

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives,  
20th October, 1920.

[AS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.]

Hon. Mr. Anderson.

GAMING AMENDMENT (No. 2).

ANALYSIS.

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| <p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Governor-General in Council may appoint Commission to determine number of totali-</p> | <p>zator licenses to be issued in racing-year commencing on 1st August, 1921.</p> <p>3. Additional licenses to hunt clubs.</p> |
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Gaming Act, 1908.

Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920 (No. 2), and shall form part of and be read together with the Gaming Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. (1.) For the purpose of determining the racing clubs to which licenses are to be granted under section fifty of the principal Act in the racing-year commencing on the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and the number of days on which the use of the totalizator is to be authorized by each of those licenses, the Governor-General in Council may appoint a Commission of five persons who shall make such inquiries as they think fit with respect to the aforesaid matters and shall report to the Governor-General their opinion thereon.

Governor-General in Council may appoint Commission to determine number of totalizator licenses to be issued in racing-year commencing on 1st August, 1921.

(2.) For the purpose of any such inquiry the Commission shall have and may exercise all the powers of a Commission under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, and shall be deemed to be a Commission appointed under the authority of that Act.

(3.) On receipt of the report of the Commission under this section the Governor-General may, by Order in Council, authorize the issue, for the racing-year aforesaid, of a number of licenses not exceeding the number recommended by the Commission.

(4.) While such Order in Council remains in force licenses may be issued in accordance therewith, notwithstanding that the number may be in excess of but the number of such licenses shall not exceed the number authorized to be issued by section five of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1910, as extended by the Gaming Amendment Act, 1914.

(5.) Any Order in Council under this section shall be laid before Parliament within thirty days after the issue thereof if Parliament is then in session, and, if not, then within thirty days after the commencement of the next ensuing session.

(6.) If either House of Parliament by resolution declares that it does not assent to such Order in Council, that Order in Council and all licenses issued thereunder and not then exercised shall cease to have any force or effect as from the date of the passing of such resolution, and licenses shall thereafter be issued for the year aforesaid under the principal Act.

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Provided that the total number of licenses that may be issued for that year and the total number of days on which the totalizator may be used in that year shall not exceed the maximum number of licenses and days respectively fixed by the principal Act.

Additional licenses to hunt clubs.

3. (1.) In addition to the number of licenses that may be issued to hunt clubs in any year the Minister of Internal Affairs may, on application by any hunt club referred to in the fourth schedule to the report of the Commission appointed by the Governor-General on the twenty-third day of December, nineteen hundred and fourteen, to inquire, *inter alia*, as to the issue of totalizator licenses (such report being printed as H.-22 in the Appendix to the Journals of the House of Representatives for the year nineteen hundred and fifteen), grant to that Club a license to use the totalizator on one day.

(2.) Not more than eight licenses shall be issued under this section in any racing-year.

(3.) Nothing in this section shall authorize the issue to any hunt club of more than one license in any year.

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Validation of licenses issued on certain special occasions.

4. The licenses to use the totalizator at race meetings issued by the Minister of Internal Affairs to the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club in respect of a race meeting held on the sixth day of September, nineteen hundred and nineteen, in honour of the visit to New Zealand of Admiral Viscount Jellicoe, and to the Auckland Racing Club and the Canterbury Jockey Club in respect of race meetings held on the twenty-sixth day of April and the fifteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty, respectively, in honour of the visit to New Zealand of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, are hereby declared to have been validly issued, and the issue of those licenses shall not be deemed to reduce the number of licenses that may be issued or the number of days on which the totalizator may be used in the racing-year commenced on the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty.