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# Reforms to liquor and gaming legislation

The Liquor and Gaming Legislation Amendment Bill was passed by the NSW Parliament in March 2018.

The amendments ensure the regulatory approach to the liquor and gaming sector meets community and industry expectations and responds to emerging trends driven by changes in technology and gambling markets.

## Purpose of the reforms

- ▲ Standardise regulatory powers of Liquor & Gaming NSW (L&GNSW) for its oversight of the liquor and gaming industries.
- ▲ Change penalties for certain liquor and gaming related offences.
- ▲ Update post-employment restrictions for former liquor and gaming officials.
- ▲ Other minor amendments to liquor and gaming legislation.

## Overview of the reforms

The Bill amended 15 pieces of legislation to:

- ▲ Improve management of risk associated with the post-employment activities of key L&GNSW officials.
- ▲ Standardise regulatory powers across gaming legislation to promote consistency and certainty for the industry, and ensure L&GNSW has appropriate powers to investigate serious breaches of gaming regulation.
- ▲ Update penalties to ensure consistency for similar offences across liquor and gaming legislation.
- ▲ Increase powers to hold directors of betting service providers accountable for misconduct in their organisations.

- ▲ Increase penalties for betting service providers that offer inducements to gamble and publish prohibited gambling advertising from \$5,500 to \$55,000 for corporations and from \$5,500 to \$11,000 for individuals.
- ▲ Make the casino operator more accountable for its decisions to exclude a person.
- ▲ Enable the authorised destruction of gaming machines to prevent gaming machines being unlawfully re-purposed.
- ▲ Allow higher education bodies other than a university or TAFE college to apply for a liquor licence.
- ▲ Enhance the existing ID scanner scheme in prescribed precincts such as Kings Cross by permitting sharing of a person's ID data with other prescribed precinct venues, when they have been banned by a licensee from premises in a prescribed precinct.
- ▲ Enable the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority to declare a person ineligible to hold a position as a secretary or member of the governing body of club for life.


The Bill made other minor amendments that update existing procedures and requirements under liquor and gaming legislation.

### For further information

To find out more about the proposed reforms, contact L&GNSW:

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