

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1921.

A BILL

To make provision for the promotion and conduct of State lotteries; to amend the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "State Lotteries Act, 1921," and shall come into operation on a date to be notified by the Governor by proclamation in the Gazette.

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mencement.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,— Interpretation.

“Minister” means Minister of Public Health and Motherhood.

“State lottery” means a lottery promoted and conducted under the provisions of this Act.

3. It shall be lawful for the Minister, subject to the provisions of this Act, from time to time to promote and conduct a State lottery, and to do such acts and give such directions as in his opinion may be necessary or expedient for this purpose. Minister may promote and conduct State lottery.

4. The subscribers and contributors to any State lottery, and all persons acting under the authority or on behalf of any such subscribers or contributors, and all persons acting under the authority or on behalf of the Minister in the promotion or conduct of any State lottery, shall be freed and discharged from all penalties, suits, prosecutions, and liabilities to which by law they would be liable, but for this Act, as being concerned in illegal lotteries, littlegoes, or unlawful games. Subscribers and other persons to be free from penalties.

5. The Colonial Treasurer shall cause a special deposit account to be opened in the Treasury, to which shall be paid all moneys received from the sale of tickets in or from the promotion or conduct of State lotteries, and any expenditure arising from or in connection with the promotion or conduct of State lotteries shall be paid out of such account. Special deposit account to be opened.

6. The net profits derived from the promotion and conduct of State lotteries shall be applied exclusively for the purpose of motherhood endowment, and in payment of sums payable under the provisions of the Motherhood Endowment Act, 1921. Net profits of lotteries to be applied to motherhood endowment.

7. Sections five, six, seven, eight, and nine of the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, are repealed. Repeal of ss. 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901.

8. Any person who forges, or causes or procures to be forged, any ticket in a lottery, or knowingly sells or disposes, or attempts to sell or dispose of any such ticket which is forged, or, with intent to defraud, alters any number, word, or figure on any such ticket, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour. Offences.

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9. (1) Regulations may be made by the Governor ^{Regulations.} providing for the apportionment and distribution of prizes, the time within which and the manner in which prizes must be claimed, the disposal of unclaimed prizes or money, or prizes or money as to which any dispute arises, and generally as to all matters for which it is in the opinion of the Governor necessary or expedient to make provision for the purpose of the promotion and conduct of State lotteries.

(2) Such regulations may prohibit the sale of tickets in, and the advertisement of lotteries, and the publication of the results of the drawing of lotteries other than State lotteries.

(3) Such regulations may impose a penalty not exceeding *fifty* pounds for any breach thereof. Such penalty may be recovered in a summary way before a police or stipendiary magistrate, or any two justices in petty sessions.

(4) Such regulations shall—

- (a) be published in the Gazette;
- (b) take effect from the date of publication, or from a later date to be specified in such regulations; and
- (c) be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after publication, if Parliament is in session; and if not, then within fourteen days after the commencement of the next session.

If either House of Parliament passes a resolution, of which notice has been given, at any time within fifteen sitting days after such regulations have been laid before such House disallowing any regulation or part thereof, such regulation or part shall thereupon cease to have effect.

10. The Minister shall, after the close of each financial year, prepare, or cause to be prepared, a statement of receipts and expenditure under this Act, and a report as to the working thereof, and shall lay copies of such statement and report as soon as practicable before both Houses of Parliament. ^{Statement and report by Minister to be laid before Parliament.}