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(Assented to , 1996)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

- 1 The Interprovincial Lottery Act is amended by this Act.
- 2 Section 1 is amended by adding the following after clause (c):
 - (d) "video lottery scheme" means a lottery scheme that is operated on or through a video lottery terminal;
 - (e) "video lottery terminal" means a machine or device that allows a person to play a game in which, upon payment of money, the person by chance may receive a credit that car be redeemed for money.
- 3 Section 3 is repealed and the following is substituted:
 - 3 Subject to section 3.1, the Minister may issue a licence to any person authorizing that person, as agent of the Governmen of Alberta, to conduct, manage and operate a lottery scheme within Alberta and to carry out the terms of any agreement under this Act.

Explanatory Notes

1 Amends chapter I-8 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1980.

- 3 Section 3 presently reads:
 - 3 The Minister may issue a licence to any person authorizing that person, as agent of the Government of Alberta, to conduct, manage and operate a lottery scheme within Alberta and to carry out the terms of any agreement under this Act.

- 4 The following is added after section 3:
 - 3.1 Effective December 31, 1999, no person shall be authorized to conduct, manage or operate a video lottery scheme.
 - 3.2(1) Before December 31, 1996, the Minister shall establish a committee pursuant to section 7 of the *Government Organization Act* to advise the Minister on the orderly phase out of video lottery schemes.
 - (2) The Minister shall appoint as members of the committee such corporations, organizations or individuals as may, in the opinion of the Minister, be necessary or desirable to ensure that the membership of the committee is representative of persons having a material interest in video lottery schemes.
 - (3) Each corporation and organization that is a member of the committee shall nominate an individual to serve as its representative on the committee.
 - (4) The Minister shall consult with the committee before any regulations are made under section 8.
 - (5) Any consultation relating to regulations made under section 8 must be completed before June 30, 1997.
- 5 The following is added after section 7:
 - 8 The Minister may make regulations respecting the manner in which video lottery schemes are to be phased out.
 - 9(1) In this section, "Standing Committee" means the Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly on Law and Regulations.
 - (2) Where the Minister proposes to make a regulation pursuant to section 8, the Minister shall cause to be forwarded to the Standing Committee a copy of the proposed regulation.
 - (3) On receipt by the Standing Committee of a copy of a proposed regulation pursuant to subsection (1), the Standing Committee shall examine the proposed regulation to ensure that
 - (a) it is consistent with the delegated authority provided in this Act,

- (b) it is necessarily incidental to the purpose of this Act, and
- (c) it is reasonable in terms of efficiently achieving the objective of this Act.
- (4) When the proposed regulation has been examined as required under subsection (3), the Standing Committee shall advise the Minister that the proposed regulation has been so examined and shall indicate any matter referred to in subsection 3(a), (b) or (c) to which, in the opinion of the Standing Committee, the attention of the Minister should be drawn.