



# Gambling Act 2005

## 2005 CHAPTER 19

### PART 11

#### LOTTERIES

##### *Offences*

#### **259 Facilitating a lottery**

- (1) A person commits an offence if he facilitates a lottery unless—
  - (a) the exception in subsection (3) applies, or
  - (b) the lottery is an exempt lottery.
- (2) For the purposes of this section a person facilitates a lottery if (and only if) he—
  - (a) prints lottery tickets for a specified lottery,
  - (b) prints promotional material for a specified lottery, or
  - (c) advertises a specified lottery.
- (3) This section does not apply to activity by a person if he acts in accordance with the terms and conditions of an operating licence.
- (4) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under this section to show that he reasonably believed—
  - (a) that he was not committing the offence by reason of subsection (1)(b) or (3), or
  - (b) that the arrangement to which the charge relates was not a lottery, or
  - (c) that the arrangement to which the charge relates was a lottery forming part of the National Lottery.
- (5) In subsection (2)(b) “promotional material” means a document which—
  - (a) advertises a specified lottery,
  - (b) invites participation in a specified lottery,
  - (c) contains information about how to participate in a specified lottery, or
  - (d) lists winners in a specified lottery.

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**Commencement Information**

- II** [S. 259](#) in force at 1.9.2007 by [S.I. 2006/3272](#), art. 2(4)(5), **Sch. 3B** (with arts. 7-11, 7-12, Sch. 4) (as inserted by S.I. 2007/2169, arts. 3, 6, Sch.)

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