

BETTING AND GAMING (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2004

S.I. 2004 No. 310 (N.I. 1)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

COMMENTARY ON PROVISIONS

Article 8: Gaming machines

This Article amends the 1985 Order to:

Licensed bookmaking offices

- add licensed bookmaking offices to the list of premises in which gaming machines may be operated (*paragraph (2)(a)*);
- restrict the number of gaming machines in use in a licensed bookmaking office to a maximum of two and give the Department for Social Development power to vary this limit by an order subject to affirmative resolution (*paragraph (2)(b)*);
- require the use of these machines to be subject to the same conditions as currently apply to gaming machines in prescribed liquor licensed premises (the bar areas of public houses and licensed hotels) including a maximum prize of up to £25 (*paragraph (2)(e)*);

All-cash prizes

- allow gaming machines in the following premises to be operated with **all-cash** prizes of up to £8 – licensed bingo clubs, amusement arcades and similar premises holding an amusement permit granted by a district council and travelling showmen's pleasure fairs (*paragraph (2)(c)*);

Licensed bingo clubs

- allow gaming machines with all-cash prizes of up to £25 to be operated in licensed bingo clubs (*paragraph (2)(d)*);

Prize delivered directly from machine

- require that gaming machines in prescribed liquor licensed premises (the bar areas of public houses and licensed hotels) and licensed bookmaking offices deliver prizes directly from the machines (*paragraph (2)(e)(ii)*). This requirement also applies to the £25 prize machines operated in licensed bingo clubs.