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POOL BETTING BILL

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Eastern Regional Government and the Northern Regional Government have recently passed Enabling Legislation empowering the Federal Government to legislate for both Regions for the central control of pool betting business. The purpose of this Bill is to amend the Federal Pool Betting Control Act of 1961 and to apply its provisions to the Eastern and Northern Regions.

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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE POOL BETTING CONTROL ACT OF 1961 AND TO EXTEND THE APPLICATION OF THE ACT AS AMENDED TO NORTHERN AND EASTERN NIGERIA RESPECTIVELY ; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

[See subsection (2) of section three]

Commence-
ment.

WHEREAS by section 67 of the Constitution of the Federation a region may confer upon Parliament authority to legislate in respect of matters not included in the Legislative Lists of the Constitution of the Federation :

5 AND WHEREAS by the passing of the Pool Betting (Parliamentary Authority) Law, 1963 and the Pool Betting Control (Enabling) Law, 1962 authority was duly conferred upon Parliament by the Legislatures of Northern and Eastern Nigeria, respectively, to make laws with respect to matters relating to pool betting :

N.N.L. No.
8 of 1963.
E.R.L. No.
12 of 1962.

10 AND WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient before giving legislative effect thereto to amend certain provisions of the Pool Betting (Control) Act, and to extend the application of the Act (as amended and under which pool betting business in the Federal territory is controlled) to those regions :

1961, No.
69.

15 NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Federation of Nigeria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows :—

Sections one and seven of 1961, No. 69, amended.

1. The Pool Betting (Control) Act (hereafter referred to as the principal Act) shall have effect subject to the following amendments, that is to say—

(a) after subsection (1) of section three thereof there shall be inserted the following subsection (1A)—

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“(1A) No person shall receive for publication or publish any advertisement relating to pool betting unless it is accompanied by a certificate as to its genuineness signed by some person authorised in writing by the Minister in that behalf.”; and

(b) in subsection (3) of section seven for the words “section 7” there shall be substituted the words “section 6”.

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Application and extent of principal Act.

2.—(1) With a view to providing for the control of pool betting business in Northern and Eastern Nigeria, respectively, the application of the principal Act, (as amended by the foregoing section one) shall, subject to the following provisions of this section, extend to those regions; and accordingly,

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(a) any reference in the principal Act to the Federal territory shall have effect as a reference to the respective region; and

(b) any regulations under the principal Act shall have effect in relation to the regions with any necessary amendments, modifications or adaptations in the same manner as the principal Act.

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(2) Notwithstanding the foregoing subsection (1) hereof, the provisions of section four of the principal Act shall be omitted, and nothing in this Act shall be construed as enabling any criminal proceedings to be instituted for the breach of any provision of the principal Act or the regulations made thereunder on account of any act or omission which occurred in either of the regions before the date on which this Act comes into operation.

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Short title and extent.

3.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Pool Betting Act, 1963 and shall (to the extent that it relates to the Federation except Western Nigeria) apply throughout the Federation.

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(2) This Act shall come into operation by notice on a day to be appointed by the Minister of the Federation charged with responsibility for the control of pool betting.