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**VIRGIN ISLANDS GAMING AND BETTING CONTROL
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2021**

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section

1. Short title.
2. Section 2 amended.

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**Virgin Islands Gaming and Betting
Control (Amendment) Act, 2021**

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I Assent

**(Sgd.) John Rankin CMG,
Governor.**

13th October, 2021

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AN ACT to amend the Virgin Islands Gaming and Betting Control Act, 2020 (No. 14 of 2020) to provide for the regulation and control of gaming and betting and matters related thereto.

[Gazetted 19th October, 2021]

ENACTED by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands as follows:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Virgin Islands Gaming and Betting Control (Amendment) Act, 2021.

Section 2
amended.

2. The Virgin Islands Gaming and Betting Control Act, 2020 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”) is amended in section 2 by

- (a) repealing the definitions of the following expressions and substituting with the following new definitions in their appropriate alphabetical sequence:

““betting” means making or accepting, on a fixed odds or pool betting basis, a bet on the outcome of a horse race or a sporting event or lottery draw, whether or not the same is carried out electronically or via the internet;

“betting transaction” means the making and accepting on a fixed odds or pool betting basis between a bookmaker or a promoter and a punter or bettor on the outcome of an event, horse race or lottery draw, whether or not the transaction is carried out by

electronic means or via the internet;

“bookmaker” means a person licensed by the Commission, who through electronic means, via the internet or otherwise

- (a) accepts bets on a fixed odds basis and to whom the person making the bet looks to for payment of his or her winnings; and

- (b) by way of business in any manner holds himself or herself out or permits himself or herself to be held out as a person who receives or negotiates bets on a fixed odds basis;

“fixed odds betting” means betting, whether on the computer, by electronic means, the internet or otherwise, on the basis of odds that are fixed by a licensed promoter or bookmaker, whether that is done locally or abroad, even though the odds may be changed from time to time prior to the start of the race or event;

“gaming” means, to play a game, whether on the computer, by electronic means, the internet or otherwise for a prize or winnings in money or money’s worth and includes but is not but not limited to lottery, raffles and scratch cards;

“gaming machine” means an electronic machine of any type designed or adapted and used by individuals, including the computer and the internet to game or bet and engage in sports betting which is authorised and or licenced by the Commission;

“pool betting” means betting into a pool, whether by electronic means, the internet or otherwise from which the licensed operator takes a percentage, leaving a balance to be distributed amongst winners;

“promoter” means a person licensed by the

Commission to stage live racing and accept bets on a pool betting basis whether by computer, by electronic means, the internet or otherwise;

“sports betting” means all betting on sports events, wherever held, whether by computer, by electronic means, the internet or otherwise.”

Passed by the House of Assembly this 23rd day of September, 2021.

(Sgd.) Julian Willock,
Speaker.

(Sgd.) Phyllis Evans,
Clerk of House of Assembly.