



Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963

1963 CHAPTER 2

PART I

BETTING

General restrictions on betting

2 Restriction on bookmaking except under bookmaker's permit.

- (1) No person shall act as a bookmaker on his own account unless he is the holder of a permit authorising him so to act (in this Act referred to as a "bookmaker's permit") which is for the time being in force; and if any person acts as a bookmaker in contravention of this subsection he shall be guilty of an offence:
Provided that this subsection shall not apply to the receiving or negotiating by a registered pool promoter of bets made by way of pool betting.
- (2) Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect for the purposes of bookmaker's permits.
- (3) If the holder of a bookmaker's permit, on being required by a constable to produce his permit for examination, refuses or without reasonable cause fails so to do, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding [^{F1}level 1 on the standard scale].

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), [ss. 38, 46](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), [ss. 289F, 289G](#)

Status:

Point in time view as at 01/02/1991. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation:

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963, Section 2 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 03 January 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.