



## THE PREVENTION OF GAMBLING ACT, 1977



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# THE PREVENTION OF GAMBLING ACT, 1977.

<sup>1</sup>ACT NO. XXVIII OF 1977

[21st May, 1977]

## An Act to provide for the prevention of gambling

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the prevention of gambling;

AND WHEREAS the Proclamation of Emergency referred to in Article 280 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is in force ;

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

**1. Short title, extent and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Prevention of Gambling Act, 1977.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Definitions.** In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

- (a) "common gaming-house" means any house, room, tent, enclosure, vehicle, vessel or other place whatsoever in which any instruments of gaming are kept or used for gaming purposes—
- (i) with a view of profit or gain of any person owning, occupying or keeping such house, room, tent, enclosure, vehicle, vessel or other place, whether by way of charge for the use of such house, room, tent, enclosure, vehicle, vessel or place or instruments or otherwise howsoever; or
  - (ii) with or without a view of such profit or gain, if the gaming for the purpose of which such instruments are so kept or used is gaming on any figures or numbers or dates to be subsequently ascertained or disclosed, or on the occurrence or non-occurrence of any natural event;
- (b) "gaming" includes wagering or betting, including a wager or bet made in respect of any horse, mare or gelding running in competition with any other horse, mare or gelding, or of the rider thereof;
- (c) "instruments of gaming" includes any article used or intended to be used as a means or appurtenance of, or of carrying on or facilitating, gaming, and any documents used as a register or record or evidence of any gaming; and
- (d) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act

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<sup>1</sup>For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gaz. of P., 1977, Ext., Pt. III, p. 3544.

This Act has ceased to have effect w.e.f. 15-3-78 due to the revocation of Proclamation of Emergency on 15-9-77, under Article 232 of the Constitution of Pakistan. 1973 except the Islamabad Capital Territory.