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 betting house means any place which is used—
 (a) for the purpose of bets being made therein between
 persons resorting to the place and—
 (i) the owner, occupier or keeper of the place
 or any person using the place; or
 (ii) any person procured or employed by, or
 acting for or on behalf of, any such owner,
 occupier or keeper of person using the
 place; or

(iii) any person having the care or management
 of, or in any manner conducting the business
 of, the place; or
 (b) for the purpose of any money or other property
 being paid or received therein by or on behalf
 of the owner, occupier or keeper of person
 using the place.



SUPPLEMENT No. 2

TO

THE CYPRUS GAZETTE No. 3316 OF 24TH JULY, 1947.

LEGISLATION.

THE STATUTE LAWS OF CYPRUS

No. 15 OF 1947.

A LAW TO CONSOLIDATE AND AMEND THE LAWS RELATING
 TO BETTING HOUSES, GAMING HOUSES, LOTTERIES
 AND GAMBLING.

WINSTER.]

[22nd July, 1947.

Governor.

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor and
 Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Cyprus as
 follows:—

1. This Law may be cited as the Betting Houses, Gaming
 Houses, Lotteries and Gambling Prevention Law, 1947. Short title.

Interpreta-
tion.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires—
 “betting house” means any place which is used—
 (a) for the purpose of bets being made therein between persons resorting to the place and—
 (i) the owner, occupier or keeper of the place or any person using the place; or
 (ii) any person procured or employed by, or acting for or on behalf of, any such owner, occupier or keeper or person using the place; or
 (iii) any person having the care or management or in any manner conducting the business of the place; or
 (b) for the purpose of any money or other property being paid or received therein by or on behalf of the owner, occupier or keeper or person using the place, as, or in consideration—
 (i) for an assurance, undertaking, promise or agreement, express or implied, to pay or give thereafter any money or other property on any event or contingency of, or relating to, any horse race or other race, fight, game, sport or exercise; or
 (ii) for securing the paying or giving by some other person of any money or other property on any such event or contingency;

“gaming house” includes any place kept or used for gambling and a place shall be deemed to be used for gambling if it is used for gambling even on one occasion only;

“gamble”, with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, means to play at, or engage in, any game of chance or of mixed chance and skill, for money or money’s worth:

Provided that the playing at, or engaging in, any such game shall not be deemed to be gambling if the person playing at, or engaging in, the same proves to the satisfaction of the court trying the offence that, having regard to the circumstances including the stakes, he was playing at, or engaging in, such game for social amusement and recreation and not for gain;

“lottery” includes any scheme or device for the sale, gift, disposal or distribution of any property depending upon, or to be determined by, lot or chance, whether by the throwing or casting of dice or of any other object having effect similar to that of dice or by the

drawing of tickets, cards, lots, numbers or figures or by means of a wheel or trained animal or otherwise howsoever;

“place” includes any house, office, room or building and any place or spot, whether open or enclosed and includes any vehicle and any ship, boat or other vessel whether afloat or not but shall not include a street;

“street” includes any road, square, pathway, blind-alley, footway, pavement, public garden and any other open space to which the public has free access.

3.—(1) Any person who—

(a) being the owner or occupier of any place or having the use temporarily or otherwise thereof, keeps or uses such place as a betting house or a gaming house or for carrying on a lottery or for playing at any of the games to which section 7 of this Law applies; or

(b) permits a place of which he is the owner or occupier or of which he has the use temporarily or otherwise to be used as a betting house or a gaming house or for carrying on a lottery or for playing at any of the games to which section 7 of this Law applies; or

(c) has the care or management of, or in any manner assists or is engaged in the management of, a place kept or used as a betting house or a gaming house or for carrying on a lottery or for playing at any of the games to which section 7 of this Law applies,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to imprisonment not exceeding one year or to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine.

(2) Any person who appears, acts or behaves as master or as the person having the care or management of any place kept or used as in sub-section (1) of this section provided shall, for the purposes of this section, be deemed to be the keeper thereof, whether he is or is not the real keeper.

(3) No prosecution relating to the carrying on of a lottery under this section shall be instituted except by or with the consent of the Attorney-General.

4.—(1) Any person who—

(a) sells or has in his possession for sale any ticket in, or relating to, any lottery;

(b) prints or publishes, or causes to be printed or published, any advertisement or other notice of or relating to any lottery or the result of any

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lottery, or of or relating to the sale of any ticket or chance, or of any share in any ticket or chance in any lottery,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds and, in the case of an offence under paragraph (a) hereof, any ticket in respect of which the offence has been committed shall be forfeited.

(2) No prosecution for any offence under this section shall be instituted except by or with the consent of the Attorney-General.

Gambling in gaming house.

5. Any persons gambling or assembled together for the purpose of gambling in a gaming house shall be guilty of an offence under this Law.

Gambling in street.

6. Any persons gambling or assembled together for the purpose of gambling in any street shall be guilty of an offence under this Law.

Provisions relating to certain specific games.

7.—(1) Any persons, wherever found, playing at any of the games commonly known as “cholo”, “kazandi”, “zari” or “roulette” or any other similar game which in the opinion of the court trying the offence is a variation of any of such games or assembled together for the purpose of playing at any such game or any variation thereof as hereinbefore provided, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to imprisonment not exceeding one year or to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine.

(2) The Governor in Council may, by order, declare any game to be a game for the purposes of sub-section (1) of this section in addition to the games specified therein and thereupon the provisions of sub-section (1) of this section shall apply to such game as they apply to the games specified in such sub-section.

(3) Any person who, in any street, club, coffee-shop, hotel or khan or a place licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquors by retail or a place of public resort or public entertainment, is in possession of any instruments or appliances used or appearing or intended to be used or to have been used for the playing of any of the games to which this section applies, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to imprisonment not exceeding one year or to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine.

Warrants.

8. Any member of a District Court or the senior officer in charge of the police in the district, on being satisfied, upon written information upon oath, that there is reasonable ground for believing that any place is kept or used as a