

Mr. Hobbs.

GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT 1881 AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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| <p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Penalty on persons exhibiting placards or advertising betting-houses, sweepstakes, or lotteries.</p> | <p>3. Penalty on persons advertising as to betting, sweepstakes, or lotteries.</p> <p>4. Letters and money orders for keepers of lotteries, gamblers, fortune-tellers, &amp;c., need not be registered or issued.</p> <p>5. Saving as to certain lotteries.</p> |
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT in Amendment of "The Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1881," and for the Better Suppression of Betting. Title.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Gaming and Lotteries Act 1881 Amendment Act, 1885." Short Title.

It shall be construed as one with "The Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1881" (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"), and shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

2. Any person exhibiting or publishing, or causing to be exhibited or published, any placard, handbill, card, writing, sign, or advertisement, whereby it shall be made to appear that any house, office, room, or place is opened, kept, or used for the purpose of making bets or wagers on any event or contingency of or relating to any horse-race or other race, fight, game, sport, or exercise, in manner as is mentioned in "The Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1881," or of taking part in any transaction or scheme commonly known as a sweepstake on any such event or contingency, or in any lottery or scheme by which prizes whether of money or of any other matter or thing are gained in manner as is mentioned in the said Act, or for the purpose of exhibiting lists for betting, or relating to sweepstakes or lotteries, or with the intent to induce any person to resort to such house, office, room, or place for the purpose of making bets or wagers in manner aforesaid, or of taking part in any sweepstake, lottery, or scheme in manner aforesaid; or

Any person who, on behalf of the owner or occupier of any such house, office, room, or place, or persons using the same, shall invite other persons to resort thereto for the purpose of making bets or wagers in manner aforesaid, or of taking part in any sweepstake, lottery, or scheme in manner aforesaid,

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Shall be liable on conviction to a penalty of not more than *fifty* pounds for each offence, or, in the discretion of the Justices before whom he shall be convicted, to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding *two* months, with or without hard labour.

Penalty on persons advertising as to betting, sweepstakes, or lotteries.

3. Where any letter, circular, telegram, placard, handbill, card, 10 or advertisement is sent, exhibited, or published,

(1.) Whereby it is made to appear that any person either in New Zealand or elsewhere will, on application, give information or advice for the purpose of or with respect to any such bet or wager, or any such event or contingency as 15 is mentioned in the said Act, or for the purpose or with respect to any sweepstake or any lottery or scheme similar thereto, or will make on behalf of any other person any such bet or wager as is mentioned in the said Act, or will on behalf of any other person take a part in any sweep- 20 stake, or take tickets in any lottery or scheme similar thereto: or

(2.) With intent to induce any person to apply to any house, office, room, or place, or to any person, with the view of obtaining information or advice for the purpose of any 25 such bet or wager, or with respect to any such event or contingency as is mentioned in the said Act, or for the purpose or with respect to any sweepstake or any lottery or scheme similar thereto; or

(3.) Inviting any person to make or take any share in or in 30 connection with any such bet or wager, sweepstake, lottery, or scheme

Every person sending, exhibiting, or publishing, or causing the same to be sent, exhibited, or published, shall be liable on conviction to a penalty of not more than *fifty* pounds for each offence, or, in 35 the discretion of the Justices before whom he shall be convicted, to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding *two* months, with or without hard labour.

Letters and money orders for keepers of lotteries, gamblers, fortune-tellers, &c., need not be registered or issued.

4. If the Postmaster-General has, at any time, reasonable ground to suppose any person to be engaged in receiving any money or 40 valuable thing as or for the consideration for any assurance, undertaking, promise, or agreement, express or implied, to pay or give thereafter any money or valuable thing on any event or contingency of or relating to any horse race or other race, fight, game, sport, or exercise, or as or for the consideration for securing the paying or 45 giving by some other person of any money or valuable thing on any such event or contingency as aforesaid, or to be engaged in promoting or carrying out any scheme connected with any such assurance, undertaking, promise, or agreement as aforesaid, or any lottery, scheme of chance, or unlawful game, or to be engaged in receiving 50 money under pretence of foretelling future events, or to be engaged in any fraudulent business or undertaking, then the said

Postmaster-General may, if he think fit, order and declare, by notification under his hand duly published in the *Gazette*, that no letter, packet, newspaper, or parcel addressed to any such person (either by his own or any fictitious or assumed name), or to any address without a name, shall be either registered or delivered to any such person. Such notification shall specify every such name whether real, fictitious, or assumed, or any address in respect of which such order is made, and such order shall, upon such notification thereof, be of full force and effect, notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, or in any rules or regulations under this Act, until such order is cancelled by the Postmaster-General, which he is hereby empowered to do; and if any letter addressed to any such person by any such name be received at any post office, it shall not be delivered to the person to whom or at the address to which it is addressed, but shall be at once sent to the Dead Letter Office in Wellington, and shall, if it were originally posted in New Zealand, be opened and immediately returned to the sender, or, if not originally posted in New Zealand, be returned unopened to the colony or country whence it originally came.

No money orders shall be issued in favour of any such person with respect to whom any such order has been made and declared by notification as aforesaid, and no money order shall be paid to any such person.

5. Nothing in this Act contained shall be construed as referring to any lottery which is or may be sanctioned under the authority of the said Act.

Saving as to certain lotteries.