

New Zealand.



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AN ACT to exempt certain Card Games and Card Tournaments from the Operation of Acts relating to Gaming. [22nd December, 1933.]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Card Tournaments Regulation Act, 1933.

Card tournaments in aid of charitable and other approved purposes not to be an infringement of Acts relating to gaming if this Act complied with.

2. (1) Where persons are admitted to any premises, other than licensed premises, on payment of an admission fee for the purpose of taking part in any card game or card tournament (not being purely a game of chance or an unlawful card game), or are otherwise permitted to take part in such game or tournament on payment of any charge or for other valuable consideration, the fact that any prize, not being a monetary prize or a prize the monetary value of which exceeds one pound, is given to the winner or any other person taking part in such game or tournament shall not render liable to prosecution for any offence against the Gaming Act, 1908,

or any other Act relating to gaming, the occupier of such premises or any other person arranging or conducting such game or tournament, or any person taking part therein,—

(a) If the person or persons arranging or conducting such game or tournament—

(i) Give to the officer of Police in charge of the nearest police-station not less than seven clear days' notice of the time and place fixed for the same, of the admission fee or other charges as aforesaid proposed to be made, and of the prizes proposed to be given, and of the purpose or purposes to which the net proceeds are intended to be devoted; and

(ii) On request by an Inspector of Police furnish to him, within fourteen days, an audited statement of the receipts and payments in respect of such game or tournament; and

(b) If the net proceeds of such payments, charges, or other valuable consideration for admission to premises or for permission to take part in such game or tournament are intended to be and are in fact devoted to any charitable purpose or charitable purposes within the meaning of the Religious, Charitable, and Educational Trusts Act, 1908, or any other purpose or purposes approved in that behalf by the Minister of Justice (either specially for any particular card game or tournament or generally for the purposes of this Act), and no part of such payments, charges, or other valuable consideration is appropriated for the private gain of the occupier of such premises or his agent or any other persons arranging or conducting such game or tournament, or (unless the game or tournament is *bona fide* held or arranged or conducted by a person or persons other than the occupier or his agent) is paid or given to the occupier for the hire of the premises.

(2) In the case of a series of card games or tournaments extending over a period of not more than six months, it shall be sufficient compliance with the requirements of subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of the last preceding subsection if one notice thereunder, giving the prescribed

particulars in respect of all such games or tournaments, is given not less than seven clear days before the first of the series.

(3) In any proceedings for a breach of the Gaming Act, 1908, or any other Act relating to gaming arising out of any card game or tournament the burden of proving that the requirements of the foregoing provisions of this section have been strictly complied with shall lie on the person charged.

(4) Any constable may, when and as often as he thinks proper, enter into any premises or any part thereof when any game or tournament as aforesaid is about to be held, or is being held therein, or while any persons remain therein after the holding of such game or tournament.