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Stop Gambling Addiction (Abolish Poker Machines) Bill 2023

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**A Bill for an Act to abolish poker machines, and for
related purposes**

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The Parliament of Australia enacts:

Part 1—Preliminary

1 Short title

This Act is the *(Stop Gambling Addiction (Abolish Poker Machines) Bill 2023)*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provision(s)	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this Act	the day after the period of 12 months beginning on the day this Act receives the Presidential Assent	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this Act.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this Act. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this Act.

3 Schedules

Legislation that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

5 Simplified Outline of the act

Poker machines must cease from operations in Australia
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6 Definitions

In this Act:

Poker Machine - a machine that you put coins in to play a game in which you win money if particular pictures appear together on screen.

Abolish - formally putting an end to a system, practice or institution.

Part 2—Abolish Poker Machines

Division 1- Applying the clauses

Subdivision A-starter provisions

3 Abolish new and upcoming poker machines

Poker machines that are in the process of being made or produced to be used for new purposes, will be made illegal.

Section XX

List of companies that will be banned from making and producing new poker machines in Australia:

- (a) Aristocrat Leisure Limited, International Game Technology PLC, Ainsworth Gaming Technology, Konami Group Corporation, StarGames, SHFL Entertainment, Bally Manufacturing, WMS Gaming, Aruze Gaming.

4 Time Frame

Venues like pubs, hotels, RSL clubs and casinos will be given a year (12 months) to phase out the poker machines. This would require a financial relief package to assist venues and businesses to easily transition without the reliance of poker machines.

5 Abolish existing poker machines

After the 12 month period where venues has phased out the poker machines, a ban will be put in place meaning existing poker machines will be abolished and meaning poker machines will permanently cease from its operation in Australia.

6 Financial relief package

Venues as mentioned in (4 Time Frame) will be given a financial relief package assisted by the federal government, this shall be rolled out nationwide across Australia.

Minimum: \$50 million (granted)

7 Penalties

- (a) If companies do break or seek to manipulate around laws to illegally produce new poker machines or illegally operating after the 12 month period:

Maximum fine: \$50 Million

Or face criminal prosecutions (depending on severity of issue)

- (b) Like companies, venues would face:

Minimum fine: \$100,000

Or face criminal prosecutions (depending on severity of issue)