

# Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981

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- 2 (1) General betting duty shall be under the care and...
- 3 Pool betting duty shall be under the care and management...

# Notification to Commissioners as to carrying on of betting business

4 (1) Any person who intends to carry on a general...

## Requirement of permit for carrying on pool betting business

5 (1) No person shall carry on a pool betting business...

## Books, records, accounts, etc.

- 6 (1) Any person for the time being carrying on a...
- 7 Any person for the time being carrying on a general...
- 8 Paragraphs 6 and 7 above shall apply to any agent...
- 9 (1) The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to a...

### Powers to enter premises and obtain information

10 (1) Where in the case of any track or other...

*Power of Commissioners to estimate general betting duty payable* 

11 Where an amount is due on account of general betting...

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12 (1) If there arises between the Commissioners and a person...

## Enforcement

- 13 (1) Any person who— (a) fails to pay any general...
- 14 (1) If any person carries on any business in contravention...
- 15 (1) Where, on the conviction of any person of an...
- 16 (1) If a justice of the peace or, in Scotland,...

SCHEDULE 2 — Gaming Licence Duty

## Application for and duration of licence

1 (1) An application for a gaming licence shall, subject to...

## Charge of duty in respect of short licence periods

2 In any case where— (a) a licence is one of...

## Regulations

3 (1) Without prejudice to any other provision of this Schedule,...

## Inspection of premises

4 (1) Any officer may (without payment) enter any premises in...

#### Power to estimate duty

5 (1) Where an amount is due on account of gaming...

#### Persons from whom duty recoverable

6 (1) The duty payable in accordance with paragraph (b) of...

#### Enforcement

7 (1) Any person who— (a) contravenes or fails to comply...

# Co-operation with Gaming Board

8 (1) No obligation as to secrecy or other restriction on...

# Modification of agreements

9 (1) Where before 1st October 1980 a person who is...

# SCHEDULE 3 — Bingo Duty PART I — EXEMPTION FROM DUTY

# Domestic bingo

1 Bingo duty shall not be charged in respect of bingo...

# Club bingo

2 Bingo duty shall not be charged in respect of bingo...

# Charitable and other similar entertainments

- 3 (1) Bingo duty shall not be charged in respect of...
- 4 (1) Bingo duty shall not be charged in respect of...

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5 (1) Bingo duty shall not be charged in respect of...

# Machine bingo

6 Bingo duty shall not be charged in respect of bingo...

# Power to increase limits of exemptions

7 The Commissioners may by order provide that any provision of... PART II — SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

# Definitions

8 In this Part of this Schedule— "bingo-promoter" means a person...

# General administration

9 (1) Bingo duty shall be under the care and management...

# Notification to Commissioners by, and registration of, bingo-promoters

10 (1) Any person who intends to promote the playing of...

# Announcement of prizes

11 A bingo-promoter shall ensure that, before the beginning of any...

# Books, records, accounts, etc.

12 (1) A bingo-promoter shall keep such books, records and accounts...

# Powers to enter premises and obtain information

13 (1) Any officer may, without paying, enter on any premises...

## Power to estimate duty

14 (1) Where an amount is due from any person on...

## Disputes as to computation of duty

15 (1) Without prejudice to paragraph 14 above, if any dispute...

## Enforcement

- 16 (1) Any person who is knowingly concerned in or in...
- 17 (1) If a justice of the peace or, in Scotland,...

# SCHEDULE 4 — Gaming Machine Licence Duty PART I — EXEMPTIONS FROM REQUIREMENT OF EXCISE LICENCE

## Charitable entertainments, etc.

1 (1) A gaming machine licence shall not be required in...

## Pleasure fairs

- 2 (1) A gaming machine licence shall not be required in...
- 3 The Commissioners may by order provide that any provision of...

# Months preceding and following half-year summer licences

4 A gaming machine licence shall not be required in order... PART II — SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

## General administration

5 The duty on gaming machine licences shall be under the...

# Applications for and duration of licence

- 6 An application for a licence in respect of any premises...
- 7 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, a licence shall be...

## *Transfer of licence*

8 (1) The proper officer may, in such manner as the...

## Amendment of licence

- 9 The proper officer may, in such manner as the Commissioners...
- 10 (1) Where there is a gaming machine licence for the...

## Surrender of licence

11 (1) The following provisions shall have effect where a whole-year...

#### Requirements to be observed by licence-holder

- 12 The holder of a gaming machine licence in respect of...
- 13 Regulations may make provision with respect to the labelling or...

## Power to enter premises and obtain information

14 Any officer may (without payment) enter on any premises on...

## Registers of permits, etc.

15 (1) The clerk to the appropriate authority shall keep a...

## Enforcement

- 16 (1) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with...
- 17 (1) If a justice of the peace or, in Scotland,...
- 18 Where an officer finds gaming machines provided on any premises...

SCHEDULE 5 — Consequential Amendments

- 1 In the definition of " pool betting" in section 55(1)...
- 2 In paragraph 20(1)(e) of Schedule 2 to the Gaming Act...
- 3 In paragraph 48(1) of Schedule 2 to the Gaming Act...
- 4 In paragraph 17(1) of Schedule 3 and paragraph 15(1) of...
- 5 In the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979—

SCHEDULE 6 — Transitional Provisions and Savings

- 1 Where any period of time specified in an enactment repealed...
- 2 Any provision of this Act relating to anything done or...
- 3 Nothing in this Act shall affect the enactments repealed by...
- 4 Where an offence for the continuation of which a penalty...
- 5 For the purposes of section 9(4) of this Act a...
- 6 Paragraph 11(3) of Schedule 4 to this Act shall have...
- 7 Where any Act or document refers either expressly or by...
- 8 Notwithstanding the repeal by this Act of section 29 of...
- 9 Nothing in this Act shall affect gaming licences for periods...

SCHEDULE 7 — Repeals