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LIQUOR AMENDMENT ACT 2026

Act No. [] of 2026

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An Act to amend the *Liquor Act 2019* and for related purposes

[Assented to [] 2026]
[Introduced [] 2026]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

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Part 1 Preliminary matters

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Liquor Amendment Act 2026*.

2 Commencement

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- (1) Subject to subsection (2), this Act commences on the day fixed by the Administrator by *Gazette* notice.
- (2) If a provision of this Act does not commence before 28 February 2027, it commences on that day.

Part 2 Amendment of Liquor Act 2019

3 Act amended

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This Part amends the *Liquor Act 2019*.

4 Section 4 amended (Interpretation)

- (1) Section 4(1), definitions **community alcohol plan**, **general restricted area** and **prohibited liquor**

omit

- 5 (2) Section 4(1)

insert

community alcohol plan means a plan that complies with section 180B(1).

10 **general restricted area** means an area of land for which a declaration under section 172, and as varied from time to time under section 180, is in effect.

prohibited liquor means:

- 15 (a) for a general restricted area – any liquor, or any type of liquor, that is prohibited in the general restricted area by the declaration under section 172, and as varied from time to time under section 180, in effect for that area; or
- 20 (b) for a special restricted area – any liquor, or any type of liquor, that is prohibited in the special restricted area by the declaration under section 182(1), and as varied from time to time under section 182(3), in effect for that area.

proposed transferee, for Part 3, Division 8, see section 71.

registered wholesaler means a person who is registered as a wholesaler of liquor under section 33.

- (3) Section 4(1), definition **forfeiture offence**

25 *omit*

offence against the following sections:

insert

an offence against any of the following sections:

5 Section 16 amended (Appointment)

Section 16(1)

omit

Minister

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insert

Director

6 Section 41A amended (Registration of BYO servers of liquor)

(1) Section 41A(a), after 'premises'

insert

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of the business

(2) Section 41A(b)

omit

served for consumption

insert

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served by the business to the patron for consumption on the premises

7 Section 43 amended (Exceptions from licence requirement)

Section 43(3)(c)

omit, insert

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(c) the wholesale sale of liquor by a registered wholesaler to a licensee or to another registered wholesaler;

8 Section 65 repealed

Section 65

repeal

9 Section 66 amended (Surrender of licence or authority)

(1) Section 66(1) and (2)

omit, insert

5 (1) A licensee may apply to the Director to surrender the licensee's licence or an authority attached to the licence.

(2) An application under subsection (1) must be lodged with the Director in the approved form.

(2) Section 66(3)

omit

10 all words from 'The' to 'satisfied'

insert

On an application under subsection (1), the Director must approve the surrender of the licence or authority if the Director is satisfied

(3) After section 66(3)

15 *insert*

(3A) The Director must give written notice of the Director's decision under subsection (3) to the licensee.

(3B) If the Director approves the surrender of a licence or an authority under subsection (3), the surrender takes effect on:

20 (a) the date of the Director's decision; or

(b) a later date determined by the Director and specified in the notice mentioned in subsection (3A).

(4) Section 66(4)

omit

25 If the surrender of a licence is accepted,

insert

If a licence is surrendered in accordance with this section,

10 Section 67 amended (Abandonment of licence)

Section 67(1)

omit

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5 *insert*

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11 Section 69 replaced

Section 69

repeal, insert

10 **69 Fees for licences and authorities**

(1) The regulations may prescribe:

(a) a fee for the issuing of a new licence; and

(b) a fee for the issuing of a new authority for an existing licence.

15 (2) A fee prescribed for the issuing of a new licence is payable by the licensee when the new licence is issued, and the new licence does not take effect until the prescribed fee has been paid.

20 (3) A fee prescribed for the issuing of a new authority for an existing licence is payable by the licensee when the new authority is issued, and the new authority does not take effect until the prescribed fee has been paid.

(4) A licensee must, in each year, pay an annual licence fee prescribed by regulation in respect of the licence held by the licensee.

(5) The regulations prescribing an annual licence fee may prescribe:

25 (a) the period of 12 months in respect of which the fee is to be paid (the **licensing year**); and

(b) the day on or before which the fee is to be paid for each licensing year; and

(c) an additional fee to be paid by a licensee as a penalty for late payment of the annual licence fee (a **late payment fee**).

(6) If a licensee fails to pay the annual licence fee for a licensing year by the day referred to in subsection (5)(b), the licensee's licence is automatically suspended.

(7) The suspension of the licence under subsection (6) ceases if:

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- (a) the annual licence fee is paid; and
 - (b) any late payment fee incurred by the licensee is paid.

12 Sections 71 and 72 replaced

Sections 71 and 72

repeal, insert

10 71 Transfer of licence

A licence may be transferred from the licensee to another person (the **proposed transferee**) with the approval of the Commission.

72 Application for approval to transfer

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- (1) The proposed transferee may apply to the Commission to approve the transfer of the licence to the proposed transferee.
 - (2) An application for approval to transfer the licence must be lodged with the Director.
 - (3) The application must be in the approved form and accompanied by:
 - (a) the application fee prescribed by regulation; and
 - 20 (b) an affidavit that meets the requirements of section 54.
 - (4) If the proposed transferee is a body corporate, the body corporate must designate an individual to be the nominee of the proposed transferee under the licence.
 - 25 (5) As soon as is reasonably practicable after an application is lodged under subsection (2), the Director must:
 - (a) accept the application if it complies with the requirements of subsection (3); or
 - (b) otherwise – refuse to accept the application.
 - 30 (6) Subject to subsection (7), if the Director accepts the application under subsection (5)(a), the Director must refer the application to the Commission for consideration.

- (7) Before referring the application to the Commission, the Director may conduct an investigation into the application and whether the proposed transferee is a fit and proper person for the purposes of section 73(1A).

5 **13 Section 73 amended (Decision on transfer)**

- (1) Sections 73(1), (1A) and (2)

omit (all references)

authorise

insert

10 approve

- (2) After section 73(1A)

insert

15 (1B) If the proposed transferee already holds a licence under this Act, the proposed transferee is, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, presumed to be a fit and proper person.

- (1C) The Commission may require the proposed transferee to provide the Commission with the additional documents or information that the Commission considers necessary to properly consider and decide the application.

20 **14 Section 74 amended (Certificate of transfer)**

Section 74(1)

omit

authorises

insert

25 approves

15 Section 76 amended (Acting licensee)

Section 76(7)(c) and (8)

omit (all references)

42 days

insert

90 days

16 Section 113 amended (Variation by Commission)

(1) Section 113, heading

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omit

by Commission

insert

of conditions on Commission's initiative

(2) Section 113(1) and (2)

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omit, insert

(1) Subject to subsections (1A), (1B)(b) and (3) and section 114, the Commission may, on its own initiative, vary the conditions of a licence or an authority.

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(1A) The Commission may only vary the conditions of a licence or authority under subsection (1) if the Commission is satisfied that the variation is:

(a) necessary to prevent or minimise a risk of harm to the community; or

(b) in the public interest.

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(1B) Before varying the conditions of a licence or an authority under subsection (1), the Commission:

(a) may request the Director to conduct an investigation into the licence or authority; and

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(b) must give written notice of the Commission's intention to vary the conditions to the licensee.

(1C) The Director may, if requested under subsection (1B)(a):

(a) conduct an investigation into the licence or authority; and

(b) report to the Commission on the results of the investigation.

(2) The notice mentioned in subsection (1B)(b) must:

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(a) state the proposed variation to the conditions; and

(b) set out the Commission's reasons for the proposed variation;
and

(c) invite the licensee to submit a response to the proposed variation within 28 days after the date of the notice.

5 (3) Section 113(3)

omit

all words from 'The' to 'considering:'

insert

10 In deciding whether to vary the conditions of a licence or an authority under subsection (1), the Commission must consider:

(4) After section 113(3)(a)

insert

(ab) the reported results of any investigation conducted by the Director; and

15 (5) After section 113(3)

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(3A) After considering the matters referred to in subsection (3), the Commission may decide to vary the conditions of the licence or authority:

20 (a) in the manner that was proposed in the notice; or

(b) in a different manner if the Commission considers it appropriate to do so.

(6) Section 113(4)

omit

25 (3),

insert

(1),

(7) Section 113(6)

omit

17 Section 113A inserted

After section 113

insert

113A Variation of conditions to make administrative amendment

- 5 (1) The Commission may, on its own initiative or on the request of the licensee, vary the conditions of a licence or an authority to:
- 10 (a) correct a clerical mistake or an error arising from an accidental slip or omission; or
- (b) correct a material mistake or error in a calculation or in the description of any person, place, thing or other matter; or
- (c) remove any duplicated or conflicting material; or
- (d) otherwise clarify any matter without altering the substance of the conditions.
- 15 (2) Before making a variation under subsection (1) on its own initiative, the Commission must give the licensee a written notice that:
- (a) states the proposed variation; and
- (b) invites the licensee to submit a response or raise any objection to the proposed variation within a period specified in the notice.
- 20 (3) As soon as practicable after making a variation under subsection (1), the Commission must give the licensee a written notice informing the licensee that the variation has been made.

18 Part 8, Division 1 repealed (Interim alcohol protected areas)

Part 8, Division 1

25 *repeal*

19 Section 172 amended (Power to declare general restricted area)

- (1) Section 172(3)(b) and (c)

omit, insert

- 30 (b) the liquor that is prohibited in the general restricted area;

(2) Section 172(4)

omit, insert

- (4) For subsection (3)(b), the liquor specified by the declaration as being prohibited in the general restricted area may be:

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- (a) all liquor; or
- (b) one or more specified types of liquor; or
- (c) all liquor except for one or more specified types of liquor.

Example for subsection (4)(c)

All liquor is prohibited in the general restricted area except low-strength beer.

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20 Section 175 amended (Consultation and notice of restriction)

(1) Section 175(1)(d)

omit, insert

- (d) the Chief Executive Officer of:

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- (i) the Agency administering the *Alcohol Harm Reduction Act 2017*; and
- (ii) the Agency administering the *Public and Environmental Health Act 2011*;

- (e) the Commissioner of Police;

- (f) any local council in the proposed area;

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- (g) any person or body prescribed by regulation.

(2) After section 175(1)

insert

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- (1A) In addition to subsection (1), the Director may give notice of the proposed general restricted area to any other person or body if the Director considers it appropriate to do so.

21 Section 178 replaced

Section 178

repeal, insert

178 Publication of information about general restricted areas

- 5 (1) The Commission must publish on the Commission's website the following information about each general restricted area, as in effect from time to time:
- (a) the boundaries of the general restricted area;
 - (b) the prohibited liquor in the general restricted area;
 - 10 (c) the date when the declaration of the general restricted area takes or took effect;
 - (d) if the declaration of the general restricted area is varied – the date when the variation takes or took effect;
 - 15 (e) any other details or information about the general restricted area that the Commission considers appropriate.
- (2) The information required to be published about a general restricted area under subsection (1) must be published as soon as is reasonably practicable after:
- 20 (a) the publication of the *Gazette* notice of the declaration of the general restricted area under section 172(1); and
 - (b) if the declaration of the general restricted area is subsequently varied under section 180(1) – the publication of the *Gazette* notice of the variation to the declaration.

22 Section 180 replaced

25 Section 180

repeal, insert

180 Variation or revocation of general restricted area

- (1) The Commission may, by *Gazette* notice:
- (a) vary a declaration of a general restricted area; or
 - 30 (b) revoke a declaration of a general restricted area.

- (2) A variation of a declaration under subsection (1)(a) may include:
- (a) a variation to the boundaries of the specified area declared to be the general restricted area; and
 - (b) a variation to the liquor declared to be prohibited in the general restricted area.
- (3) A variation or revocation of a declaration may be made by the Commission under subsection (1):
- (a) on an application made under section 180A and determined in accordance with sections 180D and 180E; or
 - (b) on the Commission's own initiative in accordance with sections 180F and 180G.
- (4) The notice of a variation of a declaration of a general restricted area under subsection (1)(a) must specify:
- (a) when the variation takes effect; and
 - (b) if a variation is made to the boundaries of the general restricted area – the boundaries of the general restricted area, as varied; and
 - (c) if a variation is made to the liquor declared to be prohibited in the general restricted area – the prohibited liquor in the general restricted area, as varied; and
 - (d) any other matters the Commission considers appropriate.
- (5) The notice of a revocation of a declaration of a general restricted area under subsection (1)(b) must specify:
- (a) when the revocation takes effect; and
 - (b) any other matters the Commission considers appropriate.

180A Application for variation or revocation

- (1) Any person may apply to the Commission to vary or revoke a declaration of a general restricted area.
- (2) The application must be in the approved form and lodged with the Director.

(3) An application to vary a declaration of a general restricted area must include the following:

(a) a detailed explanation of the variation being proposed to the declaration;

5 (b) a statement of the reasons for the proposed variation;

(c) any other matter prescribed by regulation.

(4) A community alcohol plan must be provided with an application to vary a declaration of a general restricted area if:

10 (a) the proposed variation involves removing the prohibition in respect of any type of liquor which is prohibited in the general restricted area; or

(b) the application is of a kind, or proposes a variation of a kind, prescribed by regulation; or

15 (c) otherwise – the Director requests a community alcohol plan to be provided for the application under subsection (5).

(5) The Director may, by written notice, request an applicant to provide a community alcohol plan for any application to vary a declaration of a general restricted area that is lodged if, having regard to the application, the Director considers it appropriate to do so.

20 (6) If the Director requests the applicant to provide a community alcohol plan under subsection (5), the Director may defer deciding whether to accept the application under section 180C until the community alcohol plan has been provided.

25 (7) An application to revoke a declaration of a general restricted area must include the following:

(a) a statement of the reasons for the proposed revocation of the declaration;

(b) any other matter prescribed by regulation.

30 (8) A community alcohol plan must be provided with any application to revoke a declaration of a general restricted area.

180B Community alcohol plans

(1) A community alcohol plan must:

(a) be in writing; and

(b) be consistent with this Act and the Regulations; and

- (c) include the matters prescribed by regulation.
- (2) A community alcohol plan must be prepared in accordance with the requirements (if any) prescribed by regulation.
- 5 (3) Without limiting subsection (2), the Regulations may require that a person preparing a community alcohol plan:
 - (a) carry out consultation on the proposed community alcohol plan in the manner prescribed by regulation; and
 - (b) ascertain community support for the proposed community alcohol plan in the manner prescribed by regulation.

10 **180C Acceptance of application**

- (1) After an application is lodged with the Director under section 180A(2), the Director must:
 - (a) accept the application for consideration; or
 - (b) reject the application.
- 15 (2) The Director may decide to reject the application under subsection (1) if:
 - (a) the application does not comply with the requirements of section 180A(3) or (7); or
 - 20 (b) for an application for which a community alcohol plan is required to be provided under section 180A(4) or (8) – a community alcohol plan has not been provided for the application; or
 - (c) the Director is satisfied the application is frivolous or vexatious.
- 25 (3) The Director may require the applicant to provide any additional information or document that the Director considers necessary to decide whether to accept the application.

180D Consultation and notice requirements for variation or revocation on application

- 5 (1) Within 14 days of accepting an application under section 180C(1)(a), the Director must give notice of the application to each of the following:
- (a) the Chief Executive Officer of:
- 10 (i) the Agency administering the *Alcohol Harm Reduction Act 2017*; and
- (ii) the Agency administering the *Public and Environmental Health Act 2011*;
- (b) the Commissioner of Police;
- (c) any local council in the general restricted area;
- (d) any person or body prescribed by regulation.
- 15 (2) In addition to subsection (1), the Director may give notice of the application to any other person or body if the Director considers it appropriate to do so.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4), a person or body given notice under subsection (1) or (2) may make written submissions to the Commission about the application.
- 20 (4) Any submissions made by a person or body under subsection (3) must be lodged with the Director within 28 days of the date on which the person or body is given notice of the application.
- 25 (5) After the expiry of the time allowed for lodging submissions under subsection (4), the Director must refer the application and any submissions lodged with the Director to the Commission for consideration and determination.

180E Decision on application for variation or revocation

- 30 (1) In deciding whether to vary or revoke a declaration of a general restricted area on an application under section 180(1) and (3)(a), the Commission:
- (a) must consider:
- (i) any submissions lodged with the Director under section 180D(4); and

- (ii) if a community alcohol plan was provided with the application – the community alcohol plan; and
 - (b) may consider any other matter that the Commission considers relevant.
- 5 (2) In considering any community alcohol plan mentioned in subsection (1)(a)(ii), the Commission must have regard to:
 - (a) whether the plan complies with the requirements under section 180B; and
 - (b) any evidence of community support for the plan.
- 10 (3) After considering the application and the matters mentioned in subsection (1), the Commission may decide to:
 - (a) vary or revoke the declaration of the general restricted area under section 180(1) if the Commission is satisfied that the variation or revocation is:
 - 15 (i) in the public interest; and
 - (ii) not likely to have a significant adverse impact on the Territory community; or
 - (b) refuse to vary or revoke the declaration.
- 20 (4) If the Commission is satisfied of the matters specified in subsection (3)(a) and the application is supported by a community alcohol plan, the Commission may also decide to vary or revoke the declaration of the general restricted area subject to the prior satisfaction of conditions relating to the full or partial implementation of the community alcohol plan.
- 25 (5) If the Commission decides to conditionally vary or revoke the declaration under subsection (4), the Commission must specify the conditions that are to be satisfied before the declaration will be varied or revoked by the Commission under section 180(1).
- 30 (6) If the conditions specified by the Commission under subsection (5) are satisfied, the Commission must, as soon reasonably practicable, take action to implement and give effect to its decision by varying or revoking the declaration under section 180(1).
- 35 (7) As soon as reasonably practicable after making a decision under subsection (3) or (4), the Commission must give a decision notice to:
 - (a) the applicant; and

- (b) each person or body who lodged a submission under section 180D(4).

180F Consultation and notice requirements for variation or revocation on Commission's initiative

- 5 (1) Before varying or revoking a declaration of a general restricted area on its own initiative under section 180(1) and (3)(b), the Commission must request the Director to:

- (a) give notice of the Commission's proposed variation or revocation in accordance with subsections (2) and (3); and

- 10 (b) carry out consultation in relation to the Commission's proposed variation or revocation in accordance with subsection (5).

- 15 (2) As soon as reasonably practicable after receiving a request from the Commission under subsection (1), the Director must give notice of the Commission's proposed variation or revocation of the declaration to each of the following:

- (a) the Chief Executive Officer of:

- (i) the Agency administering the *Alcohol Harm Reduction Act 2017*; and

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 - (ii) the Agency administering the *Public and Environmental Health Act 2011*;

- (b) the Commissioner of Police;

- (c) any local council in the general restricted area;

- (d) any person or body prescribed by regulation.

- 25 (3) The notice of the Commission's proposed variation or revocation must include:

- (a) for a proposed variation of a declaration – each of the following:

- (i) a detailed explanation of the proposed variation;

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 - (ii) a statement of the reasons for the proposed variation; and

- (b) for a proposed revocation of a declaration – a statement of the reasons for the proposed revocation; and

- (c) an invitation to make written submissions to the Commission about the proposed variation or revocation.
- 5 (4) Any submissions made by a person or body in response to the invitation in the notice given under subsection (2) must be lodged with the Director within 28 days of the date on which the person or body is given the notice unless a longer period is specified by the Director in the notice.
- (5) The Director must take reasonable steps to consult on the Commission's proposed variation or revocation with:
- 10 (a) the people who reside in the general restricted area; and
- (b) any local council in the general restricted area.
- (6) The Director must report to the Commission on the following:
- (a) any submissions lodged with the Director under subsection (4);
- 15 (b) any opinions and advice provided in response to the consultation carried out under subsection (5).

180G Decision to vary or revoke on Commission's initiative

- 20 (1) In deciding whether to vary or revoke a declaration of a general restricted area on the Commission's initiative under section 180(1) and (3)(b), the Commission:
- (a) must consider any submissions, opinions and advice reported by the Director under section 180F(6); and
- (b) may consider any other matter that the Commission considers relevant.
- 25 (2) After considering the matters referred to in subsection (1), the Commission may decide to vary or revoke the declaration of the general restricted area under section 180(1) if the Commission is satisfied that the variation or revocation is:
- (a) in the public interest; and
- 30 (b) not likely to have a significant adverse impact on the Territory community.
- (3) As soon as reasonably practicable after making a decision under subsection (2), the Commission must give a decision notice to each person or body who lodged a submission under section 180F(4).

180H Commencement of variation or revocation

A variation or revocation of a declaration of a general restricted area has effect on the later of the following:

- 5 (a) the date of publication of the *Gazette* notice referred to in section 180(1);
- (b) the date specified in that notice.

23 Section 209 amended (Applicable offences)

- (1) Section 209(1)(a), after 'section'

insert

10 143, 144 or

- (2) Section 209(1)(ba)

omit, insert

15 (ba) section 66, 69, 166, 174C, 174D, 174E, 174F, 174FA, 174FB, 176A(2), 177, 180A, 181, 186, 186AA, 188, 188A, 189A, 193B, 196, 200, 208H, 208HA, 208HB, 208HC, 208NA, 217, 218, 220, 221, 224, 225(3), 227, 241(1), 241A or 243(1) of the Criminal Code;

- (3) After section 209(1)(bb)

insert

20 (bc) section 120 of the *Domestic and Family Violence Act 2007*;

- (4) Section 209(1)(d), after 'section'

insert

6(e),

24 Section 213 amended (Requirements before giving banning notice)

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Section 213(1)

omit, insert

- 30 (1) If a police officer intends to issue a banning notice to a person and the police officer is not in uniform, the officer must produce the officer's police identification for the person's inspection.

25 Section 215 amended (Effect of banning notice)

(1) Section 215(1)(a) and (b)

omit

14 days

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insert

90 days

(2) Section 215(3)

omit

A banning notice does not prevent a

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insert

Despite subsection (1), a banning notice does not prevent the

(3) Section 215(3)(b)

omit

work.

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insert

work; or

(4) After section 215(3)(b)

insert

(c) entering or remaining in the high risk area for the purpose of:

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(i) attending at a health care facility or another place to receive medical treatment; or

(ii) attending at a place within the high risk area to access a government service.

26 Section 258 amended (Police power to suspend licence or authority)

Section 258(1)

omit, insert

- 5 (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Commissioner of Police may suspend a licence or an authority attached to the licence if the Commissioner believes on reasonable grounds that any of the following is occurring on or in the licensed premises or in the vicinity of the licensed premises:
- 10 (a) alcohol-related violence;
- (b) riotous conduct;
- (c) a breach of the peace.
- (2) The Commissioner of Police may only suspend the licence or authority under subsection (1) if:
- 15 (a) the Commissioner is satisfied that:
- (i) the licensee has been provided with a reasonable opportunity to take steps to prevent the conduct from continuing to occur; and
- 20 (ii) the licensee has refused or failed to take reasonable steps to prevent that conduct from continuing to occur; or
- (b) the Commissioner:
- (i) believes on reasonable grounds that the conduct poses an imminent threat or risk to public safety; and
- 25 (ii) is satisfied that the suspension of the licence or authority is reasonably necessary to prevent that conduct from continuing to occur in order to avoid or reduce the threat or risk to public safety.

27 Part 19 inserted

After section 340

insert

Part 19 Transitional matters for Liquor Amendment Act 2026

Division 1 Preliminary matters

341 Definitions

In this Part:

amending Act means the *Liquor Amendment Act 2026*.

commencement means:

- (a) for Division 2 – the commencement of section 18 of the amending Act; and
- (b) for Division 3 – the commencement of section 3 of the amending Act; and
- (c) for Division 4 – the commencement of section 12 of the amending Act.

Division 2 Conversion of interim alcohol protected areas to general restricted areas

342 Interim alcohol protected areas converted to general restricted areas on commencement

- (1) This section applies in relation to any area of land (a ***former alcohol protected area***) that was, immediately before the commencement, an interim alcohol protected area in which liquor was prohibited under Part 8, Division 1, before its repeal.
- (2) Each former alcohol protected area is, on the commencement, taken to have been declared to be a general restricted area under section 172.
- (3) For subsection (2), all liquor is taken to have been declared to be prohibited liquor for each general restricted area on the commencement.

- 5 (4) Any permit that, immediately before the commencement, was in effect under section 170A(5) for a former alcohol protected area mentioned in subsection (2) continues in effect after the commencement as if that permit had been granted under section 201 for the general restricted area.
- 10 (5) To avoid doubt, a variation or revocation in relation to a general restricted area mentioned in subsection (2) may, after the commencement, be made by the Commission under Part 8, Division 3, in the same way as if a declaration had been made by the Commission under section 172 for that general restricted area.
- (6) As soon as is reasonably practicable after the commencement, the Commission must publish the matters required to be published under section 178(1) in respect of each former alcohol protected area that becomes a general restricted area under subsection (2).
- 15 (7) The Commission is not required to comply with section 181 in relation to a former alcohol protected area that becomes a general restricted area under subsection (2).

343 Offences committed in interim alcohol protected areas before commencement

- 20 (1) This section applies in relation to an offence against section 170B before its repeal that was committed by a person before the commencement.
- 25 (2) Despite section 14 of the Criminal Code and the repeal of section 170B by the amending Act, a proceeding for the offence may be continued or started, and the person may be found guilty and punished for the offence, as if section 18 of the amending Act had not commenced.

344 Application of amendments relating to duration of existing declarations of general restricted areas

- 30 (1) This section applies in relation to a declaration of a general restricted area that:
- (a) is in effect immediately before the commencement; and
- (b) specified a date when the declaration is to expire (an **expiry date**) for section 172(3)(c), as in force before the commencement.
- 35 (2) Despite the specification of an expiry date, the declaration of the general restricted area does not expire on the expiry date and otherwise continues in effect until it is revoked in accordance with Part 8, Division 3.

(3) To avoid doubt, subsection (2) does not prevent:

- (a) any variation to the declaration from being made before or after the expiry date; and
- (b) the revocation of the declaration before the expiry date.

5 **Division 3 Converted licences and authorities**

345 Review of previously converted licences and authorities

(1) This section applies in relation to a licence (a **converted licence**) that:

(a) is in effect immediately before the commencement; and

10 (b) was issued by the Director with one or more authorities under section 324(6) for the purpose of converting a licence or special licence under the *Liquor Act 1978* (the **expired licence**).

15 (2) A licensee who holds a converted licence may apply to the Director for a review of an authority (a **converted authority**) that was issued with the converted licence under section 324(6).

(3) An application under subsection (2) must be in the approved form and lodged with the Director within 2 years after the commencement.

20 (4) On the application, the Director may decide to substitute the converted authority with an authority of another type if the Director considers that the other type of authority:

(a) is equivalent to the expired licence; and

25 (b) is more consistent with the nature of the expired licence than the converted authority.

30 (5) In deciding to substitute the converted authority under subsection (4), the Director may vary any conditions of the converted licence that were imposed by the Director under section 324(6) if the Director considers the variation to be necessary to give effect to the substitution.

(6) The Director must give the applicant written notice of the Director's decision under subsection (4) as soon as reasonably practicable after making it.

(7) If the Director decides under subsection (4) to substitute the converted authority for an authority of another type (the ***substituted authority***):

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(a) the converted authority ceases to have effect on the date of the Director's decision or any later date specified by the Director in the notice mentioned in subsection (6); and

(b) the substituted authority comes into effect on the date referred to in paragraph (a); and

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(c) the substituted authority has the same effect as if it had been issued under section 60.

Division 4 Transfer of licences

346 Applications for transfer of licence before commencement

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The provisions of this Act, as in force before the commencement, continue to apply after the commencement in relation to an application that:

(a) was made to the Commission under section 72 before the commencement; and

(b) had not been decided before the commencement.

28 Act further amended

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The Schedule has effect.

Part 3 Amendment of Alcohol Harm Reduction Regulations 2017

29 Regulations amended

This Part amends the *Alcohol Harm Reduction Regulations 2017*.

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30 Regulation 4 repealed (Prescribed provision)

Regulation 4

repeal

Part 4 Repeal of Act

31 Repeal of Act

This Act is repealed on the day after it commences.

Schedule Act further amended

section 28

Provision	Amendment	
	<i>omit</i>	<i>insert</i>
section 32	registered as a wholesaler of liquor under section 33.	a registered wholesaler.
section 34	wholesalers	registered wholesalers
section 35(c)(i)	whole subparagraph	(i) a registered wholesaler; or
section 85(2)	(2)	
section 153(1)	(1)	
section 153(1), note	<i>subsection (1)</i>	<i>section 153</i>
