

**A LAW TO REGULATE BETTING**

**THE BETTING LAW  
OF 2012**

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## A LAW TO REGULATE BETTING

	<b>PART I PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS</b>
Preamble 72(I) of 2003 174(I) of 2004	Because the present Law constitutes a technical rule under the Laws on the Procedure for the Provision of Information in Relation to Certain Technical Rules of 2003 and 2004, which transfer to Cyprus law the European Community act entitled "Directive 98/34/EC of the European Parliament and Council of the 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 1998 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations and of rules on information society services, as amended recently by Directive 2006/96/EC of the Council of the 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2006 and as amended or replaced and,
European Union Official Gazette: L 037 12.2.2000, p. 48 L 236 23.9.2003, p. 33 L 363 20.12.2006 p. 81	Consequently, the present Law refers to the abovementioned Laws as required by Article 9 and in the abovementioned Directive by Article 12 thereof,
Short title	The House of Representatives votes as follows: 1. This Law may be cited as the Betting Law of 2012.
Interpretation	2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires:  "bookmaker's licence" means the licence to provide betting services issued in accordance with the provisions of Part III;  "authorised representative's licence" means the licence to provide betting services on behalf of a Class A licensed bookmaker issued in accordance with the provisions of Part III;  "licence for premises" means the licence to use the premises to provide Class A betting services, in accordance with the provisions of Part IV

<p>Cap. 113  9 of 1968  76 of 1977  17 of 1979  108 of 1985  198 of 1986  19 of 1990  41(I) of 1994  15(I) of 1995  21(I) of 1997  82(I) of 1999  149(I) of 1999  2(I) of 2000  135(I) of 2000  151(I) of 2000  76(I) of 2001  70(I) of 2003  167(I) of 2003  92(I) of 2004  24(I) of 2005  130(I) of 2005  98(I) of 2006  124(I) of 2006  70(I) of 2007  71(I) of 2007  131(I) of 2007  186(I) of 2007  87(I) of 2008  41(I) of 2009  49(I) of 2009  99(I) of 2009  42(I) of 2010  60(I) of 2010  88(I) of 2010  53(I) of 2011  117(I) of 2011  145(I) of 2011  157(I) of 2011  198(I) of 2011</p>	<p>“licensed bookmaker” means the person in whose favour a bookmaker’s licence is issued;</p> <p>“minor” means a person under the age of eighteen (18);</p> <p>“officer” has the meaning attributed to this term by the Companies Law, or by any other law amending or substituting the same;</p> <p>“Authority” means the National Betting Authority appointed in accordance with the provisions of PART II;</p>
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“card” means the electronic participation form for a bet, approved by the Authority in accordance with the provisions of Part V and on which the details and the amount of the bet are set out;

“approved accountant” means the person who has the required qualifications to be appointed company auditor under section 155 of the Companies Law as amended from time to time;

“spread bet” means the bet carried out in accordance with the provisions of section 82;

“authorised activities”, in relation to a bookmaker’s licence, means the activities that are authorised by a Class A licence;

“authorised representative” means the person who provides betting services on account of a Class A licensed bookmaker;

“electronic bet” means a bet which is carried out through telecommunications;

“Regulations” means the by-laws issued under section 90;

“holder”, in relation to a Class A’ or B’ bookmaker’s licence or authorised representative or licence for premises, means the person, in whose favour the respective licence has been issued;

“winnings” means the financial reward from the bet;

“slot machine” means any mechanical, electric or other appliance, device or machine which, by either inserting a coin or a note, token or other similar object, or any other form of payment, provides the user with the ability to operate the same or play a game of chance, resulting in a return of cash or objects of a value or a reward or credit units or tokens or anything else which yields an economic value, irrespective of whether the return of the above is made automatically from the appliance, device or machine or in any other manner and includes the following machines:

- (a) poker machines or any other similar game with a pack of playing cards or other variations or representations
- (b) horse racing machines or machines for races or speed, such as dog racing, car racing or other;
- (c) machines known as “fruit machines” or with similar or other representations or shapes or numbers or letters or colours

<p>115(I) of 2003</p>	<p>(d) bingo machines, irrespective of any adjustment or addition that tends to liken it with another type of machine</p> <p>(e) machines that have the ability to zero any result or indication and transfer such data to memory, either through the operator or by any other person</p> <p>(f) any other game of chance machine which at the Authority's discretion falls within the meaning of the term slot machine and</p> <p>(i) any computer accessory or attachment which may be applied and operated through a screen as a slot machine;</p> <p>“unlawful bet” means a bet carried out contrary to the provisions of the present Law or any other bet expressly prohibited by the provisions of the same;</p> <p>“provision of betting services” means the invitation by a person to a third person to participate in a bet, in accordance with arrangements made by such a person;</p> <p>“credit institution” has the meaning attributed to this term in the Transfer of Capital Law;</p> <p>“beneficiary” means the natural person or the natural persons, who ultimately hold or control the legal person to whom a licence to provide betting services has been issued. A beneficiary shall at least include the following:</p> <p>(a) With regard to companies:</p> <p>i) the natural person or the natural persons who ultimate hold or control the company, holding directly or indirectly, or controlling, <i>inter alia</i>, a sufficient number of shares or voting rights in the said company through share warrants to bearer. A percentage of ten per cent (10%) plus one share is deemed to meet such a criterion,</p> <p>ii) the natural person or the natural persons who exercise in any other manner, the control in the management and/or administration of the company, and</p> <p>(b) With regard to legal entities, such as institutions, and legal mechanisms, such as trusts which administer or distribute funds:</p> <p>i) when the future beneficiaries have already been determined, the natural person or the natural persons that are entitled to ten per cent (10%) or more of the assets of the legal mechanism or legal entity, or</p> <p>ii) when the persons who comprise the beneficiaries of the legal mechanism or the legal entity have not as yet been determined,</p>
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<p>188(I)/2007 58(I)/2010</p> <p>Cap. 151</p>	<p>the category of persons to the interest of which it has been mainly established or the legal mechanism or legal entity is acting, or</p> <p>iii) the natural person or the natural persons who exercise control of ten per cent (10%) or more of the assets of the legal mechanism or entity;</p> <p>“person” means a natural or a legal person;</p> <p>“significant interest” means holding shares in a company that represents a percentage of at least five per cent (5%) of the share capital in the said company or voting rights that permit a significant influence in managing the company, and “holder of a significant interest” is interpreted accordingly,</p> <p>“bet” means any type of bet carried out on sporting or other events by a number of natural persons who participate in the same, under the condition that the winnings of every player are determined by the person organising the bet, prior to or at the time of processing the bet, with reference, not only to the amount each player has paid for his participation in the bet, but also with regard to the fixed yield of the particular bet and which is carried out following a licence for a Class A or B bet, as established in the present Law;</p> <p>“Advisory Authority for Combating Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing” means the Authority established in accordance with the provisions of the Prevention and Suppression of Money Laundering Activities Law as amended or replaced from time to time;</p> <p>“blocking system” means the system installed by the internet service provider and which prevents the routing and the movement from the terminal equipment of the internet user to particular internet website addresses (URL – Uniform Resource Locator);</p> <p>“relevant offence” means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) an offence containing the element of fraud or deceit,</li> <li>(b) an offence containing the element of moral turpitude or the element of dishonesty,</li> <li>(c) any offence contrary to the Prevention and Suppression of Money Laundering Activities Law,</li> </ul>
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<p>23 of 1965 19 of 1978 53(I) of 1995 15(I) of 1998 72(I) of 2006</p> <p>75(I) of 1997 176(I) of 2004 161(I) of 2007</p> <p>48 of 1973 23 of 1976 28(I) of 1999 162(I) of 2007</p>	<p>(d) any offence contrary to the Betting Houses, Gaming Houses and Prevention of Gaming Law,</p> <p>(e) any offence contrary to the Collective Betting (Regulation and Tax) Laws,</p> <p>(f) any offence contrary to the Tax on Horseracing Bets Laws and</p> <p>(g) any offence contrary to the provisions of the present Law.</p> <p>“telecommunications” means communications, through the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) internet</li> <li>(b) telephone</li> <li>(c) television and</li> <li>(d) any other electronic means or other technology</li> </ul>
<p>183(I) of 2007</p>	<p>Provided that for the purpose of this Law, terms used in relation to telecommunications and that are not defined in this Law have the meaning attributed to this term in the Law that Regulates Electronic Communications and Postal Services.</p> <p>“yield price” means the proportion between every monetary unit paid by every person who participates in the bet and the corresponding winnings proportionate thereto,</p> <p>“on line casino” means on line games of chance in which a direct link may be obtained either (a) through terminal machines interlinked with a central computerised system, or (b) with electronic computers through telecommunications and or any other appliance which may be used for such a link and includes, <i>inter alia</i>, on line roulette, on line poker and slot machines, as established in the present Law;</p> <p>“game of chance” means a game the result of which depends partly on luck and which is played by paying money or movable or immovable property, or with credit, or with any other object that has economic value irrespective as to whether it yields any financial gain to the player;</p>

	<p>“person in charge of premises” means the person who is named in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of section of section 36;</p> <p>“Minister” means the Minister of Finance and includes any person authorised by the same, in order to exercise any powers under this Law.</p>
<p>Appointment of National Betting Authority</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PART II</b> <b>NATIONAL BETTING AUTHORITY</b></p> <p>3(1) Subject to the provisions of subsections (2) and (3), the Council of Ministers appoints, within a period of one (1) month from the commencement of the present Law, an independent seven member Authority, consisting of a President and six (6) members as a National Betting Authority, the authorities of which are established by the present Law.</p> <p>(2) As President of the Authority, an independent person is appointed of good repute and honesty, a holder of a university title in law or finance or in commerce or in industry and well-established experience in these fields.</p> <p>(3) The following are appointed members of the Authority:  (a) a representative from -  (i) The Accountant General's Office of the Republic  (ii) The Ministry of Finance  (iii) The Ministry of Justice and Public Order and</p>
<p>Prohibition as to members interest</p>	<p>(b) three individuals of good repute and honesty with specialised knowledge consistent with the Authority's powers.</p> <p>4. The President and members of the Authority are prohibited from having any financial or other interest, in relation to exercising the Authority's powers.</p>
<p>Duration of Authority's term of office</p>	<p>5. The term of office for the President and members of the Authority is three years and may be renewed for a second three-year term, in accordance with the provisions of the present Part.</p>
<p>President's Terms of Service</p>	<p>6. The terms of service and remuneration of the President of the Authority are determined by the Council of Ministers.</p>
<p>Vacancy in the President's office</p>	<p>7. The President of the Authority's post is vacated:  (a) In the event of his death or</p>

<p>President's disqualification and the members</p>	<p>(b) In the event of his written resignation, to the Council of Ministers, or</p> <p>(c) In the event of disqualification, by the Council of Ministers, in accordance with the provisions of section 8, of the present Law.</p> <p>8. The Council of Ministers declares the President and the members disqualified, when the President or the member:</p> <p>(a) Is declared bankrupt or enters into a settlement with his creditors, under the applicable laws of the Republic, or</p> <p>(b) Is declared mentally incapable, under the applicable laws of the Republic, or</p> <p>(c) Is convicted of any relevant offence, or</p> <p>(d) Due to physical disability or illness, is incapable of performing his duties, or</p> <p>(e) Acquires a financial or other interest, that may affect his unbiased judgment and does not submit his resignation, or</p> <p>(f) Abuses his position, in such a manner that continuing on office is detrimental to public interest, and does not submit his resignation, or</p> <p>(g) Following the Authority's suggestion, in the event of unjustified absence in the exercise of his duties and in particular following an unjustified absence from the Authority's meetings for three consecutive times.</p>
<p>Authority's Office and Budget</p>	<p>9. The Authority may retain an office and staff and prepares the annual budget for the first quarter of every year for the following year and submits the same, through the Minister, to the Council of Ministers, for approval:</p>
<p>Authority's operation</p>	<p>Provided that in the event that it is not possible to appoint staff immediately, and until such appointment, the Authority is entitled to use staff seconded from the competent services.</p> <p>10. (1) The President heads the Authority, convenes meetings and signs the minutes and every important document.</p> <p>(2) The President ensures that the decisions are enforced and that all the Authority's jurisdictions are exercised and represents the Authority before judicial and other bodies.</p> <p>(3) The President convenes an Authority meeting whenever this is deemed necessary and at least once a month and, in the event this is requested in writing by at least two (2) members of the Authority who shall, at the same time, determine the matters to be</p>

<p>Authority's Powers</p>	<p>discussed, whereupon the meeting shall be convened as soon as possible.</p> <p>(4) The notice of a meeting shall be in writing and shall be addressed to all the members of the Authority, at least seven (7) days prior to the date fixed for the meeting:</p> <p>Provided that, in exceptional and justifiable cases, the Authority's meeting is convened by notice served on the members twenty four (24) hours, prior to the date fixed for the meeting.</p> <p>(5) The agenda is determined by the President and is given at the same time with the notice convening the meeting:</p> <p>Provided that, should the Authority decide, in exceptional and justifiable cases, that matters not on the agenda may be introduced for discussion, not only by the President but also by a member of the Authority.</p> <p>(6) The Authority convenes lawfully, when the President and at least three (3) members of the Authority are present at the meeting.</p> <p>(7) The decisions of the Authority are taken by majority and in the event of an equality of votes the President's vote prevails.</p> <p>(8) When examining applications submitted on the basis of the provisions of the present Law, the Authority may, whenever this is deemed necessary, request the applicant to attend personally and/or with an advocate.</p> <p>11. The Authority's powers are as follows:</p> <p>(a) To draft Regulations which are submitted to the Council of Ministers through the competent Minister and are submitted to the House of Representatives;</p> <p>(b) To draft and issue regulations and directives for the better application of the present Law;</p> <p>Provided that the said regulations and directives are binding and obligatory as to their application to the persons to which they are addressed and the Authority supervises their application by the Class A or B licensed bookmakers and authorised representatives;</p> <p>(c) To issue Directives to Class A and B licensed bookmakers and authorised representatives and holders of licenses for premises, to</p>
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apply preventative measures to combat money laundering, in accordance with the provisions of the Prevention and Suppression of Money Laundering Activities Law, in co-operation with the Advisory Authority for Combating Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing, provided for in the said Law:

Provided that the said Directives are binding and obligatory as to their application to the persons to which they are addressed and the Authority supervises their application by licensed Class A or B bookmakers and the authorised representatives;

(d) To carry out suitable inspections and in general to supervise Class A and Class B bookmakers, licensed authorised representatives and holders of licensed premises in order to ascertain that they are complying with the terms of their respective licences, the provisions of the present Law, the Regulations and the regulations and directives issued under paragraphs (b) and (c);

(e) To examine applications for Class A and B bookmakers licenses, authorised representatives and licences for premises and to issue the respective licenses, in accordance with Parts III and IV;

(f) To carry out inspections on non licensed premises, in co-operation with the competent prosecution authorities and to obtain the relevant judicial orders to close premises of which there are reasonable suspicions that unlawful betting is being carried out, as established in sections 78, 79, 81, 82 and 83;

(g) To determine the procedure for submitting and examining complaints to the Authority or Class A or B licensed bookmaker or authorised representative;

(h) To cooperate and discuss with national organisational authorities and international organisations, in relation to matters for regulating bets;

(i) To cooperate and discuss with international organisations on matters in relation to the protection of young persons and vulnerable groups from betting and applying specific preventative measures and protection;

(j) To cooperate and deliberate with various organisations and state services, to ensure the correct and effective application of the provisions of the present Law, including the ability to establish advisory committees;

- (k) To take views on matters as to compliance with the Law and to notify this position to the interested licensed bookmakers;
- (l) To draft and maintain a code of practice in relation to advertising bets, the latest within twelve (12) months from the date the present Law comes into operation;
- (m) To evaluate the results of the tax status in relation to bets and to formulate relevant suggestions;
- (n) To formulate suggestions in relation to necessary amendments of the existing legislation in relation to betting and relevant sectors;
- (o) To draft studies at regular intervals, to deliberate with citizens as to the impact of betting on young persons and vulnerable groups and on the public and to submit suggestions to the competent Services as to the measures to be taken to protect young persons and vulnerable groups and the public;
- (p) To compulsorily establish Regulations, within twelve (12) months from the date the present Law comes into operation, in relation to the mechanisms for the protection of young persons and addicted players;
- (q) To follow the developments with regard to unlawful betting, to draft statistical studies and to prepare suggestions to combat the same;
- (r) To notify internet service providers in an electronic manner as to every internet website address (URL – Uniform Resource Locator) through which betting services are offered which are not covered by a Class A or B licensed bookmaker and/or services prohibited in the present Law and
- (s) To collect the contribution paid by Class A or B licensed bookmakers in accordance with the provisions of Part VIII.

**PART III**  
**BOOKMAKER'S AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE'S LICENCE**

**CHAPTER A**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

License to provide betting services

12.(1) Betting services are only provided by a person who holds a Class A bookmaker's licence or Class A bookmaker's authorised representative licence or Class B bookmaker's licence, issued, following the submission of a relevant application, by the

	<p>Authority, subject to the provisions of the present Part and which licence authorises, depending of the Class of every licence, the provision of betting services as established in subsection (2).</p> <p>(2) The Authority issues the following licences under subsection (1):</p> <p>(a) Class A authorising the provision of carrying out betting services within licensed premises excluding Class B betting services and horse racing betting;</p> <p>(b) Class B authorising the provision of electronic betting services excluding slot machines, on-line casino games of chance provided with a direct link and electronic horse racing;</p> <p>(c) Class A bookmaker's authorised representative authorising the provision of carrying out betting services on behalf of a Class A bookmaker within licensed premises excluding Class B betting services and horse racing betting.</p>
Type of licence	<p>13. The Class A or B bookmaker's licence or bookmaker's authorised representative licence is issued in the form determined by the regulations issued by the Authority and includes:</p> <p>(a) The legal or natural person, in whose favour it is issued,</p> <p>(b) The Class for which it is issued,</p> <p>(c) The period of validity, and</p> <p>(d) Any condition imposed thereon by the Authority, in accordance with the provisions of the present Law and Regulations.</p>
Application for the issue or renewal of a Class A or B bookmaker's licence and authorised representative's licence	<p>14. (1) The application for the issue or renewal of a Class A or B bookmaker's licence and authorised representative's licence is submitted with the payment of the fixed fee to the Authority in the form issued by the same and includes:</p> <p>(a) the Class of the licence for which it is submitted,</p> <p>(b) the postal address within the Republic to which any document is to be sent and</p> <p>(c) the identity details and place of residence of the ultimate beneficiary, officer and holder of a significant interest in the case of a natural person or authorised representative, when the application is submitted by a legal person.</p> <p>Provided that in the case where the same person applies for the issue of a Class A and Class B bookmaker's licence, the applications are submitted on separate forms for each licence and are examined in separate procedures.</p>



<p>Conditions of the issue and renewal of a Class A or B bookmaker's licence and authorised representative's licence</p>	<p>(2) The application to renew a Class A or B bookmaker's licence or authorised representative's licence is submitted three (3) months prior to the date the licence expires.</p> <p>(3) The application, submitted in accordance with subsection (1), is accompanied with the following particulars with regard to the applicant, the ultimate beneficiary, the officer and the holder of a significant interest, whether it concerns a legal or natural person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the terms and regulations on the basis of which the applicant intends to provide betting services to the players;</li> <li>(b) financial information;</li> <li>(c) the participation in lawful activities, including but not restricted, to any interest in any other commercial activity;</li> <li>(d) the criminal record;</li> <li>(e) information in respect of all their financial and other interests;</li> <li>(f) any additional information and documents the Authority may deem necessary to present.</li> </ul> <p>15 (1) No Class A or B bookmaker's licence or authorised representative's licence is issued or renewed unless the Authority is satisfied that the applicant, the officer, the ultimate beneficiary and the holder of a significant interest of the legal person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) has not been convicted in respect of a related offence by a competent court; and</li> <li>(b) has completed the age of twenty five (25), in the event that any of such persons is a natural person.</li> </ul> <p>(2) The Authority, when examining the application for the issue or renewal of a licence, having found that the legal or natural persons referred to in subsection (1) meet the prerequisites in the said subsection, takes the following into account, for the purpose of ascertaining the suitability of such persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the current financial condition and such a person's background, which includes, but is not restricted to, the financial resources, at his disposal for the provision of specific betting services and</li> <li>(b) In the event the criminal record is not clean, the nature of previous convictions, the type and level of the sentence imposed.</li> </ul> <p>16. (1) The Authority when examining an application for the issue or renewal of a Class A or B bookmaker's licence or an authorised representative's licence may -</p>
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<p>Approval or renewal of a Class A or B bookmaker's licence and authorised representative's licence</p>	<p>(a) having been satisfied that the prerequisites referred to in the provisions of the present Part are met, approve the application and impose the necessary conditions, in its opinion, for the better application of the provisions of the present Law and the Regulations, or</p> <p>(b) dismiss the application.</p> <p>(2) The Authority, within a reasonable time from the date of approving the application for the issue of a Class A or B bookmaker's licence or of an authorised representative's licence, notifies the applicant and issues the licence.</p> <p>(3) In the event the Authority decides to dismiss the application for a Class A or B bookmaker's licence or a licence for an authorised representative, it justifies its decision and notifies the same to the applicant within a reasonable time.</p>
<p>Amending conditions of a Class A or B bookmaker's licence or authorised representatives</p>	<p>17.(1) The Authority may, when it deems necessary for the better application of the provisions of the present Law and the Regulations, amend or cancel the conditions of the licence of a Class A or B bookmaker's licence or authorised representative's licence or impose new conditions, having taken into account the representations which may have been submitted in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2).</p> <p>(2) The Authority, prior to amending, cancelling or imposing new conditions, notifies the holder of the licence in writing as to its intention and calls upon the holder to submit in writing the reasons why the proposed amendment, cancellation or enforcement of new conditions is not justified, within a period not less than three (3) weeks from the date of the notification.</p>
<p>Notification to credit institutions and disclosure</p>	<p>18. Every Class A or B bookmaker's licence or authorised representative's licence issued by the Authority, including the revocation or suspension of a licence and the amendment, cancellation or enforcement of new conditions, are notified to the credit institutions and are disclosed by the Authority.</p>
<p>Prohibition of transferring or assigning a Class A or B bookmaker's</p>	<p>19. A Class A or B bookmaker's licence or an authorised representative's licence may not be transferred or assigned in any manner to any other person.</p>

<p>licence or authorised representative's licence</p> <p>Proposed change in the circumstances of a licensed Class A or B bookmaker and authorised representative</p>	<p>20. (1) A Class A or B licensed bookmaker or authorised representative, in the event he is a legal person, is obliged to obtain the prior approval of the Authority before effecting any change or taking any steps concerning the following:</p> <p>(a) obtaining a significant interest in a Class A or B licensed bookmaker or authorised representative by a person who does not hold a significant interest therein;</p> <p>(b) a holder of a significant interest ceases to hold such an interest in a Class A or B licensed bookmaker or authorised representative;</p> <p>(c) a change in the Board of Directors or the officers in the management of a Class A or B licensed bookmaker or authorised representative;</p> <p>(d) a significant change or variation in the information or particulars submitted to the Authority for the purpose of issuing or renewing a Class A or B bookmaker's licence or authorised representative's licence;</p> <p>(e) a resolution or decision or notice or application filed in Court or any other instrument, which may lead to the dissolution or liquidation of such a legal person;</p> <p>(f) an agreement between the Class A licensed bookmaker and authorised representative under which the authorised representative shall receive a percentage of the income or winnings from the betting services he himself provides;</p> <p>(g) a change in the ultimate beneficiary of the Class A or B licensed bookmaker or authorised representative.</p> <p>(2) Any application submitted in accordance under subsection (1) must be accompanied by the necessary information and documents determined by the Authority.</p> <p>(3) The Authority notifies the Class A or B licensed bookmaker or authorised representative within a reasonable time as to its decision and justifies its decision in the event the application is dismissed.</p> <p>(4) The Authority, in the event a Class A or B licensed bookmaker or authorised representative proceeds with the implementation of</p>
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<p>Suspension of a Class A or B bookmaker's and authorised representative's licence</p>	<p>any changes or actions without the prior approval of the Authority, may suspend or revoke the licence in accordance with the provisions of sections 21 or 22.</p> <p>21.(1) The Authority suspends the Class A or B licensed bookmaker's licence or authorised representative's licence for a particular period which does not exceed six (6) months, in the event that the Class A or B licensed bookmaker or the authorised representative –</p> <p>(a) does not comply, without reasonable cause, with any condition of his licence; or</p> <p>(b) omits without reasonable cause to fulfil his financial obligations in respect of the provision of betting services.</p> <p>(2) In the event the Authority suspends a Class A bookmaker's licence in accordance with subsection (1) it also simultaneously suspends every authorised representative's licence for the same period.</p>
<p>Revocation of a Class A or B bookmaker's and authorised representative's licence</p>	<p>22.(1) The Authority revokes a Class A or B bookmaker's licence or authorised representative's licence in the event –</p> <p>(a) the Class A or B licensed bookmaker or authorised representative is convicted of any relevant offence; or</p> <p>(b) any holder of a significant interest, or officer or ultimate beneficiary of a Class A or B licensed bookmaker or authorised representative, in the case of a legal person, is convicted of any relevant offence; or</p> <p>(c) the Class A or B licensed bookmaker or authorised representative is under liquidation or bankruptcy; or</p> <p>(d) the Class A or B bookmaker's or authorised representative's licence was obtained under fraud or false representations or deceit; or</p> <p>(e) the actual circumstances upon which the licence was issued and which, according to the present Law constitute a prerequisite for the issue of the same, have been substantially modified; or</p> <p>(f) the Class A or B licensed bookmaker or authorised representative does not apply the procedures for the prevention of money laundering activities in accordance with the Prevention and Suppression of Money Laundering Activities Law and which</p>

<p>Procedure for the suspension or revocation of a Class A or B bookmaker's and authorised representative's licence</p>	<p>are determined in the Authority's Directives, as provided for in paragraph (c) of section 11 of the present Law; or</p> <p>(g) the Class A or B licensed bookmaker or authorised representative provides credit to a player, or players' portions or acts as a representative of a person who provides credit, or acts in such a manner to facilitate the provision of credit to a player, or to players portions; or</p> <p>(h) the Class A or B licensed bookmaker, or the authorised representative or the natural persons who are responsible for applying the provisions of the Law on the premises under subsection (2) of section 36, provide credit facilities to the player or establish direct or indirect means for the provision of similar facilities; or</p> <p>(i) the Class A or B licensed bookmaker or authorised representative fails to comply with any condition of his licence after the expiry of six (6) months from the time the period of suspension of his licence lapses in accordance with section 21; or</p> <p>(j) The Class B licensed bookmaker has been convicted under the provisions of section 55 of the present Law or</p> <p>(k) The Class A or B licensed bookmaker fails to comply with the provisions of section 68.</p> <p>(2) In the event the Authority revokes a Class A bookmaker's licence in accordance with subsection (1) it also simultaneously revokes every authorised representative's licence.</p> <p>23. (1) The Authority, prior to suspending or revoking a licence, in accordance with the provisions of sections 21 and 22, calls upon the Class A or B licensed bookmaker or the authorised representative or any other person who has an interest in the granting of the licence, to express his views within a period not less than three (3) weeks from the date of the notification:</p> <p>Provided that the Authority may call upon the person to whom the notice is addressed to provide any information or document that is deemed necessary by the Authority under the circumstances.</p> <p>(2) The Authority, having taken into account any views, information or documents presented to it, in accordance with subsection (1), and in the event it is of the opinion that the taking of any measures is justified, may –</p>
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<p>Duration of a Class A or B bookmaker's and authorised representative's licence</p>	<p>(a) suspend the Class A or B bookmaker's licence or authorised representative's licence for a period it deems necessary and which may not exceed a period of six (6) months or revoke the licence, and/or</p> <p>(b) call upon the Class A or B licensed bookmaker or the authorised representative, with a written notification, to comply with any measures determined in the notification and</p> <p>in every case it notifies the Class A or B bookmaker or authorised representative or any other person who has an interest in granting the same, of its decision in writing.</p> <p>(3) When the Class A or B licensed bookmaker or authorised representative does not comply within a reasonable specified time, with the decision of the Authority, in accordance with subsections (1) and (2), the Authority may revoke the licence.</p> <p>24. (1) A Class A or B bookmaker's licence may be valid for one or two years from the date of its issue or renewal depending on the time specified in the application.</p> <p>(2) Subject to the provisions of section 33, the licence of the authorised is valid for as long as the Class A bookmaker's licence is valid.</p> <p>25. The Authority maintains a register of Class A and B bookmakers' and authorised representatives' licences, that contains the information mentioned in the application and posts a list of Class A and B licensed bookmakers and authorised representatives on the Authority's website.</p>
<p>Register of a Class A or B bookmaker's and authorised representative's licences</p>	<p>26.(1)Subject to the provisions of subsection (2), in the present Part, "payable fee" means the fee for granting a Class A or B bookmaker's licence and authorised representative's licence, determined by the Regulations.</p>
<p>Payable Fee</p>	<p>(2) Until the relevant Regulations under subsection (1) are issued, the fee is determined as follows:</p> <p>(a) for a Class A or B bookmaker for a validity of one (1) year it is fixed at thirty thousand euro (€30.000) and to forty five thousand euro (€45.000) for a two (2) year licence and</p>

<p>Return of payable fee</p>	<p>(b) for an authorised representative's licence for a validity of one (1) year it is fixed at two thousand euro (€2.000) and to three thousand euro (€3.000) for a two (2) year licence; and</p> <p>(c) without prejudice to paragraphs (a) and (b) for a Class A bookmaker's licence or an authorised representative's licence, in relation to providing betting services to two or more premises, the required fee is –</p> <p>(i) two thousand euro (€2.000) for each premises other than the first premises, when the licence applies for one year, or</p> <p>(ii) three thousand euro (€3.000) for each premises other than the first premises, when the licence applies for two years, in addition to the applicable fee where appropriate in accordance with paragraphs (a) and (b).</p> <p>27. The payable fee is payable at the same time as submitting the application for the issue or renewal of a Class A or B bookmaker's licence or for an authorised representative's licence and is refundable in the case where the application is dismissed, reduced by twenty five per cent (25%).</p>
<p>Application for the issue or renewal of a Class A or B bookmaker's licence</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHAPTER B BOOKMAKER'S LICENCE</b></p> <p>28.(1) An application for a Class A and B bookmaker's licence may only be submitted by a company with shares, established either in the Republic or abroad and which has a branch (overseas company) in the Republic of Cyprus, and its main activity is to carry on bets and its issued and paid up share capital is at least five hundred thousand euro (€ 500.000,00).</p> <p>(2) An application for a Class A and B bookmaker's licence is accompanied by a bank guarantee from a commercial bank conducting banking business in Cyprus or in a member state of the European Union or a cooperative bank, for five hundred and fifty thousand euro (€550.000,00), the validity of which extends for a period expiring six (6) months after the bookmaker's licence applied for expires:</p> <p>Provided that:</p> <p>(a) the bank guarantee creates an irrevocable obligation on the bank or on the cooperative bank to pay any amount the licensed bookmaker is obliged and omits to pay</p> <p>(i) to a player who has participated in a bet and has won,  (ii) to the Republic of Cyprus as betting tax and  (iii) to the Authority as contribution and</p>

<p>Capability and suitability of a Class A or B bookmaker</p>	<p>(b) the Authority upon ascertaining that the bank guarantee does not cover ten per cent (10%) of the annual turnover of the Class A and B licensed bookmaker, may request an increase of such an amount to cover the ten per cent (10%) of his annual turnover.</p> <p>(3) The applicant for a Class B licence, in addition to his application, submits particulars and information concerning his obligation as to installing a back-up server in the territory of the Republic of Cyprus, which shall be simultaneously linked with the main facilitator and which shall deposit in real time the particulars and information established by the Authority, including a computerised support system of the same. The use and technical specifications of the electronic equipment are established and may be revised by the Authority when deemed necessary.</p> <p>29. A person is capable and suitable to obtain a Class A or B bookmaker's licence if the Authority finds that such a person:</p> <p>(a) has, or may obtain satisfactory resources and retains the minimum required reserves, as defined by the Authority, so as to ensure the payment of winnings to the players;</p> <p>(b) maintains a suitable control and accounting system for the provision of betting services;</p> <p>(c) applies terms and regulations when providing betting services, which in the opinion of the Authority, ensure satisfactory protection to the player;</p> <p>(d) ensures the suitability of any other equipment proposed to be used.</p> <p>30. When examining an application for the issue or renewal of a Class A bookmaker's licence, the Authority shall not issue or renew the licence, unless it has previously approved the proposed computerised system in accordance with the provisions of section 51.</p>
<p>Examination of issuing or renewing a Class A bookmaker's licence</p>	<p>31. Without prejudice to the provisions of section 74, the Authority revokes a Class A or B bookmaker's licence in the event he omits to pay the tax amounts or contributions due, within one (1) month from the expiry of the time specified for payment, in accordance with the present Law or any other law in force.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHAPTER C</b></p>



<p>Failure to pay betting tax or contribution</p>	<p><b>AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE'S LICENCE</b></p>
<p>Application for a licence for an authorised representative</p>	<p>32. An application for a licence for an authorised representative may be submitted by any natural person or company with shares which was established in the Republic the main activities of which is to carry on betting on behalf and on account of a Class A licensed bookmaker.</p>
<p>Termination of an authorised representative's licence</p>	<p>33. An authorised representative's licence ceases to be valid:</p> <p>(a) automatically, in the event the Class A bookmaker's licence is revoked for and on behalf of the authorised representative who is conducting the bet;</p> <p>(b) automatically, in the event the licence of a Class A bookmaker is suspended for whatever reason and for as long as the suspension lasts, for and on behalf of the authorised representative who is conducting the bet and</p> <p>(c) following the written notice which is notified to the Authority with which the bookmaker or authorised representative terminates the association between them:</p> <p>Provided that the licence ceases automatically to be valid from the date the said notice is notified to the Authority.</p> <p>34. The authorised representative presents a written agreement to the Authority between him and the Class A licensed bookmaker, in which it is expressly provided that the representative shall provide betting services, as a representative for and on behalf of the Class A licensed bookmaker.</p>
<p>Agreement between the licensed Class A bookmaker and authorised representative</p>	<p><b>PART IV LICENCE FOR PREMISES</b></p>
<p>Nature and type of license for premises</p>	<p>35. A licence for premises means a licence authorising the use of the premises for the provision of Class A betting services and determines:</p> <p>(a) the person, in whose favour it is issued;</p> <p>(b) the residential and work address of the person in whose favour it is issued in the case where he is a natural person or the registered office address in the case where such a person is a legal person;</p> <p>(c) the premises, for which it is issued;</p> <p>(d) any condition imposed thereon by the Authority in accordance with the provisions of section 38 and</p>

<p>Application for a licence for premises</p>	<p>(e) the plans of the premises.</p> <p>36.(1) An application for a licence for premises is submitted to the Authority by the holder of a Class A licensed bookmaker or the authorised representative together with the payment of the fee determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 26, in the form prescribed in the regulations issued by the Authority, containing the information and documents specified by the Authority and accompanied by a written statement of the owner of the premises providing his consent to the premises being used for the provision of Class A betting services.</p> <p>(2) In the case where the Class A licensed bookmaker or authorised representative employs staff, he is obliged to define one or more natural persons, who shall be responsible for applying the provisions of the present Law within the premises and notifies the Authority accordingly.</p> <p>37.(1) The Authority does not issue or renew a licence for premises, for which an application has been submitted, unless it is reasonably satisfied that :</p>
<p>Prerequisites for the issue or renewal of a licence for premises</p>	<p>(a) the main activity of the licensed premises is to provide betting services by a Class A licensed bookmaker or an authorised representative and that only authorised activities are conducted therein in accordance with a Class A licence and any other type of authorised bet, in accordance with the provisions of any other law;</p> <p>(b) the premises are independent, do not have direct access to any other shop, office or premises, other than the administration offices of the relevant Class A licensed bookmaker;</p> <p>(c) The named person, or the named persons defined in accordance with subsection (2) of section 36 have not been convicted of any relevant offence;</p> <p>(d) The premises comply with the prerequisites and the conditions determined in the present Law and the Regulations;</p> <p>(e) the applicant and any other person employed in the premises satisfy the prerequisites established in the present Law and the Regulations and</p> <p>(f) the area in which the particular premises are located has been deemed suitable in accordance with the terms and restrictions established in the regulations issued by the Authority.</p> <p>(2) In order to take any decisions for the purposes of the present Part, the Authority may take into account the representations made by any person.</p>

<p>Approval or dismissal of application for a licence for premises</p>	<p>38.(1) The Authority, when examining an application for the issue of a licence for premises, may approve, with or without conditions, or dismiss the application and notify the applicant accordingly within a reasonable time.</p> <p>(2) In the case where the Authority decides to dismiss an application for a licence for premises, it issues a justified decision and notifies the same to the applicant.</p>
<p>Conditions for a licence for premises</p>	<p>39.(1) The Authority may, in its justified written decision, revoke existing conditions or impose new conditions on licenses for premises and call upon the holder of the licence for the premises to express his views in writing within a period which is not less than three (3) weeks from the date of receiving the notification of its decision.</p> <p>(2) Prior to proceeding with the proposed revocation of an existing condition or the imposition of a new condition, the Authority takes into account any representations made, within the period referred to in subsection (1).</p> <p>(3) The revocation of an existing condition or the imposition of new conditions does not create any civil rights.</p>
<p>Duration of licence for premises</p> <p>Obligations of holder of a licence for premises</p>	<p>40. Subject to the provisions of the present Part, a licence for premises is valid for as long as a Class A licensed bookmaker's or the authorised representative's licence is.</p> <p>41.(1) The holder of licensed premises is obliged to place and maintain, in a prominent place, in the licensed premises the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the licence for the premises,</li> <li>(b) a sign, in the Greek, Turkish and English languages, prohibiting the entry to children in the licensed premises,</li> <li>(c) a sign, in the Greek, Turkish and English languages, displaying the conditions and rules under which the betting services are provided.</li> </ul> <p>(2) The holder of licensed premises or the person in charge of the premises is obliged to permit members of the Cyprus Police Force and/or representatives of the Authority and/or other persons properly authorised by the Minister or authorised under any other law, to enter, freely, into the licensed premises to ensure that the conditions of the said licence and the provisions of the present Law and Regulations are being applied correctly, including the</p>

<p>Suspension of licence for premises</p>	<p>Authority's Directives that are issued under paragraph (c) of section 11.</p> <p>(3) The holder of a licence for premises or the person in charge of the premises who does not comply with subsection (1) or (2), without reasonable cause, is guilty of an offence and in the event of a conviction, is punishable with a term of imprisonment not exceeding six (6) months or a fine not exceeding five thousand euro (€5.000,00) or to both such sentences.</p> <p>42.(1) The Authority may suspend a licence for premises, in the event that it has been ascertained that the Class A licensed bookmaker or the authorised representative does not comply with any condition of his licence.</p> <p>(2) A licence for premises is suspended for as long as the Authority deems that there is no compliance and such period may not exceed six (6) months.</p> <p>(3) The suspension of the validity of a licence for premises does not affect any obligation of the holder of the licence which arose prior to its suspension.</p>
<p>Revocation of licence for premises</p>	<p>43.(1) The Authority may revoke a licence for premises in the case where –</p> <p>(a) the holder of a licence for premises fails to comply with any condition of his licence after the expiry of six (6) months from the time his licence is suspended in accordance with subsection (2) of section 44;</p> <p>(b) the holder of a license for premises, or any holder of a significant interest, or company officer who holds a licence for premises, or any person named in subsection (2) of section 36, is convicted of a relevant offence;</p> <p>(c) the licence for the premises was obtained under false, unfounded or misleading statements or in any other irregular manner;</p> <p>(d) the licence of a Class A bookmaker was revoked; or</p> <p>(e) the Authority deems that such is necessary and reasonable in the public interest.</p> <p>(2) The revocation or the expiry of the validity of a license for premises does not affect any obligation on the part of the holder of the licence with regard to anything that arose prior to the revocation or expiry.</p>

<p>Procedure for suspending or revoking a licence for premises</p>	<p>44.(1) The Authority prior to suspending or revoking the licence for premises, in accordance with the provisions of sections 42 and 43, shall call upon the holder of a licence for premises or any other person who has an interest in granting the licence, to submit his views within a period not less than three (3) weeks from the date of the notice:</p> <p>Provided that the Authority may call upon the person to whom the notice is addressed to provide any information or document the Authority deems necessary, under the circumstances.</p> <p>(2) The Authority having taken into account any views, information or documents presented, in accordance with subsection (1) and in the event it is deemed justified to take any measures, may -</p> <p>(a) suspend the licence for a period it deems necessary or to revoke the licence; and/or</p> <p>(b) call upon the holder of a licence for premises, by written notification, to comply with any other measures determined in the notification,</p> <p>and in every case notifies the holder of a licence for premises in writing or any other person who has an interest from the granting of the licence, of its decision.</p> <p>(3) Where the holder of a licence for premises does not comply within a reasonable specified time, with the decisions of the Authority in accordance with the subsections (1) and (2), the Authority may revoke the licence.</p>
<p>Transfer of licence for premises</p>	<p>45. The transfer of a licence for premises is only permitted –</p> <p>(a) by a licensed Class A bookmaker to a licensed Class A bookmaker,</p> <p>(b) by a licensed Class A bookmaker to a licensed authorised representative,</p> <p>(c) by a licensed authorised representative to a licensed authorised representative,</p> <p>(d) by a licensed authorised representative to a licensed Class A bookmaker,</p> <p>and for this purpose the Authority is notified, which issues a new licence for premises under the same terms and conditions which applied at the material time prior to its transfer.</p>

<p>Registry on licensed premises</p>	<p>46. The Authority maintains a register on licensed premises, with information mentioned in the application and posts a list of licensed premises on its website.</p>
<p>Processing and accepting bets with a computerised card marking system</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PART V</b> <b>PROCESSING BETS WITH CARDS – CLASS A</b></p> <p>47.(1) Processing or accepting Class A bets is only carried out with an approved computerised card marking system and a card, issued and granted by the Class A licensed bookmaker, in the form approved by the Authority.</p> <p>(2) Every Class A licensed bookmaker is obliged to provide the Authority with any requested information in relation to the provision of Class A betting services or every deed related to the operation of the system.</p>
<p>Application for approval of computerised card marking system</p>	<p>48.(1) The applicant of a Class A bookmaker is obliged to submit an application to the Authority for approval of the computerised card marking system.</p> <p>(2) The application for approval of a computerised card marking system, in accordance with subsection (1), must state the full specifications of the proposed system and must also include –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the general procedures to be followed;</li> <li>(b) the details and specifications of the software to be used;</li> <li>(c) the accounting systems and procedures;</li> <li>(d) the procedures and standards for the maintenance, safety, care and transfer of the equipment;</li> <li>(e) the procedures for the creation and maintenance of safety systems, including the general compliance and internal controls in respect of access to critical systems;</li> <li>(f) the disaster recovery plan;</li> <li>(g) the satisfactory system for storing data; and</li> <li>(h) any information the Authority may determine.</li> </ul> <p>(3) The provisions of the present section also apply in the event the Class A licensed bookmaker intends to amend or replace the computerised card marking system already approved by the Authority.</p> <p>(4) A licensed Class A bookmaker, who at the time the present Law came into force provides betting services in accordance with the Collective Betting (Regulation and Tax) Law, may continue to offer such services for a period up to eighteen (18) months from when the present law came into force, within which time he is</p>

	<p>obliged to install a computerised card marking system in accordance with the provisions of the present Part.</p>
<p>Obligation of licensed Class A bookmaker to keep cards</p>	<p>49. A licensed Class A bookmaker is obliged to retain betting cards and any other information with regard to providing betting services, for a period of five (5) years and may not destroy the same after the five (5) years have lapsed without the prior approval of the Authority.</p>
<p>Offence and penalty</p>	<p>50. Any person in breach of the provisions of sections 47, 48 and 49 is guilty of an offence and in the event of a conviction is subject to a term of imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year or a fine not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand euro (€150.000,00) or to both such sentences.</p>
<p>Checking computerised system</p>	<p>51. The applicant is obliged to submit the proposed computerised card marking system or the approved computerised system for inspection, prior to its operation and any charges for the inspection are borne by the applicant.</p>
<p>Examination of application for approval of computerised system by the Authority</p>	<p>52.(1) The Authority, when examining the application for approval of a computerised card marking system, takes into account whether:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the proposed computerised card marking system fully complies with the specifications established in the present Law and Regulations;</li> <li>(b) the proposed computerised card marking system ensures a satisfactory and effective inspection in processing bets and the name of the player;</li> <li>(c) the necessary equipment, the electromechanical parts and the software of the computerised card marking system are installed and shall remain installed within the Republic.</li> </ul> <p>(2) After the examination of the application under subsection (1), the Authority may approve the application, with or without conditions or dismiss the application and in the case it dismisses the same, its justified decision is notified to the Applicant.</p>
<p>Approval of an application</p>	<p>53. When the Authority approves the application with conditions it notifies the applicant within a reasonable time and indicates the changes or amendments that must be made to the system within a specified period of time.</p> <p>Provided that failure to comply with the Authority's relevant instruction is sufficient ground to dismiss the application or to</p>

suspend or revoke the Class A bookmaker's licence in accordance with the provisions of the present Law.

**PART VI**  
**PROCESSING ELECTRONIC BETS – CLASS B**

Right to participate in electronic bets

54. The right to participate in electronic bets is only permitted to a person who is registered as a player in accordance with the provisions of section 56 of the present Law and retains an account in accordance with the provisions of section 57 :

Provided that the person who is registered as a player may not retain more than one account.

Offence and sentence

55. A Class B licensed bookmaker, who permits any person to participate in an electronic bet as a player, contrary to the provisions of section 54, is guilty of a misdemeanour and in the event of a conviction is punishable with a term of imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year or a fine not exceeding fifty thousand euro (€50.000,00) or to both such sentences and in the event of a second conviction is punishable with a term of imprisonment not exceeding two (2) years or a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand euro (€100.000,00) or to both such sentences.

Registration of a player

56.(1) A Class B licensed bookmaker may register a person as a player provided such a person has submitted a relevant application for registration.

(2) The application for registration is submitted electronically and must, at least, include the following particulars:

- (a) a confirmation that the player has completed the age of eighteen (18);
- (b) information as to the player's identity;
- (c) the player's residential address;
- (d) the player's valid e-mail address and
- (e) confirmation that the player has been notified as to the conditions and the manner of conducting the bet, including the remuneration, if any, he may be called to pay to the licensed Class A bookmaker:

Provided that in the event the Class B licensed bookmaker is aware that the person has submitted false information, the bookmaker is obliged to not register the said person as a player and, in the event the said person has already been registered, the bookmaker is obliged to cancel his registration immediately.

(3) A Class B licensed bookmaker is obliged within a period of thirty (30) days from the submission of the application for registration to





<p>Payment of winnings</p>	<p>59.(1) A Class B licensed bookmaker cannot make a payment of any amount from a player's account to a player, prior to verifying the identity, the address and the age of the player.</p> <p>(2) A Class B licensed bookmaker is obliged, at the request of the player in whose name an account has been created, to remit, the amounts due to the player, within five (5) working days, from the date of the request, having first ascertained the player's registration, carried out safety procedures in relation to the player's account and ensured that there is compliance with the approved regulations in relation to the payment of winnings to players.</p> <p>(3) Any amount paid to a player by a Class B licensed bookmaker, is only paid into the bank account from which the amounts the bet was processed with came.</p>
<p>Transactions by a licensed Class B bookmaker</p>	<p>60.(1) A Class B licensed bookmaker may not make any transaction for any amount with which the player's account is credited, unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) it is to debit the account with the amount the player processed, that corresponds to a bet, or</li> <li>(b) to remit an amount at the request of the player, or</li> <li>(c) to make reasonable bank charges in relation to deposits and withdrawals, or</li> <li>(d) for any other purpose that the transaction is authorised by the present Law.</li> </ul> <p>(2) In the event there is no transaction in the player's account for a period of twenty four (24) months, the Class B licensed bookmaker remits the balance in the account to the player to an account designated by the player, or in the event the player cannot be traced, the amount is remitted to the Authority. The use of such funds deposited with the Authority shall be regulated by the Regulations:</p> <p>Provided that there is no right to claim as against a Class B licensed bookmaker, who has remitted the amount from the player's account to the Authority, in accordance with the provisions of the present section.</p> <p>61.(1) A Class B licensed bookmaker is obliged to maintain the player's amounts separate from his own amounts, in a special client's account, with a commercial bank or cooperative bank that carries on activities within the Republic.</p>

<p>Players bank account</p>	<p>(2) The amounts deposited in the client's account, including amounts being set-off by banks or credit card companies, must at least be equal to the total amount with which the players accounts are credited that are maintained by the Class B licensed bookmaker:</p> <p>Provided that when the amount deposited in the client's account shows a deficit in relation to the total amount with which the players accounts are credited that are maintained by the Class B licensed bookmaker, the Class B licensed bookmaker is obliged to make up the deficit with his own funds, within a period of three (3) days from the end of the month in which the deficit was created.</p>
<p>Obligations of banks and cooperative societies</p>	<p>62. (1) The bank or cooperative society that retains clients' accounts of the Class B licensed bookmaker is obliged to state in writing that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) it shall not apply or enforce any charge, write off or other claim against the client's account,</li> <li>(b) shall not consolidate clients' accounts with any other account, in relation to any debt of the Class B licensed bookmaker which is not relate to the account and</li> <li>(c) it shall credit any interest payable, in relation to the client's account, to that account only:</li> </ul> <p>(2) A Class B licensed bookmaker is obliged to submit proof of the bank's or cooperative bank's commitments stated in subsection (1) to the Authority.</p>
<p>Class B licensed bookmaker's website for electronic betting services through the internet</p>	<p>63.(1) A Class B licensed bookmaker is obliged to maintain a website, the homepage of which must contain all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the company's registered name,</li> <li>(b) its registered address,</li> <li>(c) the official number and date of issue of the licence for the provision of betting services,</li> <li>(d) a statement that the Class B licensed bookmaker's activities are regulated by the Authority,</li> <li>(e) internet links, such as websites of organisations that specialise in the providing assistance to persons who are addicted to gambling and have been approved by the Authority,</li> <li>(f) internet links, such as terms and regulations on the basis of which the Class B licensed bookmaker offers betting services,</li> </ul>

<p>Access address</p> <p>Obligation of internet service providers to apply a blocking system and the obligation of the Authority to notify</p>	<p>(g) that the use of the betting services provided by the Class B licensed bookmaker by children, is expressly prohibited by the present Law,</p> <p>(h) information as to the player that he may electronically notify the Class B licensed bookmaker to</p> <p>(i) determine the limit he may bet on for a specific period of time;</p> <p>(ii) determine the limit he may lose for a specific time,</p> <p>(iii) determine the limit of time within which he may bet and</p> <p>(iv) be exempt from betting for a specific or indefinite time</p> <p>(i) the manner in submitting and the procedure for examining complaints by a registered players and</p> <p>(j) any other information determined by the Authority.</p> <p>Provided that the Authority may request that such information is provided in a particular manner.</p> <p>64. The Class B licensed bookmaker is obliged to maintain a specialised website, accessible only through internet addresses ending in “.com.cy”.</p> <p>65. (1) Internet service providers are obliged to apply a blocking system to prevent their clients-users from accessing betting service providers who do not hold a Class B licence and to service providers, as established in sections 78, 79, 81, 82 and 83 of the present Law, provided they have been notified by the Authority, in accordance with subsection (2):</p> <p>Provided that the blocking system is to be put into effect within seventy two (72) hours of being informed of the providers by the Authority.</p> <p>(2) The Authority is obliged to notify internet service providers, by electronic means, of every Uniform Resource Locator (URL) address through which betting services are offered and that are not covered by Class B licensed bookmaker or services as established in sections 78, 79, 81 and 82 of the present Law.</p> <p>(3) The Authority may impose a fine up to thirty thousand euro (€30.000,00) to an internet service provider in the case of a breach of the provisions established in subsection (1) of the present section.</p> <p>(4) Internet service providers are not liable in respect of transmitted services of betting providers or in the case of automatic or intermediary or temporary storage of information of betting providers.</p>
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Payable fee	<p>66. (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2), in the present Part, “payable fee” means the fee for a Class B bookmaker’s licence, determined by Regulations.</p> <p>(2) Until the issue of the Regulations under subsection (1), the payable fee is fixed at thirty thousand euro (€30.000,00) for a one (1) year licence and forty five thousand euro (€45.000,00) for a two (2) year licence.</p> <p>(3) The payable fee is payable when submitting the application for the issue or renewal of a Class B bookmaker’s licence and in the event the application is rejected, it is returned minus twenty five per cent (25%).</p>
Offences and sentences	<p>67. (1) A Class B licensed bookmaker in breach of the provisions of sections 58, 59 and 60 is guilty of a misdemeanour and in the event of a conviction is punishable with a term of imprisonment not exceeding two (2) years or a fine not exceeding one hundred and seventy thousand euro (€170.000,00) or to both such sentences.</p> <p>(2) A Class B licensed bookmaker in breach of the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 11, with regard to the obligation to notify any knowledge or reasonable suspicion that a person is involved in committing money laundering offences to the Unit for Combating Money Laundering, is guilty of a criminal offence and the provisions of section 27 of the Prevention and Suppression of Money Laundering Activities and Financing of Terrorism Law shall apply.</p>
Annual accounts	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PART VII</b> <b>ACCOUNTS AND REGISTERS</b></p> <p>68.(1) Every Class A or B licensed bookmaker is obliged to submit to the Authority, by the 30<sup>th</sup> of June the latest, every year, annual accounts for the previous year, audited by an approved accountant which have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards, as adopted by the European Union and the requirements of the Companies Law.</p> <p>(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the accounts include:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) The total amounts already paid to the Class A or B licensed bookmaker in relation to bets carried out in the year under examination,</p>

	<p>(b) The total amounts paid, by the Class A or B licensed bookmaker, as winnings, to players in the year under examination, irrespective as to the time the bet was processed,</p> <p>(c) The names of the authorised representatives of the Class A licensed bookmaker and details of any amounts paid to them, as commission,</p> <p>(d) Any other information requested by the Authority.</p> <p>(3) The Authority has the power to issue directives for the submission of audited accounts from the Class A licensed bookmaker's authorised representatives.</p> <p>(4) In the case where the Class A or B licensed bookmaker does not submit audited accounts, the Authority, with a written notification, calls upon the Class A or B licensed bookmaker to do so within one month from the date of receiving the notification and in the event he fails to comply, the Authority may revoke his licence.</p> <p>69.(1) Every Class A or B licensed bookmaker is obliged to record, in a designated book, the details in relation to every card or other document or electronic form handed over to him and to submit, within the specified time and manner, a statement of the amounts collected, or are collectable, either by him or by any of his authorised representatives.</p> <p>(2) The Authority has the power to issue directives in relation to the keeping of books and records by the authorised representatives, as provided for in subsection (1).</p> <p>70. (1) Books and records, kept under the present Part, are kept in electronic form with the approval of the Authority which is granted following an application, in accordance with the provisions of section 48, subject to the analogies.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PART VIII GAMING TAX</b></p>
<p>Books and records</p>	<p>71.(1) Every Class A or B licensed bookmaker pays the Republic of Cyprus gaming tax and a contribution to the Authority in relation to the bets carried out by him, in accordance with the provisions of the present Part.</p> <p>(2) The amount of betting tax, in every accounting period, amounts to ten per cent (10%) on the net proceeds from the</p>

Gaming tax	<p>licensed Class A or B bookmaker's bet for the corresponding period.</p> <p>(3) The amount payable to the Authority as a contribution, amounts to three per cent (3%) of the net proceeds from bets from a Class A or B licensed bookmaker for the corresponding accounting period and is distributed as follows:</p> <p>(a) An amount of two per cent (2%) on the net proceeds from a bet are payable to the Cyprus Sport Organisation which automatically distributes the entire amount as follows:</p> <p>(i) one and a half per cent (1,5%) to the Cyprus federation that organises the annual football championship and is available for the purpose of strengthening the football teams and their academies,</p> <p>(ii) half a per cent (0,5%) to the other Cypriot team sports federations distributed by the Cyprus Sport Federation for the purpose of strengthening the teams and their academies</p> <p>Provided that the above teams have completed their tax obligations for the tax years from the time the present Law came into force.</p> <p>(b) An amount of one percent (1%) on the net proceeds from a bet is allocated by the Authority for the purpose of strengthening the mechanisms and protection programmes for young persons and addicted gamblers.</p> <p>(4) For the purposes of the present Part every calendar month consists of an accounting period.</p> <p>(5) For the purposes of the present Part, the amount of net proceeds from a bet from a Class A or B licensed bookmaker , for a particular accounting period, is equal to "X" minus "Y", where:</p> <p>(a) "X" is the total amounts paid to the Class A or B licensed bookmaker or authorised representative in a particular accounting period, in relation to bets carried out by him, and</p> <p>(b) "Y" is the total amounts paid by the Class A or B licensed bookmaker or authorised representative in that particular period, as winnings to persons who bet, irrespective as to when the bets were placed or played.</p> <p>(6) When calculating the amount owed to a player in relation to a bet, other benefits obtained by the player are taken into account and the expenses of the the licensed Class A or B bookmaker are not taken into account.</p>
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<p>Multiple bets</p>	<p>(7) Where a person participates in a bet within the scope of an offer that permits him not to pay an amount, or to pay an amount less than the amount he should have paid if the offer were not available, it is considered for the purposes of the present Part that he is obliged to pay this amount to the licensed Class A or B bookmaker and authorised representative at the time the bet was placed.</p> <p>(8) For the purposes of paragraph (b) of subsection (5):</p> <p>(a) The reference to the payment of amounts to a player includes reference to the maintenance of amounts on behalf of the said player in the event he may withdraw the same on first demand and</p> <p>(b) The return of a betting amount is considered as payment of winnings.</p> <p>72.(1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2), the present section applies where:</p> <p>(a) a player places bets on more than one odd and every odds acts as a separate bet.</p> <p>(b) he places a bet on condition that, if the bet in relation to an odd is successful, the amount of the bet or the winnings, shall be transferred as an amount of a bet in relation to the other odds:</p> <p>Provided that every bet that depends on the outcome of a previous bet is deemed that it is placed at the time of the result.</p> <p>(2) The present Part does not apply where the player bets on more than one odd, if the bet is made as a single bet placed at a particular time.</p> <p>(3) In paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of the present section, the reference to “the amount of the bet or the winnings” includes reference to:</p> <p>(a) any part of the amount of the bet or</p> <p>(b) any amount of the winnings or</p> <p>(c) any combination of the amount of the bet and winnings.</p> <p>73. Every Class A or B licensed bookmaker is obliged to pay the Republic of Cyprus, at the end of every accounting period, any amount due as gaming tax and the contribution to the Authority, in accordance with the provisions of the present Part.</p>
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<b>PART IX OFFENCES AND SENTENCES</b>	
Obligation to pay gaming tax and contribution	74. Any person providing betting services without holding a Class A or B bookmaker's licence or authorised representative's licence is guilty of an offence and in the event of a conviction is punishable with a term of imprisonment not exceeding five (5) years or a fine not exceeding three hundred thousand euro (€300.000,00) or to both such sentences.
Providing betting services without a licence	75. Any person providing betting services contrary to the conditions of his licence is guilty of an offence and in the event of a conviction, is punishable with a term of imprisonment which does not exceed three (3) years or a fine which does not exceed one hundred and seventy thousand euro (€170.000,00) or to both such sentences.
Providing betting services contrary to the conditions of his licence	76. Whoever places a bet processed contrary to any of the provisions of the present Law, is guilty of an offence and in the event of a conviction is punishable with a term of imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year or a fine not exceeding fifty thousand euro (€50.000,00) or to both such sentences.
Participating in a bet contrary to the provisions of the present Law	77.(1) Whoever operates premises to provide betting services without being a holder of licensed premises or contrary to any conditions of such a licence is guilty of an offence and in the event of a conviction is punishable with a term of imprisonment not exceeding two (2) years or a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand euro (€100.000,00) or to both such sentences.
Providing betting services without a licence for premises or for unlawful betting	(2) A Class A licensed bookmaker or authorised representative or person who operates licensed premises to process bets contrary to sections 78, 79, 81, 82 and 83 is guilty of an offence and in the event of a conviction is punishable with a term of imprisonment not exceeding three (3) years or a fine not exceeding one hundred and seventy thousand euro (€170.000,00) or to both such sentences.  (3) The court, when imposing the sentence in accordance with the present section, may in addition order the closure of the premises, until the relevant licence has been obtained or until the unlawful betting is lifted, depending on the circumstances.
	78. Whoever possesses or operates slot machines or provides slot machine services in the Republic is guilty of a crime and in the event of a conviction is punishable with a term of imprisonment

<p>Prohibition of slot machines</p>	<p>not exceeding five (5) years or a fine not exceeding three hundred thousand euro (€300.000,00) or to both such sentences.</p>
<p>Prohibition of on line casino</p>	<p>79. Whoever possesses or operates machines providing on line casino services, or provides on line casino services in the Republic, is guilty of a crime and in the event of a conviction is punishable with a term of imprisonment not exceeding five (5) years or a fine not exceeding three hundred thousand euro (€300.000,00) or to both such sentences.</p>
<p>Prohibition of Betting Exchanges</p>	<p>80. (1) Processing betting exchanges is prohibited.</p> <p>(2) A bet is processed with a betting exchange when a Class B licensed bookmaker provides services designed to facilitate the receipt or the acceptance of bets between players.</p> <p>81. Any person providing betting exchange services, is guilty of a crime and in the event of a conviction is punishable with imprisonment up to five (5) years or a fine not exceeding three hundred thousand euro (€300.000,00) or to both such sentences.</p>
<p>Provision of Betting Exchange services.</p>	<p>82.(1) Processing or providing spread bet services is prohibited.</p> <p>(2) Spread bets, includes a bet the winnings of which and the costs of which -</p>
<p>Providing spread bet services</p>	<p>(a) are not and cannot be known at the time of placing the bet;</p> <p>(b) depend on the variation of the horse racing result, competition, game or other event, or</p> <p>(c) depend on the extent of such variation.</p> <p>(3) Whoever provides spread bet services is guilty of a crime and in the event of a conviction is punishable with a term of imprisonment not exceeding five (5) years or a fine not exceeding three hundred thousand euro (€300.000,00) or to both such sentences.</p>
<p>Providing services for carrying out dog racing</p>	<p>83. (1) Processing or providing betting services on dog racing is prohibited.</p> <p>(2) Whoever processes or provides services for carrying out bets on dog racing is guilty of a crime and in the event of a conviction is punishable with a term of imprisonment not exceeding five (5) years or a fine not exceeding three hundred thousand euro (€300.000,00) or to both such sentences.</p>

Deceit	<p>84.(1) Any person who deceives another person in a fraudulent manner, with an unlawful act or omission in respect of a bet, is guilty of a crime and in the event of a conviction is punishable with a term of imprisonment not exceeding seven (7) years or a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand euro (€500.000,00) or to both such sentences.</p> <p>(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), it is not a defence that the other person wins or increases the possibilities to win anything from the bet.</p> <p>(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), deceit in relation to a bet may include fraud, misrepresentation, intervention or incentive in relation to the procedure with which the bet or a game or horse racing or other event is carried out with which the bet is related, or an attempt to defraud, misrepresent, intervene or incite.</p>
Prohibition to Advertise	<p>85.(1) Any person who advertises a bet so as to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Imply that this promotes or is socially acceptable, personally or financially acceptable or may resolve any personal, financial or social problems, or</li> <li>(b) Include the support of personalities in such a way so as to imply that this is related to their success, or</li> <li>(c) Influence children in any manner to participate, or</li> <li>(d) Promote it being carried on, using services provided by a person who is not a licensed Class A or B bookmaker or authorised representative or</li> <li>(e) Exceed the boundaries of honesty and dignity</li> </ul> <p>is guilty of an offence, and in the event of a conviction is subject to a term of imprisonment that does not exceed six (6) months or a fine not exceeding thirty thousand euro (€30.000,00) or to both such sentences.</p> <p>(2) Whoever advertises the provision of services relating to the prohibitions described in sections 78, 79, 81, 82 and 83, is guilty of an offence, and in the event of a conviction is subject to a term of imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year or a fine not exceeding fifty thousand euro (€50.000,00) or to both such sentences.</p> <p>86. Whoever, with intent, provides the Authority with information that is false or misleading, is guilty of an offence and in the event of a conviction is subject to a term of imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year or a fine not exceeding fifty thousand euro (€50.000,00) or to both such sentences.</p>

Providing false information	<p>87. Whoever invites, incites or permits a minor:</p> <p>(a) to participate in a bet, or (b) enter licensed premises,</p>
Invitation to children to bet	<p>is guilty of an offence and in the event of a conviction is punishable with a term of imprisonment that does not exceed one (1) year or a fine not exceeding fifty thousand euro (€50.000,00) or to both such sentences.</p>
Search warrant	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PART X GENERAL PROVISIONS</b></p> <p>88. When a Judge is satisfied, with a written sworn statement, that there is reasonable cause to believe that a place or premises are being used for or in relation to committing a criminal offence in accordance with the provisions of the present Law, he may issue a warrant, authorising a police officer and any other authorised person, accompanied by a member of the police force, to enter the premises at any time, to carry out his search in the place or on the premises and to confiscate anything reasonably suspected to have been used, or is being used or is about to be used for or in relation to committing an offence contrary to the provisions of the present Law or that he may provide proof for the committal of a criminal offence.</p>
Enforcing betting agreements	<p>89. Irrespective of the provisions of any other law, any dispute in respect of the agreement relating to a bet processed in accordance with the provisions of the present Law, is not an obstacle and does not prevent the taking of any legal steps, to enforce the agreement, subject to any rule of law or provision in the law, relevant to the nullity of an agreement due to illegality.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PART XI TRANSITIONAL AND VARIOUS PROVISIONS</b></p>
Regulations	<p>90. The Council of Ministers may issue Regulations, which are lodged with the House of Representatives, for the better application of the present Law.</p> <p>91.(1) Every application for which the Authority requires a particular form, the form is specified by the Authority with regulations.</p> <p>(2) The Regulations, orders, licenses and notifications, issued under the Collective Bets (Regulation and Tax) Law are deemed to have</p>

<p>Transitional Provisions</p>	<p>been issued under the present Law and continue to apply until repealed or replaced.</p> <p>(3) Legal persons who, at the time the present Law came into force, are in possession of a licence to process electronic bets which was issued by a member state in the European Union, may continue to provide betting services only in respect of bets permitted under the provisions of the present Law and are deemed to operate within the context of this law until the relevant licence is issued by the Authority, provided that they have submitted an application to obtain a licence in accordance with the provisions of the present Law within one (1) month from the notification of the date the Authority accepts applications.</p> <p>92. (1) From the date the present Law comes into effect, the Collective Bets (Regulation and Tax) Law is abolished.</p> <p>(2) Section 4 and subsection (2) of section 15 of the Machine Games and Machine Entertainment Law are abolished.</p>
<p>Abolition</p>	