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ANACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGNATION OF AREAS INWHICH PERSONS

ENGAGING IN THE BUSINESS OF CASINOS CAN SET UP THEIR

ESTABLISHMENTSANDTO PROVIDEFOR MATTERSCONNECTEDTHEREWITH

OR INCIDENTAL THERETO

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist

Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Casino Business Short title

(Regulation) Act, No. 17 of 2010.

2. (1) No person shall, from and after January 1, 2012 Prohibition on

the carrying on

engage in the business of a Casino other than under the

of the business

authority of a valid license issued in that behalf by the of Casino.

Minister, and within a specific area to be designated by the

Minister by Order published in the Gazette.

(2) The Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister to whom

the subject of Gaming is assigned shall cause to be published

a Notification in a daily newspaper in the Sinhala, Tamil and

English languages giving adequate notice to the public of

the requirement of having to obtain licences for carrying on

the business of a Casino, in accordance with the provisions

of subsection(1).

(3) Any person who carries on the business of a Casino in

contravention of the provisions of subsection (1) shall be

guilty of an offence and shall on conviction after summary

trial be liable to be punished with imprisonment of either

description for a term which shall extend to five years or to a

fine of rupees five million or to both such fine and

imprisonment.

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Licence to be 3. The licence issued in terms of section 2 shall be subject

subject to such

to such terms and conditions as are specified therein.

terms and

conditions. Regulations may be made specifying the criteria to be

followed in setting out the terms and conditions and the

manner of making an application for a licence and the

procedure to be followed in issuing the same.

Regulations. 4. (1) The Minister may make regulations for the purpose

of carrying out or giving effect to the principles and provisions

of this Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality

of the powers conferred by subsection (1), the Minister may

make regulations in respect of the following matters :–

(a) any matter in respect of which regulations are

authorized or required by this Act to be made;

(b) the form of an application for a licence and the fees

to be paid therefor and the period for which a licence

so issued will be valid in relation to the different

games for stake, being played at a Casino and any

appropriate supervisory measures;

(c) the procedure to be followed for granting of licences;

(d) the procedure for the cancellation of licences.

(3) Every regulation made by the Minister shall be

published in the Gazette and shall come into operation on

the date of the publication or on such later date as may be

specified in the regulation.

(4) Every regulation made by the Minister shall, as soon

as convenient after its publication in the Gazette, be brought

before Parliament for approval. Any regulation which is not

so approved shall be deemed to be rescinded as from the date

of disapproval, but without prejudice to anything previously

done thereunder.

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(5) Notification of the date on which any regulation is so

deemed to be rescinded shall be published in the Gazette.

5. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation.

“Casino” means any premises to which individuals

have access—

(a) with or without payment;

(b) whether as of right or not,

for the playing of any game for a stake and includes

the playing of baccarat, puntobanco, big six, black

jack, boule, chemin - de - fer, chuck - a - luck,

crown and anchor, faro, faro bank, hazard, poker

dice, pontoon, American frcanch roulette, trente -

et - quarntc, vingt - et - um, or wheel of fortune or

any other game which the Minister may from time

to time by Order published in the Gazette, specify.

6. In the event of an inconsistency between the Sinhala Sinhala text to

and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail prevail in case

of inconsistency.

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