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No. 62

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An Act to amend the Lotteries and Art Unions Act 1901 to legalise the conduct of certain sweepstakes on designated occasions and for other purposes. [Assented to 23 October 1990]

Lotteries and Art Unions (Amendment) 1990

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Lotteries and Art Unions (Amendment) Act 1990.

Commencement

2. This Act commences on the date of assent.

Amendment of Lotteries and Art Unions Act 1901 No. 34

3. The Lotteries and Art Unions Act 1901 is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

SCHEDULE 1—AMENDMENTS

(Sec. 3)

(1) Section 4D:

After section 4C, insert:

Sweepstakes in relation to the Melbourne Cup and other events

4D. (1) In this section:

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- (a) each player pays a fee for a chance to win by lot a right in respect of a participant in a prescribed event; and
- (b) those rights are auctioned, the holder of each right being entitled to elect:
 - (i) to sell the right and receive one half of the proceeds of sale; or
 - (ii) to retain the right by making (and paying one half of) the highest bid; and
- (c) the prize pool, comprising the entrance fees and net auction proceeds (less any deductions permitted under this section), is distributed to the ultimate holders of the rights in respect of successful participants in the prescribed event,

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and includes any game conducted along substantially similar lines;

“prescribed amount” means:

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(2) For the purposes of this Act, calcuttas and sweeps are taken to be games of chance.

(3) The provisions of section 3 do not apply so as to prohibit the conduct of a sweep or calcutta in relation to a prescribed event if the requirements of this section (including any requirement to hold a permit) are complied with in relation to the game.

(4) The following general requirements apply:

- (a) the total amount paid as entrance fees in a sweep must not exceed the prescribed amount;
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- (e) no commission on, percentage of or fee for bets or winnings is to be taken or sought by any person, whether or not a participant in the game;
- (f) all money invested by players of the game is to be paid out as prizes or otherwise returned to players in accordance with the rules of the game, except as otherwise provided by this section;
- (g) persons under the age of 16 years:
 - (i) are not to be allowed to be players in, or assist in the conduct of, the game; and
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(5) An application for a permit for the purposes of this section must be made in writing to the Minister and must be accompanied by the prescribed fee, if any.

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(6) The Minister may grant a permit to an applicant unconditionally or subject to conditions, or may refuse to grant the permit.

(7) By notice in writing to the holder of a permit, the Minister may at any time revoke the permit or add conditions to the permit or vary or revoke any existing conditions.

(8) Money invested by players may be applied to costs and expenses properly incurred in connection with the conduct of the game, such as:

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(10) Nothing in subsection (4) (c) applies to an entrance fee for admission to a licensed racecourse or other ground, so long as the fee is customary and unrelated to the game.

(2) Section 10 (**Production of accounts and records**):

After “section 5 (1)” in section 10 (3), insert “, or who conducts a game of chance pursuant to a permit under section 4D”.

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(4) Section 15A (**Delegation of Minister’s powers**):

From section 15A (1), omit “sections 4, 4A, 4B, 4C, 5, 6, 10 and 15”, insert instead “this Act”.

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SCHEDULE 1—AMENDMENTS—*continued*

(5) Section 16 (**Misappropriation of funds or prizes**):

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(6) Section 17 (**Fraudulent conduct of lotteries and games of chance**):

From section 17 (a), omit “or 4B”, insert instead “, 4B or 4D”.

[Minister's second reading speech made in—
Legislative Assembly on 10 October 1990
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LOTTERIES AND ART UNIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)

The object of this Bill is to amend the Lotteries and Art Unions Act 1901 to legalise the holding of sweepstakes (including the variation known as a "calcutta") in connection with the Melbourne Cup and other events prescribed by regulations.

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides that the proposed Act commences on the date of assent.

Clause 3 is a formal provision that gives effect to the Schedule of amendments.

SCHEDULE 1—AMENDMENTS

Sweeps and calcuttas

Schedule 1 (1) inserts a new section 4D, which defines "sweep" and "calcutta" and provides that these activities may be lawfully carried on, in connection with the Melbourne Cup and such other events as may be prescribed by the regulations, as long as certain requirements are met. The relevant requirements are set out in subsection (4) of the proposed section.

A sweep is not lawful if more than \$2,000 (or such other amount as may be prescribed by the regulations) is received as entrance fees from participants. A calcutta, however, can be held with subscriptions exceeding that amount if a permit to do so is granted by the Chief Secretary.

Records and accounts

Schedule 1 (2) amends section 10 to enable the Chief Secretary to require the production of records and accounts relating to any calcutta conducted under a permit.

Schedule 1 (3) amends section 14 to prohibit falsification of any such records or accounts.

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Other amendments

Schedule 1 (4) amends section 15A to allow the Chief Secretary's powers and functions under the Act to be delegated to an officer of the public service.

Schedule 1 (5) amends section 15 (which prohibits misappropriation of funds or prizes) so that it extends to sweeps and calcuttas made lawful by the Bill.

Schedule 1 (6) amends section 17 to prohibit the fraudulent conducting of a sweep or calcutta.

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