Chief Minister, Terry Mills has signed off on measures that will relieve bottle-shops employees from scanning ID cards when selling take-away alcohol.

The Country Liberals election win on Saturday signalled the end of the Banned Drinker Register and the requirement that photo identification be scanned prior to the purchase of take-away alcohol.

Mr Mills yesterday signed a ministerial instrument removing the license conditions that require bottle-shop attendants to scan photo ID until the law covering the Banned Drinker Register is repealed by Parliament.

This will occur during October Parliamentary sittings.

“In the meantime I want those employed in the hospitality industry to be able to do their jobs without the threat of prosecution,” Mr Mills said.

“The Labor Government’s licensing requirements meant bottle-shop staff became criminals if they sold alcohol without first scanning a patron’s ID.

“The Country Liberals believe the purchaser should be responsible for their actions, not bottle-shop staff.”

Under the measures introduced by the Country Liberals, restrictions that were in place prior to the introduction of the BDR will remain pending a full review.

These restrictions will apply in Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs, East Arnhem and Groote Eylandt.

Scanning will still be required in those centres for the purchase of some types of alcohol such as fortified wines and 2 Litre cask wines.

Existing measures for those on the BDR to undergo rehabilitation will remain in place.

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