

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 8: Gaming machines: charges and prize limits

Section 8 of the Act amends Article 108 of the 1985 Order by substituting paragraphs 108(6)(b) and 108(8) with new provisions. These new provisions set out the maximum charges for playing a game once by means of a gaming machine and the maximum money prize amounts a player shall receive from playing a game by means of a gaming machine on bingo club premises, licensed premises, a licensed office or premises in respect of which an amusement permit is in force. The policy intention behind Section 8 is to permit the Department, in accordance with Article 108(16), to substitute different maximum charge and maximum prize amounts for different premises specified in Article 108.

New Article 108(8) will now cover premises previously covered by Articles 108(7A) and (8A) which in consequence are repealed.

This Section makes other amendments to Article 108 and removes the previous paragraphs 7A and 8A of Article 108 and to Articles 111 and 115 consequential on the restructuring of Article 108.