

BETTING CONTROL AMENDMENT (TAXING) BILL 2019

Receipt and First Reading

Bill received from the Assembly; and, on motion by **Hon Stephen Dawson (Minister for Environment)**, read a first time.

Second Reading

HON STEPHEN DAWSON (Mining and Pastoral — Minister for Environment) [10.31 pm]: I move —

That the bill be now read a second time.

This bill complements the TAB (Disposal) Bill 2019, which provides the necessary authority and framework to enable the sale of the TAB and establish a new wagering licence regime for a privately operated TAB. As I mentioned in my second reading speech for the TAB (Disposal) Bill 2019, the wagering licence will require the new operator of the TAB to pay an up-front and/or annual licence fee, likely both. Under the Constitution Acts Amendment Act 1899, bills imposing taxation must deal only with the imposition of the tax. As such, to the extent that the wagering licence fee is considered a tax, this bill provides the necessary authority to impose the fee.

Pursuant to standing order 126(1), I advise that this bill is not a uniform legislation bill. It does not ratify or give effect to a bilateral or multilateral intergovernmental agreement to which the government of the state is a party; nor does this bill, by reason of its subject matter, introduce a uniform scheme or uniform laws throughout the commonwealth.

I commend the bill to the house and I table the explanatory memorandum.

[See paper 2819.]

Debate adjourned, pursuant to standing orders.

House adjourned at 10.31 pm
