whole or part of the grant; or

(ii) refuse to approve the grant.

- (5) The Minister may, having regard to the recommendation of the Director-General or Committee:

(a) approve the whole or part of the grant; or

(b) refuse to approve the grant.

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- (6) If at the end of a financial year there is surplus money remaining in the Fund, that money must be:
- (a) retained in the Fund; and
 - (b) applied to the following financial year for the purposes mentioned in section 68A(2).

9 Repeal of Act

This Act is repealed on the day after it commences.