Private Lotteries (Amendment) Ordinance

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An Ordinance to amend the Private Lotteries Ordinance (*Chapter 167 of the Revised Edition*).

Be it enacted by the Yang di-Pertuan Negara with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Singapore, as follows: —

Short title and commencement

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Private Lotteries (Amendment) Ordinance, 1961, 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 of the Private Lotteries Ordinance (hereinafter in this Ordinance referred to as the "principal Ordinance") is hereby amended by inserting immediately before the definition of "lottery" appearing therein the following new definitions: —

   " "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Estate Duties appointed under the Estate Duty Ordinance (Cap. 162), and includes a Deputy Commissioner of Estate Duties appointed under that Ordinance;

   "fruit machine" means any coin or disc operated machine by the manipulation of which chances are given of obtaining prizes in money, and includes a jack-pot machine;".

Amendment of section 3

3. Section 3 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended —

   (*a*) by deleting the expression "-(1)" appearing in the first line of subsection (1) thereof;

   (*b*) by deleting the word "Minister" appearing in the third line thereof and substituting therefor the word "Commissioner"; and

   (*c*) by deleting subsection (2) thereof.

Amendment of section 4

4. Section 4 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended —

(*a*) by deleting the word "Minister" wherever it appears therein and substituting therefor the word "Commissioner"; and

(*b*) by deleting the words "Yang di-Pertuan Negara" appearing in the third line of subsection (5) thereof and substituting therefor the word "Minister".

Repeal and re-enactment of section 7

5. Section 7 of the principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —

"**Duty on lotteries**

7.—(1) There shall be charged a duty of thirty *per centum* —

(*a*) on the total amount raised by the promoter of any private lottery as shown in the account required to be made and as finally approved by the Commissioner under section 6 of this Ordinance; and

(*b*) on the total amount accruing from the operation of any fruit machine, such amount to be deemed to be the amount derived by adding thirty-seven and one-half *per centum* to the amount remaining in the cash box of such machine at the time of each clearance:

Provided that for the purpose of calculating the duty to be charged, the Commissioner may in his discretion allow such remission as he may deem fit to be made from the amount remaining in such box at the time of each clearance, on his being satisfied that any payment has been made to any player otherwise than from such machine.

(2) Such duty shall be payable in the case of a single lottery within fourteen days after the date on which the winners of prizes are determined, or in the case of a series or a number of lotteries promoted or conducted during a calendar month, within fourteen days after the last day of such calendar month.

(3) It shall not be necessary to make any demand for the payment of duty under this Ordinance.

(4) All amounts of duty collected under this Ordinance shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

(5) The Commissioner may, if he is satisfied that any money has been overpaid as duty under this Ordinance, certify the amount to be refunded and shall cause payment to be made forthwith: