

Tackling Alcohol-Fuelled Violence Legislation Amendment Bill 2015

Explanatory Notes

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Amendments To Be Moved During Consideration In Detail By Shane Knuth, Member for Dalrymple

Short title

The short title of the Bill is the Tackling Alcohol-Fuelled Violence Legislation Amendment Bill 2015.

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The objective of the additional amendment to the *Liquor Act 1992* (Liquor Act) is to further support the objectives of the Bill, as outlined in the original Explanatory Notes. This will be achieved by specifying a timeframe for the commencement of an independent evaluation of the tackling alcohol-fuelled violence measures contained in the Bill.

Achievement of policy objectives

Objective: Specifying a timeframe for commencement of an independent evaluation of the tackling alcohol-fuelled violence measures contained in the Bill

Clause 1 of the Bill inserts a new section 338A into the Liquor Act, specifying that an independent evaluation of the relevant measures in the Bill is required to commence as soon as practicable after 1 July 2018. This is two years after the commencement of the majority of the Bill's amendments on 1 July 2016, and 17 months after the commencement of the final changes to liquor trading hours and lock outs.

This evaluation will relate to the measures associated with the Bill's objective of tackling alcohol-fuelled violence, including the amendments to late-night liquor trading hours, lock outs, 3am safe night precincts, applications for extended takeaway liquor trading hours and the ban on the sale or supply of rapid intoxication drinks after midnight.

Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives

While it is possible for an evaluation of the relevant parts of the Bill to be conducted administratively, it is considered that the most appropriate option was for the relevant evaluation to be legislatively required.

Estimated cost for government implementation

Nil.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The amendment is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

No specific consultation has been undertaken on this amendment.

Consistency with legislation of other jurisdictions

Not applicable.

Notes on provisions

Clause 1 inserts a new transitional section 338A into the Liquor Act. The section provides that, as soon as practicable after 1 July 2018, the Minister must arrange for an independent review of the operation and effectiveness of the relevant provisions in the Bill.

The relevant provisions relate to the reduction of liquor service hours, the introduction of 3am safe night precincts, the implementation of a 1am lock out in 3am safe night precincts, stopping applications for takeaway liquor service hours after 10pm, and banning the sale and supply of rapid intoxication drinks after midnight.

The new section also provides that the Minister must table a report about the outcome of the review in the Legislative Assembly, as soon as practicable after it is completed.