

Naghti l-kunsens tieghi.

(L.S.)

UGO MIFSUD BONNICI
President

3 ta' Marzu, 1998

ATT Nru. VIII ta' l-1998

ATT biex jemenda l-Ordinanza dwar il-Lottu Pubbliku, Kap. 70.

IL-PRESIDENT, bil-parir u l-kunsens tal-Kamra tad-Deputati, imlaqqgħa f'dan il-Parlament, u bl-awtorità ta' l-istess, hareġ b'liġi dan li ġej:-

1. Dan l-Att jista' jissejjah l-Att ta' l-1998 li jemenda l-Ordinanza dwar il-Lottu Pubbliku, u għandu jinqara u jiftiehem haġa waħda ma' l-Ordinanza dwar il-Lottu Pubbliku, hawnhekk iżjed 'il quddiem imsejha "il-liġi prinċipali". Titolu fil-qosor.
Kap. 70.
2. Fis-subartikolu (8) ta' l-artikolu 11 tal-liġi prinċipali minflok il-kliem "piena ta' Lm500" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "multa ta' hames mitt lira", u l-kliem minn "Din il-piena tista' titfittex fil-Prim'Awla" sal-kliem "hekk kif titfittex il-piena hawn qabel imsemmija." għandhom jithassru. Emenda ta'
l-artikolu 11
tal-liġi prinċipali.
3. Fis-subartikolu (2) ta' l-artikolu 12 tal-liġi prinċipali, minflok il-kliem minn "multa ta' mhux anqas" sa "tnax-il xahar" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "multa ta' mhux anqas minn elfejn lira u mhux iżjed minn għoxrin elf lira u l-prigunerija għal żmien ta' minn sitt xhur sa tnax-il xahar". Emenda ta'
l-artikolu 12
tal-liġi prinċipali.
4. Fis-subartikolu (2) ta' l-artikolu 15 tal-liġi prinċipali, minflok il-kliem minn "ta' mhux anqas minn elf lira" sal-kliem "sitt xhur sa tnax-il xahar" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "ta' mhux anqas minn elfejn lira u mhux iżjed minn għoxrin elf lira u l-prigunerija għal żmien minn sitt xhur sa tliet snin". Emenda ta'
l-artikolu 15
tal-liġi prinċipali.

Zieda ta' l-artikolu 15A ġdid mal-liġi prinċipali.

5. Wara l-artikolu 15 tal-liġi prinċipali għandu jizzied dan l-artikolu ġdid li ġej:

“Pussess mhux awtorizzat ta' biljett tal-lottu bil-mohbi, eċċ.

15A. Kull min jinstab li jkollu pussess mhux awtorizzat ta' biljett tal-lottu bil-mohbi jew ta' xi lottu jew lotterija barranin jista', minghajr peregudizzju għall-applikabilità ta' kull liġi ohra, meta jinsab hati jehel multa ta' mhux anqas minn hamsin lira.”.

Zieda ta' l-artikolu 20A ġdid mal-liġi prinċipali.

6. Minnufih wara l-artikolu 20 tal-liġi prinċipali għandu jizzied dan l-artikolu 20A ġdid li ġej:

“Prova prezuntiva.

20A. Kull min jinsab li jkollu pussess mhux awtorizzat ta':

(a) għodod tal-logħob;

(b) registri li normalment jintużaw għal-logħob;

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(ċ) oġġetti jew mezzi ohra li normalment jintużaw sabiex isir il-lottu bil-mohbi, bħal kupuni, poloz, kartelli, matricijiet, *counterfoils*, tikketti tal-hlas jew biljetti tal-lottu bil-mohbi f'tali kwantità li tkun tista' b'mod raġonevoli tagħti wiehed x'jifhem li dik il-persuna tkun qiegħda torganizza lottu bil-mohbi,

għandu jkun prezunt li jkun qiegħed jiehu sehem f'lottu bil-mohbi kemm-il darba ma tingiebx prova xort'ohra.”.

Mgħoddi mill-Kamra tad-Deputati fis-Seduta Nru. 191 ta' l-24 ta' Frar, 1998.

MYRIAM SPITERI DEBONO
Speaker

RICHARD J. CAUCHI
Skrivan tal-Kamra tad-Deputati

I assent.

(L.S.)

UGO MIFSUD BONNICI
President

3rd March, 1998

ACT No. VIII of 1998

AN ACT to amend the Public Lotto Ordinance, Cap. 70.

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Lotto (Amendment) Act, 1998, and shall be read and construed as one with the Public Lotto Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as “the principal law”.
Short title.
Cap. 70.
2. In subsection (8) of section 11 of the principal law for the words “penalty of Lm500” there shall be substituted the words “fine (*multa*) of five hundred liri”, and the words from “Such penalty shall be recoverable in the Civil Court” to the words “in like manner as the penalty aforesaid.” shall be deleted.
Amendment of
section 11
of the
principal law.
3. In subsection (2) of section 12 of the principal law, for the words from “to a fine (*multa*)” to the words “twelve months” there shall be substituted the words “to a fine (*multa*) of not less than two thousand liri and not more than twenty thousand liri and to imprisonment for a term from six to twelve months”.
Amendment of
section 12
of the
principal law.
4. In subsection (2) of section 15 of the principal law, for the words from “of not less than one thousand liri” to the words “six to twelve months” there shall be substituted the words “of not less than two thousand liri and not exceeding twenty thousand liri and to imprisonment for a term from six months to three years”.
Amendment of
section 15
of the
principal law.

Addition of new section 15A to the principal law.

5. After section 15 of the principal law there shall be added the following new section:

“Unauthorised possession of a clandestine lotto ticket, etc. 15A. Any person found in unauthorised possession of any ticket of clandestine lotto or of any foreign lotto or lottery shall, without prejudice to the applicability of any other law, be liable on conviction to a fine (*multa*) of not less than fifty liri.”.

Addition of new section 20A to the principal law.

6. Immediately after section 20 of the principal law there shall be added the following new section 20A:

“Presumptive evidence. 20A. Any person found in unauthorised possession of;

- (a) gaming instruments;
- (b) registers normally used in gaming; and

(c) other effects or means normally used for the undertaking of clandestine lotto like coupons, bills, cards, matrices, counterfoils, payment tags, or of clandestine lotto tickets in such a quantity as may reasonably imply that such person is undertaking clandestine lotto,

shall be presumed to be undertaking clandestine lotto unless the contrary is proved.”.

Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 191 of the 24th February, 1998.

MYRIAM SPITERI DEBONO
Speaker

RICHARD J. CAUCHI
Clerk to the House of Representatives