

1997 BILL 221

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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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GAMING AND LIQUOR
AMENDMENT ACT, 1997

MR. WICKMAN

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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GAMING AND LIQUOR AMENDMENT ACT, 1997

(Assented to , 1997)

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

Amends SA
1996 cG-0.5

1 The *Gaming and Liquor Act* is amended by this Act.

2 Section 46 is amended

- (a) in subsection (1) by adding "Subject to section 46.1,"
before "No person may";**
- (b) in subsection (2) by adding "Subject to section 46.1,"
before "No person may".**

3 The following is added after section 46:

Phase out of
video lottery
terminals

46.1 Effective December 31, 2000, no person may make, sell,
advertise, distribute or possess a video lottery terminal.

Explanatory Notes

- 1 Amends chapter G-0.5 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1996.
- 2 Section 46 presently reads:

46(1) No person may make, sell, advertise or distribute a video lottery terminal unless the terminal is approved by the Commission and the person is registered to deal in video lottery terminals.

(2) No person may possess a video lottery terminal unless the terminal is approved by the Commission and

 - (a) the person operates an establishment in which the video lottery terminal is used and the use of the video lottery terminal in the person's establishment is authorized by the Commission, or*
 - (b) the person is registered to deal in video lottery terminals or is an employee or agent of a person who is registered to deal in video lottery terminals.*
- 3 Phase out of video lottery terminals.

Establishment
of committee to
phase out video
lottery terminals

46.2(1) Before December 31, 1997, the Minister shall establish a committee pursuant to section 7 of the *Government Organization Act* to advise the Minister on the orderly phasing out of video lottery terminals.

(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 terminals.

(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 126(1)(g.1).

(5) Any consultation relating to regulations made under section 126(1)(g.1) must be completed before June 30, 1998.

4 Section 115 is amended by striking out "section 45 or 46" and substituting "section 45, 46 or 46.1".

5 Section 126 is amended:

(a) in subsection (1) by adding the following after clause (g):

(g.1) respecting the manner in which video lottery terminals are to be phased out;

4 Section 115 presently reads:

115 A person who contravenes section 45 or 46 is liable to a fine of not more than \$500 000 or to imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or to both.

5 Section 126 presently reads in part:

126(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

(g) establishing classes of registration in respect of

(i) gaming workers,

(ii) people who deal in video lottery terminals or gaming supplies, and

(iii) liquor agents, representatives and others who are required to be registered under Part 3;

(h) respecting application procedures for licences and registration, including requirements relating to the

6 The following is added after section 126:

Standing
Committee on
Law and
Regulations

126.1(1) In this section, "Standing Committee" means the Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly on Law and Regulations.

(2) Where the Lieutenant Governor in Council proposes to make a regulation pursuant to section 126 the Lieutenant Governor in Council 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 (2), 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 Lieutenant Governor in Council 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 Lieutenant Governor in Council should be drawn.

advertising of applications and procedures for obtaining and dealing with public responses to applications;

6 Standing Committee on Law and Regulations.