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No. 38 of 1923.

An Act to impose a Tax upon Slot Machines.

(Assented to , 1923.)

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

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Slot Machine Tax Act, 1923.*"

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

- (a) "Department" shall mean the Department of the Attorney General;
- (b) "Prescribed" shall mean prescribed by the Attorney General;
- (c) "Slot machine" shall mean any machine which, upon a coin, token, counter, disc or other substance being placed in a slot or receptacle, automatically or by mechanical means returns to the person so placing any such substance an article of merchandise or enables the said person to play any game by means of such machine, or plays any tune, or which is commonly known as a slot machine.

3. No slot machine shall be installed, kept or operated in, or in connection with, any establishment, premises or place unless the proprietor or manager of such establishment, premises or place is the holder of a subsisting license for such machine.

4.—(1) Application for a license shall be made to the Department in the prescribed form and shall be accompanied by a marked cheque for fifty dollars as a license fee in respect of each machine for which a license is applied for.

(2) In the case of application made after the thirty-first day of December and before the thirty-first day of May, the cheque shall be for twenty-five dollars.

(3) Every license issued by the Department under the provisions of this Act shall be in the prescribed form.

(4) Every license shall expire at the end of the thirty-first day of May next following its issue.

5. The license shall be kept affixed to the machine in respect of which it is issued, or placed above or in close juxtaposition to the said machine, so that it is clearly and completely visible.

6. Any person operating a slot machine in connection with which a license is not displayed as required by the provisions of the previous section, shall be liable upon summary conviction to a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

7. Any person installing, keeping or permitting the operation of a slot machine in respect of which there is no subsisting license, or the license is not displayed as hereinbefore required, shall be liable upon summary conviction to a fine of not more than two hundred dollars, and in default of payment thereof to imprisonment for not more than three months.

8. This Act shall come into force upon the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, though licenses may be applied for and issued at any time after the passing thereof, but all licenses so issued shall, for the purpose of fixing their date of expiry, be deemed to be issued upon the said first day of June.

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