

Hon. Mr. Bollard.

GAMING AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Gaming Act, 1908.

Title.

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 Gaming Amendment Act, 1924, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Gaming Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. In addition to the number of licenses to use the totalizer that may be granted to racing clubs pursuant to section fifty of the principal Act, or to racing, trotting, or hunt clubs, pursuant to section two of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1914, the Minister of Internal Affairs may grant licenses as follows:—

Provision for increase of permits to use totalizer.

(a.) Not more than twelve licenses to racing clubs to use the totalizer on one day; and

(b.) Not more than nineteen licenses to trotting clubs to use the totalizer on one day.

3. (1.) If any racing club changes its constitution so as to become either a trotting club or a hunt club it shall for the purposes of the distribution of licenses to use the totalizer be deemed to continue to be a racing club, but shall not receive a greater number of licenses than that to which it may be entitled under its new constitution.

On change of constitution racing club may retain right to receive permit.

(2.) The last preceding subsection shall apply, with the necessary modifications, in the case of a change of constitution by a trotting club or a hunt club.

4. It shall be lawful for any club licensed to use the totalizer to refund any moneys invested on the totalizer in respect of any horse which is for any reason withdrawn from any race before the totalizer is closed for that race.

Authority to refund investments on totalizer in certain cases.

Limit as to use of totalizator and number of races on any one day.

5. (1.) The totalizator shall not be open for the purpose of receiving investments more than eight times on any one day at any race meeting.

(2.) At any race meeting for which a license to use the totalizator is not granted, not more than eight races shall be run on any one day.

(3.) If at any race meeting a breach of this section is committed, every member, officer, agent, or servant of the racing club, having control of that race meeting shall, unless he proves that he was not a consenting party to that breach, be guilty of an offence punishable, on summary conviction, by a fine not exceeding *fifty* pounds.

(4.) This section is in substitution for section seven of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1910, and that section is hereby repealed accordingly.

Application of assets on dissolution of club.

6. No member of any racing club, trotting club, or hunt club shall be deemed to have any personal pecuniary interest, in his capacity as such member, in the property of the club, and on the dissolution of any such club the assets remaining after all legal claims on the club have been satisfied shall be disposed of for public or charitable purposes in such manner as the club may, with the approval of the Minister of Internal Affairs, have determined prior to its dissolution, or, in default of such determination, in manner appointed by the Governor-General in Council.

Provision for appointment of Inspectors of Totalizators.

7. (1.) There may from time to time be appointed as officers of the Public Service one or more Inspectors of Totalizators.

(2.) Every such Inspector shall at all times during a race meeting at which a totalizator is used have the right of entry, without charge, to the racecourse at which such meeting is being held.

(3.) Any Inspector may, during such meeting, enter for the purpose of inspection any building containing a totalizator, and may, during such inspection, examine any part of the machinery or working of the totalizator, but so that he in no way interferes with the working thereof. He may demand any information he deems necessary for the purposes of the inspection from the person or persons appointed by the stewards or committee of the club to have the care and management of the totalizator, and shall have such further powers and shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by regulations.

(4.) Any person who hinders or attempts to hinder an Inspector entering any racecourse or building containing a totalizator in the execution of his duty, or who refuses to give any information which the Inspector may demand under the powers conferred on him by this section or by regulations, or who otherwise hinders or attempts to hinder him in the execution of any power or duty, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding *fifty* pounds.

Regulations.

(5.) For the purposes of this section, the Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, make regulations prescribing the powers and duties of Inspectors.

Minimum weight to be carried by horses in handicap flat races.

8. On and after the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, the minimum weight to be carried by any horse in any handicap flat race shall be not less than seven stone.