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**THE LOTTERIES AND GAMING (AMENDMENT) ACT,
2018**

An Act to amend the Lotteries and Gaming Act, 2016, to provide for the definition of betting intermediary and public lottery; to provide for additional powers of the Board; to limit the interest payable on tax to the aggregate of the principal tax and the penal tax; and for related matters.

DATE OF ASSENT: 20th June, 2018.

Date of Commencement: 1st July, 2018.

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows:

1. Commencement.

This Act shall come into force on 1st July, 2018.

2. Amendment of section 1 of the Lotteries and Gaming Act, 2016.

Section 1 of the Lotteries and Gaming Act, 2016, in this Act referred to as the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by inserting immediately after the definition of “betting”

the following definition—

“ “betting intermediary” means a person who provides a service designed to enable any other person to make or accept bets;”;

- (b) by substituting for the definition of “public lottery” the following definition—

“public lottery” means a lottery conducted in the public interest and for no private gain for a period determined by the Board;”.

3. Amendment of section 5 of principal Act.

(1) Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by—

- (b) inserting immediately after paragraph (g), the following paragraph—

(h) to seize and confiscate unlicensed equipment or devices;

(i) to enter and search any premises where gaming and betting is taking place with a search warrant;

(j) to direct the closure of any non-compliant gaming or betting premises;

(k) to levy express fines; and

(l) to designate an inspector of the Board.

(2) The levy imposed under subsection (1)(k) shall be collected by the Uganda Revenue Authority and remitted to the consolidated fund.

4. Amendment of section 15 of principal Act.

Section 15 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (2) by

repealing paragraph (b).

5. Amendment of section 27 of principal Act.

Section 27 of the principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after subsection (3), the following subsections—

“(3a) The Board may, in accordance with this Act, issue a certificate of suitability of premises to be used as a casino or for other gaming and betting operations.

(3b) The Board shall approve a franchisee of a licensee before the licensee appoints the franchisee.

(3d) The board shall bear the costs of conducting the due diligence.”

6. Amendment of section 42 of principal Act.

Section 42 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (3), by substituting for the words “twenty one days” the words “ sixty days”.

7. Amendment of section 49 of principal Act.

Section 49 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by renumbering section 49 as subsection (1);

(b) by inserting immediately after subsection (1), the following subsection—

“(2) Any interest due and payable under subsection (1), which exceeds the aggregate of the principal tax and penal tax is waived.”

8. Amendment of section 70 of principal Act.

Section 70 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1), by repealing the words “within a period of six months from the date of assent”.