[CONFIDENTIAL.] (Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

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No. , 1927.

A BILL

To provide for the promotion and conduct of Lotteries to raise funds for hospital and ambulance purposes; to amend a certain Imperial Act for suppressing of Lotteries passed in the reign of His late Majesty William the Third, and commonly referred to as Act 10 and 11 William iii c 20, and certain other Imperial Acts; to amend the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, the Police Offences (Amendment) Act, 1908, the Gaming and Betting Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Lotteries Short title (Hospital and Ambulance Purposes) Act, 1927."

(2) This Act shall come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Governor and notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise Interpretarequires,—

"Authorised lottery" means a lottery promoted and conducted under the authority of this Act; and lottery includes a sweep or consultation;

"Prescribed" means prescribed by this Act or by the regulations made thereunder;

"Promoter" means a person for the time being authorised to promote and conduct a lottery in pursuance of this Act.

3. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act it shall Authorised be lawful for the Governor from time to time, by order lotteries. published in the Gazette, to grant authority to the person named in the order to promote and conduct in the prescribed manner one or more than one lottery for money prizes at a time or within a period specified in the order.

(2) Such person may do all such acts and things in relation to a lottery so authorised as the Colonial Treasurer deems necessary or expedient or as are prescribed.

(3) Any such order may be rescinded or revoked by a like order of the Governor if he is satisfied that the promotion or conduct of any authorised lottery is not being or has not been carried out in accordance with this Act and the regulations made thereunder.

4. The gross proceeds received from each authorised Distribution lottery shall be distributed in the manner following, of proceeds. that is to say—

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- per centum shall be paid to the (a) Colonial Treasurer to be applied for the benefit of hospital and ambulance purposes in such manner and proportions as Parliament may from time to time direct;
- (b) per centum shall be distributed amongst the subscribers who have drawn prizes in the lottery;
- (c) the balance of per centum shall be retained by the promoter.

5. (1) Every promoter shall at the time and in the Security. manner prescribed, lodge with the Colonial Treasurer such sum as may be prescribed, to be held by the Colonial Treasurer as security for the due exercise by the promoter of the powers and authorities conferred on him by or under this Act, and the compliance by him with the provisions of this Act and the regulations made thereunder.

(2) The sum so deposited shall bear interest at such rate as the Colonial Treasurer may direct, and such interest shall from time to time be paid to the person lodging the said sum.

6. The promoter of and subscribers to an authorised Subscribers lottery and all persons acting under the authority or persons to be on behalf of a promoter or subscriber or carrying free from penalties. out any prescribed duties or functions in relation to or in connection with the promotion or conduct of an authorisod lottery shall be freed and discharged from all penalties, suits, prosecutions, and liabilities to which by law they would be liable but for this Act, as being concerned in illegal lotteries, littlegoes or unlawful games or as offending against any provision of the Gaming and Betting Act, 1912, or any other Act or Imperial Act.

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

8. (1) The Governor may make regulations not Regulations. inconsistent with this Act prescribing all matters which by this Act are required or authorised to be prescribed or

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which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing power in particular—

- (a) providing for the apportionment and distribution of prizes;
- (b) specifying the time within which and the manner in which a prize shall be claimed;
- (c) providing for the disposal of unclaimed prizes as to which any dispute has arisen;
- (d) providing for the audit of the accounts of an authorised lottery; and
- (e) providing for the superintendence and supervision of the promotion and conduct of an authorised lottery.

(2) The regulations may prescribe that in the events and after a time to be specified, money unclaimed shall be forfeited to His Majesty and applied in like manner as the part of the gross proceeds of an authorised lottery paid to the Colonial Treasurer are to be applied.

(3) The regulations may impose penalties not exceeding *fifty* pounds for any breach thereof. Any such penalty may be recovered in a summary manner before a stipendiary or police magistrate or any two justices in petty sessions.

(4) The regulations shall—

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

If either House of Parliament passes a resolution of which notice has been given at any time within fifteen sitting days after the regulations have been laid before such House disallowing any regulation or part thereof, such regulation or part shall thereupon cease to have effect. 4

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