

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
SHORT STAY LEVY BILL 2024

(Amendments and New Clauses to be proposed in Committee by EVAN MULHOLLAND)

1. Clause 3, after line 10 insert—

"disability has the same meaning as it has in section 4(1) of the **Disability Service Safeguards Act 2018**;
family violence has the same meaning as it has in section 5 of the **Family Violence Protection Act 2008**;"
2. Clause 3, after line 13 insert—

"house has the same meaning as it has in section 4(1) of the **Housing Act 1983**;"
3. Clause 3, page 3, after line 9 insert—

"rural and regional Victoria has the same meaning as it has in section 3(1) of the **Regional Development Victoria Act 2002**;"
4. Clause 5, lines 31 and 32, omit "commercial residential premises within the meaning of" and insert "premises described in paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d), (da) or (e) of the definition of *commercial residential premises* in".
5. Clause 5, page 5, line 24, omit "facility." and insert "facility;"
6. Clause 5, page 5, after line 24 insert—

"(j) premises located on land that is exempt under section 54(1) of the **Land Tax Act 2005** from land tax imposed under that Act."
7. Clause 7, page 7, line 3, omit "booking." and insert "booking; and".
8. Clause 7, page 7, after line 3 insert—

"(c) any amount included in respect of the short stay levy; and
(d) any amount included in respect of GST."
9. Clause 7, page 7, lines 5 to 12, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert "for a short stay booking includes any amount payable for any period during which the person does not occupy the premises, unless that amount is waived or provided as a credit or refund."
10. Clause 7, page 7, after line 12 insert—

"(3) The total booking fee for a short stay booking does not include an amount payable for a short stay that is exempt under section 21A from liability for the short stay levy."

11. Clause 21, page 16, line 18, after "accommodation" insert "and the booking platform provider had reasonable grounds to believe the declaration was false or misleading in a material particular".

NEW CLAUSE

12. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 21—

"21A Exemption from liability for short stay levy

A short stay in short stay accommodation is exempt from liability for the short stay levy if the person who occupies the short stay accommodation under the short stay booking is—

- (a) a person who has a disability; or
- (b) occupying the accommodation because of a perceived threat to the person's safety or physical or mental health, including a threat of family violence against the person; or
- (c) occupying the accommodation to enable the person or a carer of the person to attend a medical appointment or obtain medical treatment."

NEW CLAUSE

13. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 22—

"22A Review of this Act

- (1) The Treasurer must cause a review to be conducted of the operation of this Act.
- (2) The review must be commenced on or after 1 January 2026 and before 1 July 2026.
- (3) The review must be completed no later than 31 December 2026.
- (4) The review must include an analysis of the impact of this Act on—
 - (a) the number of houses that are available in Victoria for—
 - (i) renting under a residential rental agreement; and
 - (ii) purchase under a contract of sale; and
 - (b) the total amount of dollars spent on tourism in Victoria and in rural and regional Victoria during the following periods—
 - (i) 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025; and
 - (ii) 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025.
- (5) The Treasurer must cause a copy of the review to be laid before each House of Parliament no later than 14 sitting days after receiving it."

14. Clause 32, omit this clause.

