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## LAW ON LOTTERIES,

NO. 38/2005

### Article 1

#### Scope

This Act applies to any kind of lottery with public participation, with or without contribution, where the prize is selected partly or fully in a random manner or the prize is determined by the result of a contest or an event. The Act, furthermore, applies to commercially operated lotteries even though they are not open to the general public. The Minister will stipulate further on definitions, types and categories of lotteries in a regulation.

### Article 2

#### Operation of lotteries

In order to maintain public order and to counter harmful effects on the public it is prohibited to operate lotteries without a license from the District Commissioner unless otherwise stipulated in this Act. The Minister can stipulate that one specific District Commissioner shall handle all licensing. The license shall be subject to further conditions according to this Act and regulations set according to it. Tombolas are also prohibited without a license from the District Commissioner.

The operation of a lottery where money or tokens of money are at stake is prohibited without a specific authorisation by law. The Act shall stipulate the lottery form, fees, operating conditions and operating form. According to this paragraph lotteries shall, in other respects, be subject to the provisions of article 3, paragraph 1; article 5, paragraph 1; article 6 and articles 9-11.

Administrative decisions taken by the District Commissioner regarding licensing are subject to a complaint to the Ministry of Justice.

Article 3

## Licensing

A license to operate a lottery or a tombola, according to article 2, paragraph 1, can only be granted to a company, association or institution that is established in the European Economic Area, for the purpose of obtaining money for public benefit in Iceland, such as for social issues, nursing and caring, cultural issues, sports or charity, and international humanitarian work. A license may not be granted to parties with the intention of operating a lottery for other purposes.

A lottery license may not be granted to the same body more than three times each calendar year.

The Minister may decide in a regulation that District Commissioners be in charge of granting licenses for minor lotteries where the total money value of the prizes does not exceed further specified amount limitations. The Minister can, furthermore, authorise District Commissioners in a regulation to grant licenses for local betting lotteries.

## Article 4

Exemption from license obligation

The Minister can exempt from the license obligation a minor lottery that a company or a group calls for in order to entertain or raise funds. The prizes shall then be goods or services. The Minister determines further on their implementation in a regulation.

#### Article 5

##### Conditions for granting a license

A lottery license may be subject to the condition that a license holder provide funds for research and measures aimed at fighting problem gambling and its consequences.

A lottery license shall generally have the condition that there be no more than one draw in the lottery. The sales period of a lottery shall be no longer than three months from the day indicated in the license. The Minister sets further rules on the drawing arrangement in a regulation.

#### Article 6

##### Minimum age

The District Commissioner can, in granting a license, set a minimum age for those allowed to participate in a lottery, but it shall not be less than 18 years.