

ELIZABETH II



1971 CHAPTER 26

An Act to amend the provisions of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 relating to days on which betting is permitted on tracks; and for connected purposes. [12th May 1971]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 shall have effect as if—

(i) in section 5(1), at the end there were inserted—

“ or

(c) on more than 14 days in any one month except on an approved horse racecourse.”;

(ii) after section 5(1) there were inserted the following subsection—

“(1A) In relation to a dog racecourse which is a licensed track paragraph (a) of the foregoing subsection shall have effect as if for the words ‘ one hundred and four ’ there were substituted the words ‘ one hundred and thirty ’.”;

(iii) for section 6(2) there were substituted the following subsection—

“(2) Bookmaking shall not be carried on on any licensed track on any day which is not one of the betting days notified to the licensing authority under section 2 of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Act 1971.”;

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of Betting,
Gaming and
Lotteries
Act 1963.
1963 c. 2.

(iv) in section 7(2), for the words “ day fixed as a special betting day for the purposes of this subsection under paragraph 14 of Schedule 3 to this Act by the licensing authority within whose area the track falls ” there were substituted the words “ day notified to the licensing authority as a special betting day under section 2 of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Act 1971 ”;

(v) in section 16(1), for paragraph (a) there were substituted the following paragraph—

“ (a) on a day which is one of the betting days notified to the licensing authority under section 2 of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Act 1971; and ”;

and

(vi) in Schedule 5, paragraph 9, for the words “ betting day fixed by the licensing authority in pursuance of paragraph 14 of Schedule 3 to this Act ” there were substituted the words “ day which is one of the betting days notified to the licensing authority under section 2 of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Act 1971 ”.

Notification
of betting
days.

2.—(1) Not less than twenty-eight days before the commencement of any month, the holder of a track betting licence shall give notice in writing to the licensing authority—

(a) specifying not more than fourteen days in that month as days which are to be betting days for the track, that is to say, days on which betting facilities may be provided on the track; and

(b) stating whether any one or more of those notified betting days is to be a special betting day for the purposes of section 7(2) of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 and, if so, specifying which.

1963 c. 2.

(2) For any particular track, not more than four days in any one year shall be special betting days for the purposes of the said section 7(2); and accordingly where for any track there have for those purposes been four such days in any year, no other day in that year shall for those purposes be a special betting day for that track, notwithstanding that it may have been notified as such under this section.

(3) If in the case of any day notified to the licensing authority under this section as a betting day for a particular track—

(a) the occupier of the track notifies that authority in writing before that day that, notwithstanding the earlier notification, the day in question will not be a betting day; or

(b) no betting takes place on the track on that day and the occupier notifies that authority in writing of that fact within seven days of the expiry of that day, the notification of that day under this section as a betting day (and, where applicable, its notification thereunder as a special betting day) shall be disregarded for all purposes of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963.

1963 c. 2.

(4) In this section—

“ the licensing authority ”, in relation to a licensed track, means the authority by whom the track was licensed;

“ year ” means a period of twelve months beginning with 1st July.

3. The enactments and orders specified in the Schedule to this Act are hereby repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule.

4. This Act shall be construed as one with the Betting, Gaming Interpretation and Lotteries Act 1963.

5.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Act 1971 and this Act and the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Acts 1963 and 1969 may be cited together as the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Acts 1963 to 1971.

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ment and
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provision.

(2) This Act shall come into force on 1st July 1971; and as respects the giving of notice of betting days and special betting days for July 1971 section 2(1) of this Act shall have effect as if for the reference to twenty-eight days there were substituted a reference to fourteen days.

Section 3.

SCHEDULE

Chapter	Short title	Extent of Repeal
1963 c. 2.	Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963.	In Schedule 3, paragraphs 14 and 15.
1963 c. 33.	London Government Act 1963.	Section 53(2) and (3).
1963 c. 42.	Dog Racing (Betting Days) Act 1963.	The whole Act.
S.I. 1965 No. 2175.	The Huntingdon and Peterborough Amendment Order 1965.	The whole order.
S.I. 1967 No. 396.	The Teesside Order 1967.	Regulation 26.

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