



# Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Act 1985

## 1985 CHAPTER 18

An Act to remove restrictions under the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Acts 1963 to 1984 as to the occasions on which betting may take place on racecourses and other tracks and as to the events in connection with which betting may take place on dog racecourses; and to make further provision with respect to the operation of totalisators on such racecourses. [9th May 1985]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

### **1 Removal of restrictions as to betting on racecourses etc.**

The enactments specified in the Schedule to this Act (which impose restrictions as to the occasions on which betting may take place on racecourses and other tracks, and as to the events in connection with which betting may take place on dog racecourses) are hereby repealed to the extent mentioned in column 3 of the Schedule.

### **2 Operation of totalisators on dog racecourses.**

- (1) The Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 shall be amended as follows.
- (2) In section 16(1) (totalisators on dog racecourses which are licensed tracks), after " that totalisator shall" there shall be inserted " on any day".
- (3) In paragraph 3 of Schedule 5 (matters to be specified by operator of totalisator in notice posted on racecourse), at the end of sub-paragraph (6) there shall be inserted “; and  
(c) specify such other particulars of the said terms as may be prescribed.”.
- (4) After paragraph 4 of that Schedule there shall be inserted—

“4A The terms on which the operator invites persons to bet on any race or combination of races on the track by means of the totalisator may include a condition that, in the event of there being no winning bets on that race or those races, the aggregate amount staked thereon by way of bets made by means of the totalisator (less any deductions made in pursuance of paragraph 4(a) of this Schedule) shall be carried over to a subsequent race or combination of races on the track by being added to the aggregate amount staked thereon by way of bets so made; and nothing in section 16(1) of this Act shall be construed as precluding the totalisator from being so operated as to allow any such amount to be carried over as aforesaid from one day to another.

4B Where, in accordance with such a condition as is mentioned in paragraph 4A of this Schedule, any amount is to be added to the aggregate amount staked by way of bets made by means of the totalisator on any race or combination of races, that amount shall be disregarded for the purpose of making any deduction required by paragraph 4(a) of this Schedule.”.

(5) In paragraph 9 of that Schedule (attendance by accountant at totalisator)—

- (a) for the words from " on every day" to " 1971 " there shall be substituted " where the accountant has before any day been notified in writing by the operator that it is intended that betting should take place on that day by means of the totalisator " ; and
- (b) for the words from " as may before " onwards there shall be substituted " on that day as may be specified in the notification".

(6) After paragraph 10 of that Schedule there shall be inserted—

“10A The amount which is to be carried over from one race or combination of races to another in accordance with such a condition as is mentioned in paragraph 4A of this Schedule shall be determined by the accountant and notified by him to the operator.”.

### **3 Citation, commencement and extent.**

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Act 1985 and the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Acts 1963 to 1984 and this Act may be cited together as the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Acts 1963 to 1985.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), this Act shall come into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which it was passed.
- (3) Subsections (3), (4) and (6) of section 2 shall come into force on such date as the Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument appoint.
- (4) This Act does not extend to Northern Ireland.

SCHEDULE

Section 1.

REPEALS

Chapter	Short Title	Extent of Repeal
1963 c. 2.	The Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963.	In section 5, in subsection (1), paragraphs (a) and (c) and the word " or " immediately preceding paragraph (c), and subsection (1A). Section 6(2). Section 7. Section 16(1)(a).
1971 c. 26.	The Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Act 1971.	The whole Act.
1980 c. 18.	The Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Act 1980.	The whole Act.