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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 941 (S.83)**

**DEREGULATION**

**The Deregulation (Gaming on Sunday in Scotland) Order 1997**

*Made* - - - - *14th March 1997*

*Coming into force* - - *15th April 1997*

Whereas:

- (a) the Secretary of State is of the opinion that certain provisions of the Gaming Act 1968<sup>(1)</sup> impose burdens affecting persons in the carrying on of a trade, business, profession or otherwise and that by amending the provisions concerned it is possible to remove or reduce the burdens without removing any necessary protection;
- (b) he has consulted such organisations as appear to him to be representative of interests substantially affected by his proposals and such other persons as he considers appropriate;
- (c) it appears to the Secretary of State that it is appropriate, following that consultation, to proceed with the making of this Order;
- (d) a document setting out the Secretary of State's proposals has been laid before Parliament in accordance with section 3 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994<sup>(2)</sup> and the period for Parliamentary consideration under section 4 of that Act has expired;
- (e) the Secretary of State has had regard to the representations made during that period;
- (f) a draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament with a statement giving details of such representations; and
- (g) a draft of this Order has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 1 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994, hereby makes the following Order:

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Deregulation (Gaming on Sunday in Scotland) Order 1997 and shall come into force one month after the date on which it is made.

**2.—(1)** In section 18 of the Gaming Act 1968<sup>(3)</sup> (gaming on Sundays)—

- (a) in subsection (1), the words “In England and Wales”; and
- (b) subsection (2),

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<sup>(1)</sup> 1968 c. 65.

<sup>(2)</sup> 1994 c. 40.

<sup>(3)</sup> Section 18 was amended by the Gaming (Amendment) Act 1987 (c. 11), section 1.

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are hereby repealed.

(2) Section 1(3) of the Gaming (Amendment) Act 1987 (which is spent in consequence of paragraph (1) above) is hereby repealed.

St Andrew's House,  
Edinburgh  
14th March 1997

*James Douglas-Hamilton*  
Minister of State, Scottish Office

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order amends section 18 of the Gaming Act 1968 by extending subsection (1), so that the restriction on Sunday gaming made by that subsection will apply throughout Great Britain; and repealing subsection (2) which made more restrictive provision in respect of Sunday gaming in Scotland. The effect of the Order is that section 18 will prohibit gaming on a Sunday between the hours of four in the morning and two in the afternoon throughout Great Britain.