

GAMING AND LOTTERIES AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1881" (hereinafter, with its amendments, included in the expression "the principal Act").

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. The Short Title of this Act is "The Gaming and Lotteries Amendment Act, 1897."

Short Title.

10 2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the principal Act as to the illegality of lotteries or otherwise, it is hereby declared that the following shall not be unlawful:—

Lottery not illegal if license obtained therefor.

Any lottery or sweepstakes on any event or contingency to be conducted and determined in public, subject as follows:—

15 (1.) No lottery or sweepstakes shall be conducted except pursuant to a license, granted, in his discretion, by the Colonial Secretary, in writing:

(2.) The fee for every such license shall be *twenty-five* pounds, which shall be paid by the applicant for the license before the issue thereof:

20 (3.) For the purpose of guaranteeing that the proposed lottery or sweepstakes shall be honestly conducted, every applicant for a license shall, before the issue thereof, deposit with the Public Trustee a bond, in the prescribed form, by some bank, assurance company, or responsible person, to be first approved of by the Public Trustee, in a sum equal to the total amount of such lottery or sweepstakes:

Conditions of license.

25 (4.) Each separate contribution or stake shall be *five* shillings, *ten* shillings, or *twenty* shillings; and every ticket or receipt therefor shall be stamped, under "The Stamp Act, 1882" (which for such purpose shall be read with this Act), with an impressed stamp according to the following scale:—

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Each five-shilling ticket or receipt, with a penny stamp ;

Each ten-shilling ticket or receipt, with a two-penny stamp ;

Each twenty-shilling ticket or receipt, with a four-penny stamp : 5

(5.) No such license shall be granted or issued unless the scheme and conditions of the proposed lottery or sweepstakes accompany the application, and are approved of by the Colonial Secretary as fair and proper : 10

(6.) Each license shall apply only to the one lottery or sweepstakes mentioned therein.

Application of fees.

3. All license-fees and stamp-fees received under this Act shall be applied to such purposes of public charity or utility as the Governor in Council determines. 15

Regulations.

4. The Governor in Council may, from time to time, make regulations prescribing,—

(1.) The forms of licenses, bonds, and other documents under this Act ;

(2.) The conditions subject to which every license shall be granted, issued, and held ; 20

(3.) The penalties, including if he thinks fit so to prescribe, the forfeiture of the license, for the breach of any such regulation ;

(4.) All such other matters as he thinks necessary for the purposes of this Act. 25