

# **Betting (Amendment) Bill**

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### **Bill No. 15/1985**

*Read the first time on 31st October 1985.*

An Act to amend the Betting Act (Chapter 95 of the Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

### **Short title and commencement**

1. This Act may be cited as the Betting (Amendment) Act 1985 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

### **Amendment of section 2**

2. Section 2(1) of the Betting Act is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “access”, the following definition:

“ “betting information centre” means any place kept or used for receiving or transmitting by telephone or other means any information relating to any horse-race or other sporting event for the purpose of betting or wagering in contravention of this Act;”;

(b) by deleting paragraph (a) of the definition of “common betting-house” and substituting the following paragraph:

“(a) any place kept or used for betting or wagering on any event or contingency of or relating to any horse-race or other sporting event to which the public or any class of the public has or may have access;”;

(c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “common betting-house”, the following definition:

“ “equipment” has the same meaning as in the Telecommunication Authority of Singapore Act 1982 (Act 19 of 1982);”;

(d) by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of “runner” and

substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definitions:

““sporting event” includes any race, fight, game, sport or exercise;

“telecommunication system” has the same meaning as in the Telecommunication Authority of Singapore Act 1982 (Act 19 of 1982).”.

### **Amendment of section 3**

3. Section 3 of the Betting Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “to a fine not exceeding twenty thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or to both such fine and imprisonment” in subsection (1) and substituting the words “to a fine of not less than \$20,000 and not more than \$200,000 and shall also be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “common betting-house” wherever they appear therein, the words “or betting information centre”; and
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the words “common betting-houses” in the marginal note, the words “and betting information centres”.

### **Amendment of section 4**

4. Section 4 of the Betting Act is amended by deleting the words “to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term which may extend to twelve months or to both such fine and imprisonment” and substituting the words “to a fine of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 and shall also be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years”.

### **Amendment of section 5**

5. Section 5 of the Betting Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) Except as permitted by an exemption under section 22, any person who bets or wagers in a common betting-house, or with a bookmaker in any place or by any means, or who for the purpose of betting or wagering loiters in any place to which the public has or may have access shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on