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*House of Representatives,  
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*Hon. Mr. Cobbe.*

## CARD TOURNAMENTS REGULATION.

### ANALYSIS.

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to exempt certain Card Games and Card Tournaments from the Operation of Acts relating to Gaming. Title.

5 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 Card Tournaments Regulation Act, 1933. Short Title.

10 2. (1) Where persons are admitted to any premises, other than licensed premises, on payment of an admission fee for the purpose of taking part in any card game or card tournament (not being purely a game of chance or an unlawful card game), or are otherwise permitted  
15 to take part in such game or tournament on payment of any charge or for other valuable consideration, the fact that any prize, not being a monetary prize or a prize the monetary value of which exceeds one pound, is given to the winner or any other person taking part  
20 in such game or tournament shall not render liable to prosecution for any offence against the Gaming Act, 1908, or any other Act relating to gaming, the occupier of such

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premises or any other person arranging or conducting such game or tournament, or any person taking part therein,—

(a) If the person or persons arranging or conducting such game or tournament—

(i) Give to the officer of Police in charge 5  
of the nearest police-station not less than seven  
clear days' notice of the time and place fixed  
for the same, of the admission fee or other  
charges as aforesaid proposed to be made, and 10  
of the prizes proposed to be given, and of the  
purpose or purposes to which the net proceeds  
are intended to be devoted ; and

(ii) On request by an Inspector of Police  
furnish to him, within fourteen days, an  
audited statement of the receipts and payments 15  
in respect of such game or tournament ; and

(b) If the net proceeds of such payments, charges,  
or other valuable consideration for admission  
to premises or for permission to take part in  
such game or tournament are intended to be 20  
and are in fact devoted to any charitable  
purpose or charitable purposes within the  
meaning of the Religious, Charitable, and  
Educational Trusts Act, 1908, or any other  
purpose or purposes approved in that behalf by 25  
the Minister of Justice (either specially for any  
particular card game or tournament or generally  
for the purposes of this Act), and no part of  
such payments, charges, or other valuable  
consideration is appropriated for the private 30  
gain of the occupier of such premises or his  
agent or any other persons arranging or con-  
ducting such game or tournament, or (unless  
the game or tournament is *bona fide* held  
or arranged or conducted by a person or persons 35  
other than the occupier or his agent) is paid  
or given to the occupier for the hire of the  
premises.

(2) In the case of a series of card games or tournaments  
extending over a period of not more than six months, 40  
it shall be sufficient compliance with the requirements  
of subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of the *last preceding*  
subsection if one notice thereunder, giving the prescribed

particulars in respect of all such games or tournaments, is given not less than seven clear days before the first of the series.

5 (3) In any proceedings for a breach of the Gaming Act, 1908, or any other Act relating to gaming arising out of any card game or tournament the burden of proving that the requirements of the foregoing provisions of this section have been strictly complied with shall lie on the person charged.

10 (4) Any constable may, when and as often as he thinks proper, enter into any premises or any part thereof when any game or tournament as aforesaid is about to be held, or is being held therein, or while any persons remain therein after the holding of such game or  
15 tournament.