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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 3 of 1967

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Gambling and Betting Act, 1963.

[Assented to 9th March, 1967]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, Enactment
by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and
House of Representatives of Trinidad and Tobago, and by
the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Gambling and Bet- Short title
ting (Amendment) Act, 1967.

(2) This Act shall be deemed to have effect from the 1st day of January, 1967.

Sections 14,
28, 38 and 39
of the Gam-
bling and
Betting Act
amended

2. The Gambling and Betting Act, 1963, is hereby amended—

(a) by substituting for subsection (1) of section 14 the following :

“(1) There shall be charged on all pin ball machines a half-yearly tax in the sum of one hundred dollars in respect of each pin ball machine.”;

(b) in subsection (2) of section 28—

(i) by deleting the words “or renewal, as the case may be,” occurring in the second line thereof;

(ii) by deleting the words “or applicant for” occurring in paragraph (a) thereof;

(c) in section 38—

(i) by substituting for subsection (1) thereof the following :

“(1) If the holder of a betting office licence is convicted—

(a) of an offence under section 26, section 36 or section 37; or

(b) of any offence involving fraud or dishonesty,

the court by which he is convicted shall, in addition to any penalty imposed for that offence, order that his licence shall be forfeited and cancelled and that the payment of all duties and taxes payable under this Act and all valid claims shall be made out of the deposit referred to in section 32.”;

(ii) by deleting the words “, in the case of the forfeiture and cancellation for fraud or dishonesty by virtue of that order,” occurring in the third and fourth lines of subsection (3) thereof;

(iii) by repealing subsection (4) thereof;

- (d) in section 39, by substituting for subsection (1) thereof the following :

“(1) Any holder of a betting office licence who employs in his betting transactions any person known to be disqualified under this Act for holding or obtaining a licence is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of twelve hundred dollars.”

- (e) in section 40 by substituting the words “Board of Inland Revenue” for the words “Commissioner of Inland Revenue” occurring in the definition of “Commissioner”.

3. The First Schedule to the Gambling and Betting Act, 1963, is hereby amended—

First
Schedule
to the Act
amended

- (a) in paragraph 6 thereof by inserting between the words “grant of” and the words “the permit” occurring in the fifth and sixth lines, the words “a certificate authorising the issue of”;
- (b) by deleting paragraphs 8 and 9 thereof;
- (c) in paragraph 10—
- (i) in the fifth line thereof, for the words “or renew” there shall be substituted the words “a certificate authorising the issue of”;
- (ii) in the last line of paragraph (b) thereof, by deleting the words “or, as the case may be, paragraph 9”;
- (d) by inserting immediately after paragraph 13 the following new paragraph :—

“13A. (1) The authority may at any time enter into any premises in respect of which an application for a licence or a permit has been made and may inspect such premises for the purpose and the advisability of granting a certificate for the issue or renewal of the licence or permit.

(2) Any person in the occupation of such premises, or any servant or other person in his employment, or any person by his direction, who wilfully impedes, restricts or

obstructs the authority in his inspection is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for six months hard labour or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

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13B. The Summary Courts Ordinance shall govern the procedure at the hearing of any application for a permit or a licence or at any adjournment thereof and the provisions of sections 24 and 25 and sections 43 to 50 of that Ordinance shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the authority as they apply to a magistrate.”;

- (e) in the heading immediately preceding paragraph 14, by substituting for the words “OR RENEW” the words “A CERTIFICATE FOR”;
- (f) in paragraph 14—
 - (i) by adding after paragraph (b) thereof the following :—
 - “(c) is a company registered under the Companies Ordinance, a partnership or other association or body of persons corporate or unincorporate;
 - (d) is in arrears of payment of any tax payable under any law;
 - (e) was not immediately prior to the 1st day of January, 1967 the holder of a valid and subsisting betting office licence or a permit to operate a pin ball machine, as the case may require.”;
 - (ii) by deleting the references in paragraph (b) thereof to subsections (3) and (4) of section 38;
- (g) by deleting the words “ or renewed ” occurring in the second line of subparagraph (b) of paragraph 15 thereof;
- (h) in the heading immediately preceding paragraph 16, by substituting for the words “OR

RENEW" the words "OR A CERTIFICATE AUTHORISING THE ISSUE OF";

- (i) in paragraph 16, by deleting subparagraph (1) (b) (ii) thereof;
- (j) by substituting for paragraph 17 thereof and the heading thereto the following :

"ISSUE OF PERMIT OR LICENCE

17. (1) The Board of Inland Revenue on the payment of the appropriate fee specified in subparagraph (2) and upon production of the requisite certificate granted by the authority may issue the following—

- (a) a betting office licence;
- (b) a permit to carry on such business as is mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) of section 27 of the Act;
- (c) a pin ball machine licence;
- (d) a permit to operate a pin ball machine under section 13 of the Act.

(2) There shall be payable to the Board of Inland Revenue :

- (a) in the case of a betting office licence—
 - (i) in respect of a person not being a foreign pools operator, a fee of \$12,500;
 - (ii) in respect of a person who is a foreign pools operator, a fee of \$25,000;
- (b) in the case of a permit to carry on such business as is mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (1) of section 27 of the Act, a fee of \$250;
- (c) in the case of a permit to operate a pin ball machine under section 13 of the Act, a fee of \$250;

(d) in the case of a pin ball machine licence, \$1,000 for each pin ball machine kept on the premises.”;

(k) by substituting for paragraph 18 the following:

“18. A permit to carry on such business as is mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (1) of section 27 of the Act, or a permit to operate a pin ball machine under section 13 of the Act or a betting office licence or a pin ball machine licence shall be in the prescribed form and shall show the date with effect from which it is to be in force and, subject to paragraphs 19 and 20, shall cease to be in force at the end of the six-month period commencing on the date it first comes in force.”

Savings
with respect
to pending
applications

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, an application for the renewal of a licence or a permit which was immediately before the coming into operation of this Act filed in accordance with the provisions of the First Schedule to the Gambling and Betting Act, 1963, and a date for the consideration of which was fixed by the Authority shall be deemed to be an application for the grant of a certificate under this Act authorising the issue of the appropriate licence or permit, as the case may be, and for that purpose all the things and matters required to be done by this Act in respect to the grant of such certificate shall be deemed to have been done by the applicant for such licence or permit.

Minor
amendments

5. The amendments set out in the second column of the Schedule to this Act shall have effect in relation to the provisions of the First Schedule to the Gambling and Betting Act, 1963, set out in the first column thereof.

THE SCHEDULE

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
Paragraphs 3 and 6 ...	There shall be inserted between the words “grant of” and the words “a betting office licence” the words “a certificate authorising the issue of”.
10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 (b) and 16 ...	There shall be substituted for the words “or renewal” the words “of a certificate authorising the issue”.
10 and 11 ...	There shall be deleted the words “or renewal” whenever they occur in the said paragraphs.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 3rd day
of March, 1967.

G. R. LATOUR
Clerk, House of Representatives

Passed in the Senate this 21st day of February, 1967.

J. E. CARTER
Clerk of the Senate