

*These notes refer to the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c.14) which received Royal Assent on 26 April 2022*

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### Part 1

##### *Section 13: Cheating*

Section 13 replaces the existing offence in Article 169 of the 1985 Order (Cheating) with a new Article 169.

Section 13 introduces paragraphs (1)(a) and (b) to new Article 169 which respectively make it an offence for any person to either cheat at gambling or do anything to enable or assist another person to cheat at gambling.

Section 13 also introduces paragraphs (2) (a) and (b) to new Article 169 to make it an offence for person to cheat under paragraph (1) irrespective of whether that person improves his chances of winning anything or wins anything.

Section 13 introduces paragraphs (3)(a) and (b) to new Article 169 which state that cheating at gambling may, in particular, consist of actual or attempted deception or interference with the process of gambling or any game, sport, pastime, etc. to which gambling relates.

Section 13 further introduces a paragraph (4) to Article 169 clarifying what is meant by “gambling” for the purposes of this Section.