

GAMING AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Clause 1 relates to the Short Title.

Clause 2 defines the terms “forecast betting” and “quinella betting”.

Clause 3 permits racing clubs, with the consent of the Minister of Internal Affairs, to conduct forecast and quinella betting.

Clause 4 provides for racing clubs to deduct commission at the rate of 10.18 percent on the gross amount received as investments in respect of forecast and quinella betting.

Clause 5 provides for commission deducted from such investments in respect of bets made at totalisator agencies to belong to the Totalisator Agency Board. The clause will only become operative if the Board determines to receive such bets at totalisator agencies.

Hon. Mr Seath

GAMING AMENDMENT

ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Gaming Act 1908

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

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Gaming
Amendment Act 1971, and shall be read together with and
deemed part of the Gaming Act 1908* (hereinafter referred
to as the principal Act).

10 **2. Interpretation**—(1) Section 2 of the principal Act is
hereby amended by inserting, after the definition of the term
“bookmaker”, the following definition:

15 “Forecast betting’ means a form of betting in which
bets are made by means of a totalisator on a com-
bination of 2 horses competing in the same race on
the chance that those 2 horses will, in the order
nominated by the bettor, finish first and second
in the race:”.

*1957 Reprint, Vol. 5. p. 505

Amendments: 1959, No. 65; 1961, No. 82; 1962, No. 114; 1963, No. 28;
1964, No. 53; 1967, No. 39; 1968, No. 2; 1968, No. 141; 1970, No. 64

(2) The said section 2 is hereby further amended by inserting, after the definition of the term “public place”, the following definition:

“‘Quinella betting’ means a form of betting in which
bets are made by means of a totalisator on a combination of 2 horses competing in the same race on the chance that those 2 horses will finish first and second in either order in the race:”.

3. Use of totalisator—The principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting, after section 31, the following section: 10

“31A. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, in addition to the other purposes for which it may use the totalisator, a racing club may, with the written consent of the Minister of Internal Affairs, use the totalisator for the purpose of forecast betting and quinella betting. 15

“(2) Every consent given by the Minister under subsection (1) of this section shall be subject to such terms and conditions as he thinks fit to impose.”

4. Calculation of dividends—Subsection (1) of section 35 of the principal Act (as substituted by section 2 (1) of the Gaming Amendment Act 1968) is hereby amended by inserting, after paragraph (c), the following paragraph: 20

“(ca) Commission at the rate of 10.18 percent on the gross amount received as investments in respect of forecast betting and quinella betting; and”.

5. Proportion of deductions to belong to Totalisator Agency Board—Section 5A of the Gaming Amendment Act 1949 (as inserted by section 4 of the Gaming Amendment Act 1950 and amended by section 2 of the Gaming Amendment Act (No. 2) 1968) is hereby further amended by omitting the words “paragraphs (b) and (c)”, and substituting the words “paragraphs (b), (c), and (ca)”. 30