House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 6 August 2013

Gambling (Gambling Harm Reduction) Amendment Bill

Proposed amendment

Hon Trevor Mallard, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

New clause 20

After clause 19 (after line 14 on page 8), insert:

- 20 Section 101 amended (Territorial authority must adopt class 4 venue policy)
- (1) In section 101, replace subsection 2 with:
- "(2) In adopting a policy, the territorial authority must, in respect of the territorial authority district, have regard to—
 - "(a) the social impact of gambling; and
 - "(b) evidence of harm from gambling; and
 - "(c) public sentiment about the extent and location of gambling venues."
- (2) After subsection (3)(b), insert "; and " and also insert:
 - "(c) may specify that class 4 venues are prohibited or reduced in numbers in all or specified parts of the district and that any prohibition or reduction must apply to existing venues, including venues that were in operation on the date this Act came into force; and
 - "(d) must have regard to introducing a policy of revoking class 4 licences in deprivation 9 and 10 areas."

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Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends the Gambling (Gambling Harm Reduction) Amendment Bill, which as currently drafted does not provide for territorial authorities to have regard to the social impact of gambling, the evidence of harm from gambling and public sentiment about the extent and location of gambling venues in adopting their policy on class 4 venues. This bill, as currently drafted, does not provide for a territorial authority's policy on class 4 venues to specify that such venues are prohibited or reduced in numbers in all or specified parts of the district.

These provisions were included in the Bill as introduced but the Commerce Committee recommended deleting the provisions.

This Supplementary Order Paper amends the Bill to reinstate these provisions and to require a territorial authority's policy on class 4 venues to have regard to introducing a policy of revoking class 4 licences in deprivation 9 and 10 areas.