

**LIQUOR CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL 2008**

*Introduction and First Reading*

Bill introduced, on motion by **Mr E.S. Ripper (Treasurer)**, and read a first time.

Explanatory memorandum presented by the Treasurer.

*Second Reading*

**MR E.S. RIPPER (Belmont — Treasurer)** [12.38 pm]: I move —

That the bill be now read a second time.

The Liquor Control Amendment Bill 2008 amends the Liquor Control Act 1988 to allow juveniles, aged 16 or 17 years, who have graduated from a prescribed training course, to serve liquor whilst employed on a licensed premises. The service of liquor under this provision must be ancillary to a meal, and the work carried on by the juvenile supervised at all times. Employment of the juvenile on licensed premises must also be approved by the director of liquor licensing.

The bill will strengthen the offence provisions for the unlawful sale and supply of liquor. An offence is created for liquor to be sold from licensed premises, in circumstances where the seller suspected, or should have reasonably suspected, that the purchaser intended to illegally resell the liquor. An offence of this nature will apply to licensees, employees or agents of a licensee and carry a maximum penalty of \$20 000 and imprisonment for two years.

Licensees of licensed stadiums, such as Subiaco Oval, must adopt responsible service of alcohol practices and are responsible for the behaviour of patrons attending events at their venues. Licensees can effectively control the sale and supply of liquor authorised under their licence. However, it is currently not unlawful for patrons to carry liquor into a licensed stadium. Licensees find it difficult to manage those individuals who bring liquor into a stadium and become intoxicated and engage in antisocial behaviour. To assist licensees in managing these individuals, the bill establishes an offence for a person taking liquor into a licensed stadium without the consent of the licensee. This offence will attract a penalty of \$2 000. In addition, the police will be authorised to seize and immediately dispose of any opened or unopened containers of liquor in a person's possession that is illegally brought into a licensed stadium. The amendment will not automatically apply to all licensed stadiums, and each licensed stadium will be prescribed in regulation on a case-by-case basis.

The final amendment in the bill clarifies the protection from prosecution provision under section 171 of the Liquor Control Act relating to authorised officers and persons under the instructions of an authorised officer who unsuccessfully attempt to purchase liquor in a manner that might otherwise contravene the provisions of the act.

I commend the bill to the house.

Debate adjourned, on motion by **Mr A.J. Simpson**.