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GAMING ACT 1894 AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title. 1. Short Title. 2. No action to be brought on any transaction relating to betting. Proviso.

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to further amend the Law concerning Gaming, Wagering, Title. and Betting.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in 5 Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :---

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Gaming Act 1894 Short Title. Amendment Act, 1900."

2. Subject to the provisions of "The Gaming and Lotteries No action to be 10 Act, 1881," "The Gaming and Lotteries Act 1881 Amendment Act, transaction relating 1885," and "The Gaming Act, 1894," no Court of law or equity to betting. shall take cognisance of or give effect to any contract, agreement, bargain, or transaction of any kind in any way relating to, or arising out of, or in any way connected with, any wagering, gaming, or 15 betting contract, agreement, bargain, or transaction; and no action shall be brought or maintained in any such Court for recovering

any money alleged to have been paid or received, or to be due, owing, or payable, by or to any person whomsoever under, or in pursuance or in respect of, or in relation to, any such contract, 20 agreement, bargain, or transaction:

Provided that where any person, not a party directly or Proviso. indirectly to any such contract, agreement, bargain, or transaction, pays money or becomes liable to another person at the request of any other person, and can prove to the satisfaction of the Court that 25 he did not know, and had not reasonable grounds for believing or suspecting, that such payment or liability was being made or incurred in respect of, or in relation to, or in any way connected with, any such contract, agreement, bargain, or transaction, he shall be entitled to recover from the person at whose request he paid the 30 same the amount actually paid by him as money paid for and at the request of such person.

No. 34-1.

Interpretation of "agent."

3. In section five of "The Gaming Act, 1894," the word "agent" shall extend to and shall include every person whomsoever who, whether for reward or gratuitously, purchases, procures, or obtains any ticket from any totalisator for or jointly with any other person or persons.

By Authority: John Mackay, Government Printer, Wellington.-1900.

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