RACING (AMENDMENT) ACT.

New South Wales



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Act No. 63, 1971.

An Act relating to the use of totalizators; to increase the minimum dividends payable in certain circumstances; to establish a Racecourse Development Fund; to make further provisions with respect to the powers, authorities, duties and functions of the Totalizator Agency Board and the appointment of substitutes for bookmakers in certain circumstances; for these and other purposes to amend the Totalizator Act, 1916, the Totalizator (Offcourse Betting) Act, 1964, and the Bookmakers (Taxation) Act, 1917–1965; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith. [Assented to, 17th December, 1971.]

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BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title and commencement.

- 1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Racing (Amendment) Act, 1971".
- (2) The several provisions of this Act shall commence upon such day or days as may be appointed by the Governor in that behalf and notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.

Amendment of Act No. 75, 1916.

2. (1) The Totalizator Act, 1916, is amended—

Sec. 2. (Definitions.)

- (a) (i) by inserting next after the definition of "Racing club" in section two the following new definition:—
 - "60-20-20 Totalizator" means 60-20-20 Totalizator as defined in the rules under this Act.
 - (ii) by inserting at the end of the same section the following new definition:—
 - "Totalizator Agency Board" means the Totalizator Agency Board constituted under the Totalizator (Off-course Betting) Act, 1964.

Sec. 8. (Commission.)

- (b) (i) by omitting from subsection one of section eight the words "on a non-starter" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words ", or transferable to another type of totalizator,";
 - (ii) by inserting in the same subsection after the word "commission" the words "and, in the case of moneys paid into a Doubles Totalizator, a further one per centum as special commission";

- (iii) by inserting next after the same subsection the No. 63, 1971 following new subsection:-
 - (1A) In subsection one of this section, "Doubles Totalizator" means Doubles Totalizator as defined in the rules under this Act, and includes any other type of totalizator prescribed by the regulations as a Doubles Totalizator for the purposes of this section.
- (iv) by inserting in subsection two of the same section after the word "commission" wherever occurring the words "(other than special commission)";
- (v) by inserting next after the same subsection the following new subsection:-
 - (2A) Every club shall pay to the Treasurer an amount equal to the amount to be deducted by the club as special commission in accordance with subsection one of this section, and one-half of the amount so paid shall be carried to the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the other half shall be credited to the Racecourse Development Fund established under section 19A of this Act.
- (c) by omitting subsection two of section nine;

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- (d) by omitting subsection five of section 9A and by Sec. 9A. inserting in lieu thereof the following subsection:-
 - (5) The amounts payable by the club to the Fund.) Treasurer under sections eight and 9c of this Act in respect of an event or contingency in relation to which an incorrect dividend has been declared and paid shall be the amounts that would have been payable by the club under those sections if the correct dividend had been declared and paid.

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Subst. sec. 9c.

Determination of dividend. (e) by omitting section 9c and by inserting in lieu thereof the following section:—

9c. (1) In this section—

"the calculated amount", in relation to an event or contingency in relation to which a totalizator was used, means the amount which would, but for subsections three, five, seven and eight of this section, be payable by way of dividend in respect of that event or contingency;

"the payable dividend", in relation to an event or contingency in relation to which a totalizator was used, means the amount to be paid by way of dividend in respect of that event or contingency.

- (2) Subject to subsections three, five and six of this section, the calculated amount in relation to an event or contingency in relation to which a totalizator was used shall, after any necessary adjustment under subsection seven of this section, be the payable dividend in relation to that event or contingency.
- (3) Subject to subsections four and six of this section, where the calculated amount in respect of an event or contingency in relation to which a totalizator was used is—
 - (a) equal to or less than the unit of investment for that event or contingency; or
 - (b) more than that unit but—
 - (i) if that unit is fifty cents or more not more than the sum of that unit and five cents; or

(ii) if that unit is twenty-five cents—No. 63, 1971 not more than the sum of that unit and two and one-half cents,

the payable dividend shall be an amount equal to one hundred and four per centum of that unit.

- (4) Subsection three of this section does not apply in any circumstances—
 - (a) in which a 60-20-20 Totalizator was used; or
 - (b) in respect of which the rules under this Act provide that that subsection does not apply.
- (5) In any circumstances referred to in subsection four of this section, where the calculated amount in respect of an event or contingency in relation to which a totalizator was used is less than the unit of investment for that event or contingency, the payable dividend in respect of that event or contingency shall, subject to subsection six of this section, be an amount equal to that unit.
- (6) Where two or more starters fill any one place in an event or contingency (including first place) and a pool or any part thereof (ascertained in accordance with this Act, the regulations or the rules thereunder in respect of that place) is required to be divided in respect of the starters filling that place, the calculated amount in relation to that event or contingency for each starter that fills that place—
 - (a) where the calculated amount is less than the unit of investment for that event or contingency—shall, after any necessary adjustment under subsection eight of this section; or

(b) where the calculated amount is not less than that unit—shall, after any necessary adjustment under subsection seven of this section,

be the payable dividend in relation to that event or contingency for that starter, but nothing in this subsection has effect in any case where that pool or part thereof would have been divided between those same starters had they respectively filled consecutive places commencing with that place.

- (7) Where the calculated amount is, under subsection two or subsection six (paragraph (a) excepted) of this section, the payable dividend in relation to any event or contingency—
 - (a) where the unit of investment for that event or contingency is fifty cents or one dollar and the calculated amount includes a number of cents that comes within a description specified in the first column of the table to this subsection, that number shall be regarded as the number of cents specified opposite that description in the second column of that table; or
 - (b) where the unit of investment for that event or contingency is any other amount and the calculated amount includes a fraction of a dollar, that fraction shall be dealt with as prescribed by the regulations or rules under this Act,

and the calculated amount shall be adjusted accordingly.

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- (8) Where the calculated amount is, under subsection six (paragraph (b) excepted) of this section, the payable dividend in relation to any event or contingency, any fraction of a cent shall be disregarded, and the calculated amount shall be adjusted accordingly.
- (9) Where, by reason of subsection three (paragraph (a) excepted), seven or eight of this section—
 - (a) any amounts remain unpaid, those amounts shall within fourteen days after the happening of the relevant event or contingency be paid to the Treasurer to be carried to the Consolidated Revenue Fund; or
 - (b) there is insufficient money available for payment of the dividends in respect of the relevant event or contingency, the deficiency shall be paid by the Treasurer from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the club concerned.

- (10) Where by reason of subsection three (paragraph (b) excepted) of this section there is insufficient money for payment of the dividends in respect of the relevant event or contingency, the deficiency shall be paid by the Treasurer from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the club concerned, by the Totalizator Agency Board to the club, and by the club concerned, in shares that bear to each other the same proportion as—
 - (a) the commission carried to the Consolidated Revenue Fund under this Act or the Totalizator (Off-course Betting) Act, 1964;
 - (b) the commission (if any) retained by the Board; and
 - (c) the commission (if any) retained by the club,

in respect of the event or contingency, bear to each other.

Sec. 10.
(Power of Minister to assume control of totalizator.)

- (f) (i) by omitting from subsection two of section ten the words "on a non-starter" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words ", or transferable to another type of totalizator,";
 - (ii) by inserting in the same subsection after the word "commission" where firstly occurring the words "and, in the case of moneys paid into a Doubles Totalizator, a further one per centum as special commission";
 - (iii) by inserting in the same subsection after the word "commission" where secondly occurring the words "(other than special commission)";
 - (iv) by inserting at the end of the same subsection the following new paragraph:—

The amount so deducted as special commission shall be paid into the Treasury, and one-half shall be carried to the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the other half shall be credited to the Racecourse Development Fund established under section 19A of this Act.

- (v) by inserting next after the same subsection the No. 63, 1971 following new subsection:—
 - (2A) In subsection two of this section, "Doubles Totalizator" has the meaning ascribed thereto by subsection (1A) of section eight of this Act.
- (g) by inserting next after section nineteen the following New sec. new section and short heading thereto:—

Racecourse Development Fund.

- 19A. (1) There shall be established in the Racecourse Special Deposits Account at the Treasury a fund to Development be called the "Racecourse Development Fund" (in Fund. this section referred to as "the Fund").
- (2) There shall be a Racecourse Development Committee (in this section referred to as "the Committee") consisting of—
 - (a) the persons for the time being holding office or acting as the Chairman and the General Manager of the Totalizator Agency Board respectively; and
 - (b) the person for the time being holding office or acting as the Under Secretary and Comptroller of Accounts, The Treasury, or a person from time to time nominated by him to act as a member of the Committee.
- (3) There shall be paid to the credit of the Fund—
 - (a) such amounts as are directed by this Act to be credited to the Fund;
 - (b) such amounts as are paid to the Fund under paragraph (c) of subsection three of section fourteen of the Totalizator (Off-course Betting) Act, 1964;

- (c) any amounts repaid in respect of any loans made from the Fund; and
- (d) any amounts received in respect of interest on loans made from the Fund.
 - (4) There shall be paid out of the Fund—
- (a) the costs and expenses incurred by the Committee in carrying out its functions under this Act; and
- (b) any amounts that are authorised to be paid out of the Fund under subsection five of this section.
- (5) The Treasurer may, on the recommendation of the Committee, authorise payments out of the Fund—
 - (a) to provide finance for or towards the making of permanent improvements or the provision of totalizator facilities on any racecourse or the construction or the making of permanent improvements to a training track or to any facilities ancillary thereto which are under the management of a racing club or clubs, whether the facilities are on a racecourse or elsewhere;
 - (b) to re-finance wholly or in part, or to discharge in whole or in part, any liability incurred in the making of permanent improvements or the provision of totalizator facilities on any racecourse or in the construction or in the making of permanent improvements to a training track or to any facilities ancillary thereto which are under the management of a racing club or clubs, whether the facilities are on a racecourse or elsewhere;

- (c) to discharge wholly or in part any liabilities No. 63, 1971 incurred by or on behalf of a racing club in respect of a racecourse which has ceased to be licensed under the provisions of the Gaming and Betting Act, 1912; or
- (d) to assist horse or greyhound trainers to transfer their training activities to premises at or in the vicinity of a training track.
- (6) Any payments authorised to be paid under subsection five of this section may be made by way of grant or loan and any payment by way of loan may be made subject to such terms and conditions of repayment and at such rate of interest (if any) as are, with the approval of the Treasurer, agreed upon between the Committee and the person to whom the loan is made.
- (7) The Committee may, with the approval of the Treasurer, enter into agreements or arrangements with any person relating to any matter in respect of which payments may be authorised under subsection five of this section.
- (h) (i) by omitting paragraph (b) of subsection one Sec. 20.

 of section twenty and by inserting in lieu (Regulations and thereof the following paragraph:—

 (Regulations and rules.)
 - (b) all matters which by this Act are required or permitted to be prescribed by the regulations or which are necessary or convenient to be so prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act;
 - (ii) by inserting in subsection two of the same section after the word "totalizator" the words ", and prescribing all matters and things which by this Act are required or permitted to be prescribed by the rules";

(iii)

- (iii) by inserting next after the same subsection the following new subsection:—
 - (2A) Without affecting the generality of subsection two of this section, the rules made thereunder may make provision for or with respect to—
 - (a) the refund, in such circumstances as may be prescribed by the rules, to an investor of amounts invested by him on a totalizator; and
 - (b) the transfer, in such circumstances as may be prescribed by the rules, of an amount invested on one type of totalizator to another type.

Further amendment of Act No. 75, 1916. (Statute law revision.)

(2) The Totalizator Act, 1916, is further amended—

Sec. 2. (Definitions.)

(a) by omitting the definition of "Minister" in section two;

Sec. 3.
(Power of Minister to direct use of totalizator.)

(b) by omitting from section three the word "all" and by inserting in lieu thereof the word "every";

Sec. 8. (Commission.) (c) by omitting from section eight the word "Colonial" wherever occurring;

Sec. 8A. (Recovery of amounts due.) (d) by omitting from section 8A the word "Colonial";

Sec. 9.
(Distribution of dividends.)
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(Dividends Adjustment

Fund.)

- (e) by omitting from subsection three of section nine the word "Colonial";
- (f) by omitting from section 9A (subsection five excepted) the word "Colonial" wherever occurring;

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(g) by omitting from subsection one of section 9B the No. 63, 1971 word "Colonial";

(Unclaimed moneys.)

- (h) by omitting from section eleven the word "Colonial" Sec. 11. wherever occurring; (Returns.)
- (i) by omitting the short heading to section twenty Short and by inserting in lieu thereof the following short sec. 20. heading:—

Regulations and rules.

- (j) by omitting from section twenty-one the words Sec. 21.
 "or police".

 (Recovery of penalties.)
- (3) The provisions of subsection two of section nine and section 9c of the Totalizator Act, 1916, shall continue to apply to and in respect of dividends in respect of any event or contingency that happened before the commencement of the amendments made by paragraphs (c) and (e) of subsection one of this section in all respects as if those amendments had not been made.
- 3. The Totalizator (Off-course Betting) Act, 1964, is Amendment of Act No. 1, 1964.
 - (a) by inserting next after the definition of "Prescribed" Sec. 2.
 in section two the following new definition:

 "Racecourse Development Fund" means the
 Racecourse Development Fund established
 under section 19A of the Totalizator Act,
 1916.
 - (b) by omitting from paragraph (h) of subsection two Sec. 3. of section three the words "Far South Racing (Constitution Association" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "Southern Tablelands and South Coast Racing Association";
 - (c) (i) by omitting from subsection one of section Sec. 11.

 eleven the words "All expenses" and by insert- (Expenses and financial ing in lieu thereof the words "Subject to this scheme of Act, all expenses";

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- (ii) by omitting from paragraph (a) of subsection three of the same section the word "and" where secondly occurring;
- (iii) by inserting at the end of paragraph (b) of the same subsection the following word and new paragraph:—

; and

- (c) the payment by the Board to the Racecourse Development Fund of part of the residue of commission received by the Board.
- (iv) by inserting next after subsection five of the same section the following new subsection:—
 - (6) The Board may, from time to time, borrow by way of overdraft such amount as the Treasurer may approve for the purpose of giving effect to section ten of this Act.

Sec. 12. (Conduct of off-course totalizators.)

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- (d) (i) by inserting in subsection one of section twelve after the word "Commonwealth" the words "or, with the approval of the Minister given in a particular case, on any race-course outside the Commonwealth";
 - (ii) by omitting from subsection two of the same section the words "All bets made with the Board shall, subject" and by inserting in lieu thereof the word "Subject";
 - (iii) by omitting from the same subsection the words "in respect of" wherever occurring and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "all bets made with the Board in respect of";

- (iv) by inserting next after subsection three of the No. 63, 1971 same section the following new subsection:—
 - (3A) All bets made with the Board in respect of an event or contingency scheduled to be held on a race-course outside the Commonwealth shall be dealt with under subsection three of this section, in the same manner as if the event or contingency were scheduled to be held within the Commonwealth and the Minister had made a determination under that subsection in respect of the event or contingency.
- (v) by inserting next after subsection four of the same section the following new subsections:—
 - (5) Notwithstanding anything in this Act or the Totalizator Act, 1916, the Board may enter into arrangements or agreements with any authority conducting off-course totalizator betting in another State or in a Territory of the Commonwealth for the purpose of enabling amounts received by that authority from investors to be paid into a totalizator used by the Board.
 - (6) Any arrangement or agreement under subsection five of this section—
 - (a) shall be entered into only upon such terms and subject to such conditions as the Treasurer may approve; and
 - (b) may be carried into effect notwithstanding anything contained in this Act.

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Sec. 14.
(Application of Totalizator

Act.)

- (e) (i) by omitting from subsection one of section fourteen the figure, letter and symbol "9A,";
 - (ii) by inserting in subsection two of the same section after the word "commission" where firstly and secondly occurring the words "(other than special commission)";
 - (iii) by inserting in paragraph (c) of subsection three of the same section after the word "clubs" where secondly occurring the words ", and to the Racecourse Development Fund,";

New sec. 14A.

(f) by inserting next after section fourteen the following new section:—

T.A.B. Adjustment Account.

- 14a. (1) There shall be established in the Special Deposits Account at the Treasury an account to be called the "T.A.B. Adjustment Account" (in this section referred to as "the Account").
- (2) Where, by reason of an error occurring in the calculation or determination of the total number or value of bets received by the Board in respect of a starter in an event or contingency or in the calculation or determination of the dividend payable in respect of an event or contingency, or arising in such other circumstances as the Minister may determine—
 - (a) a profit or gain accrues to the Board which would not have accrued had the error not been made—an amount equal to that profit or gain shall be paid by the Board to the Account within fourteen days of the error becoming known to the Board, or any officer, employee or agent of the Board, or within such further time as the Minister may allow in any particular case; or

(b)

- (b) a loss is actually suffered by the Board No. 63, 1971 which would not have been suffered by the Board had the error not been made—an amount equal to the loss shall, subject to this section, upon a claim being made by the Board to the Minister within fourteen days of the error becoming known to the Board, or within such further time as the Minister may allow in any particular case, be paid from the Account to the Board.
- (3) Any balance remaining in the Account on the first day of June and the first day of December in each year shall be paid from the Account into the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
- (4) Where a claim has been made under paragraph (b) of subsection two of this section in respect of any loss, the Account shall be liable only to the extent of the balance available in the Account, and any claim, in so far as it has not been met from the Account by reason of the foregoing provisions of this section, shall lapse on the first day of June or the first day of December, whichever first occurs, next following the making of the claim.
- (5) The amounts payable by the Board to the Treasurer as commission and special commission under this Act or the Totalizator Act, 1916, in respect of an event or contingency in respect of which an error, as referred to in subsection two of this section, was made, shall be the amounts that would have been payable by the Board had the error not been made.

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New sec. 16a.

Investment of moneys by Board.

(g) by inserting next after section sixteen the following new section:—

- 16A. (1) The Board may invest any moneys held by the Board and not immediately required for the purposes of this Act—
 - (a) in any manner for the time being authorised for the investment of trust funds; or
 - (b) except in the case of any moneys held upon trust—in any other manner approved by the Minister, but so that the rate of interest at which the moneys are so invested is—
 - (i) not less than the maximum ordinary rate of interest on trading bank overdrafts as determined by the Reserve Bank of Australia and current at the time of making the investment; or
 - (ii) in such special circumstances as may be determined by the Minister on the recommendation of the Board, not less than a rate of interest determined by the Minister on the like recommendation, being a rate lower than the maximum ordinary rate referred to in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.
- (2) Any income received by the Board from the investment of moneys under this section shall be dealt with under subsection three of section fourteen of this Act as if it were the residue of commission paid to the Board.
- (h) (i) by omitting from paragraph (a) of subsection one of section seventeen the word "every" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "subject to subsection (1A) of this section, every";

Sec. 17.
(Provisions relating to offices, branches and agencies of the Board.)

(ii)

- (ii) by omitting paragraph (c) of the same No. 63, 1971 subsection;
- (iii) by omitting paragraph (d) of the same subsection and by inserting in lieu thereof the following paragraph:—
 - (d) no announcement, notice or information shall be made, published or given to members of the public at any such office, branch or agency in respect of any event or contingency before it is decided except—
 - (i) the name, starting time and location of the event or contingency;
 - (ii) the distance over which the event or contingency is to be run:
 - (iii) the names, post or box positions, totalizator numbers, riders or drivers of the starters in the event or contingency;
 - (iv) the state of the weather at the place at which the event or contingency is to be run; and
 - (v) the condition of the track upon which the event or contingency is to be run.
- (iv) by inserting next after the same subsection the following new subsections:—
 - (1A) Where the Board is satisfied—
 - (a) that the establishment in any area situated beyond forty miles from the General Post Office, Sydney, of an office, branch or agency of the Board

in separate premises to which access may be had from the street without passing through other occupied premises is not economic in the circumstances;

- (b) that the establishment of an office, branch or agency of the Board in that area is desirable having regard to—
 - (i) the remoteness or inaccessibility of the area in relation to established offices, branches and agencies of the Board;
 - (ii) the extent of any demand for the establishment of an office, branch or agency of the Board in the area; and
 - (iii) the Board's estimate of the probable volume of its business in the area; and
- (c) that premises are available in the area which, but for the fact that they are not separate premises as referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection, would, having regard to section ten of this Act, be suitable premises in which to establish an office, branch or agency of the Board,

the Board may, with the approval of the Minister in writing, establish an office, branch or agency in those premises and the provisions of paragraph (a) of subsection one of this section shall not apply in respect of those premises.

- (1B) Notwithstanding anything in this or No. 63, 1971 any other Act—
 - (a) the Board may, when requested to do so by a racing club and with the approval of the Minister, conduct totalizator betting on a race-course for and on behalf of the club; and
 - (b) in so far as the Board conducts totalizator betting under paragraph (a) of this subsection—
 - (i) the provisions of this Act shall not apply to or in respect of that betting;
 - (ii) the provisions of the Totalizator Act, 1916, shall apply to and in respect of that betting; and
 - (iii) anything done or omitted by the Board shall be deemed to have been done or omitted by the club.
- (v) by omitting from paragraph (c) of subsection two of the same section the word "and";
- (vi) by omitting from paragraph (d) of the same subsection the words "an amount" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "except as provided by paragraph (e) of this subsection, an amount";
- (vii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words "of twenty-five cents" where secondly occurring and by inserting in lieu thereof the word "invested";

(viii) by inserting at the end of the same paragraph the following word and new paragraph:—

; and

- (e) an amount of fifty cents or any multiple of that amount shall be accepted by the Board as a bet upon any event or contingency in any case where a Doubles Totalizator or a Quinella Totalizator is used or where the bet is received by the Board under paragraph (b) of subsection two of section twelve of this Act, and the dividend payable by the Board in respect of such bet shall bear the same proportion to the dividend declared in respect of the unit of investment as the amount invested bears to the unit investment.
- (ix) by inserting next after the same subsection the following new subsection:—
 - (2A) In paragraph (e) of subsection two of this section—
 - "Doubles Totalizator" means Doubles
 Totalizator as defined in the rules
 under the Totalizator Act, 1916, and
 includes any other type of totalizator
 prescribed by the regulations as a
 Doubles Totalizator for the purposes
 of this section;
 - "Quinella Totalizator" means Quinella Totalizator as defined in the rules under the Totalizator Act, 1916, and includes any other type of totalizator prescribed by the regulations as a Quinella Totalizator for the purposes of this section.

- (x) by omitting from subsection three of the same No. 63, 1971 section the words "two dollars" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "five dollars by way of deposit with the Board or by furnishing to the Board a bank guarantee acceptable to the Board";
- (xi) by omitting from the same subsection the word "further" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "moneys or further";
- (xii) by inserting in the same subsection after the word "account" where secondly occurring the words "or by furnishing to the Board such a guarantee or increasing the amount guaranteed under such a guarantee";
- (i) by omitting section twenty-three.

Sec. 23. (Amendment of Act No. 75, 1916.)

- 4. (1) The Bookmakers (Taxation) Act, 1917-1965, Amendment of Act No. 15, 1917.
 - (a) by omitting from section one the symbol and figures Sec. 1.

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 - (b) (i) by omitting subsection one of section twenty-Sec. 27.

 seven and by inserting in lieu thereof the (Authority to act for bookmaker during absence.)
 - (1) In such circumstances and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the regulations under this Act, the body with

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which a person is registered as a bookmaker may upon application made by the bookmaker—

- (a) declare any period during which he is or is to be absent to be an approved period; and
- (b) issue a written authority to a person nominated by the bookmaker to carry on the business of the bookmaker during the approved period.
- (ii) by inserting next after subsection two of the same section the following new subsections:—
 - (3) Any person carrying on the business of a bookmaker pursuant to any authority issued under subsection one of this section shall, on demand made by any officer of police or by any person authorised by the Treasurer as referred to in section fourteen of this Act, produce the authority to that officer or person.

Penalty: Two hundred dollars.

- (4) The Under Secretary and Comptroller of Accounts, The Treasury, may, by instrument in writing served on the body, direct a body referred to in subsection one of this section not to issue an authority under that subsection to any person named in the instrument, and may, by a like instrument, revoke or vary any such direction.
- (5) Any authority issued under subsection one of this section to a person named in an instrument in force under subsection four of this section shall, whether issued before or after the instrument was served on the body concerned, have no force or effect.

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- (2) Any authority in force under section twenty-seven No. 63, 1971 of the Bookmakers (Taxation) Act, 1917–1965, immediately before the commencement of subsection one of this section shall continue to have force and effect in all respects as if that subsection had not been enacted.
- 5. Any act, matter or thing done or omitted before the Validation. commencement of any amendment made by this Act to the Totalizator Act, 1916, or the Totalizator (Off-course Betting) Act, 1964, which would have been lawful had that amendment been in force when the act, matter or thing was done or omitted, is hereby validated.

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