



Gaming Act 1845

1845 CHAPTER 109 8 and 9 Vict

An Act to amend the Law concerning Games and Wagers.

[8th August 1845]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Short title given by [Short Titles Act 1896 \(c. 14\)](#)
- C2 Act excluded by [Gaming Act 1968 \(c. 65\), s. 16\(4\)](#)
- C3 Alehouse Act 1828 cited or referred to by its short titles under authority of [Statute Law Revision Act 1893 \(c. 14\), s. 3](#)
- C4 Act repealed (N.I.) by [S.I. 1985/1204, art. 187\(4\), Sch. 21](#)

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Textual Amendments

- F1 Ss. 1–9, 15, 16, 19–24, 26, Schs. 1, 2 repealed by [Betting and Gaming Act 1960 \(c. 60\), Sch. 6 Pt. I](#)

10–14 F2

Textual Amendments

- F2 Ss. 10–14 repealed by [Billiards \(Abolition of Restrictions\) Act 1987 \(c. 19\), s. 1, Sch.](#)

15 F3

Textual Amendments

- F3 Ss. 1–9, 15, 16, 19–24, 26, Schs. 1, 2 repealed by [Betting and Gaming Act 1960 \(c. 60\), Sch. 6 Pt. I](#)

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16 F4

Textual Amendments
F4 Ss. 1–9, 15, 16, 19–24, 26, Schs. 1, 2 repealed by [Betting and Gaming Act 1960 \(c. 60\)](#), [Sch. 6 Pt. I](#)

17 Cheating at play to be punished as obtaining money by false Pretences.

Every person who shall, by any fraud or unlawful device or ill practice in playing at or with cards, dice, tables, or other game, or in bearing a part in the stakes, wages, or adventures, or in betting on the sides or hands of them that do play, or in wagering on the event of any game, sport, pastime, or exercise, win from any other person to himself, or any other or others, any sum of money or valuable thing, shall—

- [^{F5}(a) on conviction on indictment be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years; or
- (b) on summary conviction be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding two hundred pounds or to both]

Textual Amendments
F5 Words substituted by [Theft Act 1968 \(c. 60\)](#), [Sch. 2 Pt. III](#)

18 Wagers not recoverable at Law.

All contracts or agreements, whether by parole or in writing, by way of gaming or wagering, shall be null and void; and no suit shall be brought or maintained in any court of law and equity for recovering any sum of money or valuable thing alleged to be won upon any wager, or which shall have been deposited in the hands of any person to abide the event on which any wager shall have been made: Provided always, that this enactment shall not be deemed to apply to any subscription or contribution, or agreement to subscribe or contribute, for or towards any plate, prize, or sum of money to be awarded to the winner or winners of any lawful game, sport, pastime, or exercise.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)
C5 [S. 18](#) extended by [Gaming Act 1892 \(c. 9\)](#)
C6 [S. 18](#) excluded by [Financial Services Act 1986 \(c. 60, SIF 69\)](#), [ss. 1, 2, 63\(1\)\(a\)\(2\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 33
C7 [S. 18](#) excluded (*prosp*) by [2000 c. 8, ss. 412\(1\)\(a\)](#), 431

19–24 F6

Textual Amendments
F6 Ss. 1–9, 15, 16, 19–24, 26, Schs. 1, 2 repealed by [Betting and Gaming Act 1960 \(c. 60\)](#), [Sch. 6 Pt. I](#)

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Textual Amendments

F7 S. 25 repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1976 (c. 16), **Sch. 1 Pt. XIX**

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Textual Amendments

F8 Ss. 1–9, 15, 16, 19–24, 26, Schs. 1, 2 repealed by Betting and Gaming Act 1960 (c. 60), **Sch. 6 Pt. I**

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^{F9}FIRST SCHEDULE

Textual Amendments

F9 Ss. 1–9, 15, 16, 19–24, 26, Schs. 1, 2 repealed by [Betting and Gaming Act 1960 \(c. 60\)](#), [Sch. 6 Pt. I](#)

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^{F10}SECOND SCHEDULE

Textual Amendments

F10 Ss. 1–9, 15, 16, 19–24, 26, Schs. 1, 2 repealed by [Betting and Gaming Act 1960 \(c. 60\)](#), [Sch. 6 Pt. I](#)

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^{F11}THE THIRD SCHEDULE

Textual Amendments

F11 Sch. 3 repealed by [Billiards \(Abolition of Restrictions\) Act 1987 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 1, [Sch.](#)

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