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AN ACT to Amend the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act.

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BE IT ENACTED by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Jamaica, and by the authority of the same as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Act, 2016, and shall be read and construed as one with the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act (hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”) and all amendments thereto.

Short title
and
construction.

Amendment of
section 24 of
principal Act.

2. Section 24 of the principal Act is amended by inserting next after subsection (2) the following as subsections (3) and (4)—

“ (3) A licence granted under subsection (1)(a)—

- (a) may specify that the licence is granted exclusively in respect of any parish in Jamaica as specified in the licence; and
- (b) shall be for such period and subject to such terms and conditions as may be specified in the licence.

(4) In this section, for the avoidance of doubt, “exclusively” means a licence will not be issued to any other entity in respect of any parish specified, and for the time specified, in the licence.”.

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

As a companion measure to the *Jamaica Racing Commission (Amendment) Act, 2016*, Cabinet approved the submission for the plan of action for the divestment of Caymanas Track Limited. As part of that measure, this Bill seeks to enable the Regulator to grant to any promoter, a licence to carry out track betting in prescribed exclusive geographic areas.

This Bill therefore seeks to amend the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act to give effect to that decision.

AUDLEY SHAW
Minister of Finance and the Public Service.

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