

*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 9: Arrangements not requiring persons to pay to participate*

Section 9(1) renumbers Article 131 of the 1985 Order (illegality of lotteries) as Article 131(1) and introduces a new paragraph (2) to that Article specifying that a prize competition arrangement is not a lottery unless persons are required to pay to participate.

Section 9(2) adds a new Schedule 15A (Lotteries and Competitions: Requirements to Pay in Order to Participate) to the 1985 Order setting out what does and does not constitute a requirement to pay to participate in order to be deemed a lottery.

Section 9 thereby removes free to enter prize competition arrangements from the definition of a lottery by reference to new Schedule 15A. New Schedule 15A sets out both the meaning of payment to enter under the 1985 Order as well as the forms of payment or expenses arrangements that are not included in Article 131.