AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BETTING HOUSES, GAMING HOUSES AND GAMBLING PREVENTION (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE 1985

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24th November 2005.

ADMINISTRATOR

BE it enacted by the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Betting Houses, Gaming Houses and Gambling Prevention (Consolidation) (Amendment) Ordinance 2005.

2. In this Ordinance —

“the principal Ordinance” means the Betting Houses, Gaming Houses and Gambling Prevention (Consolidation) Ordinance 1985.

3. Immediately after section 6 of the principal Ordinance there are inserted the following new sections, to be numbered sections 6A and 6B—

6A.—(1) Any person who, without a permit from the Area Officer—

(a) uses or puts into operation an appliance for playing the game commonly known as “kazandi”; or

(b) makes available for play such an appliance in a public place; or

(c) organises or carries on a game of kazandi,

is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine not exceeding £1,000 or to both such penalties, and in addition to any other penalty, the Court may order
the forfeiture of the appliance used in the commission of the offence.

(2) A permit such as is referred to in subsection (1) above shall be in the form set out in Schedule A, and shall be issued subject to the conditions stated on that form and on payment of the fee stated there. An application for such a permit must be made in the form set out in Schedule B.

(3) Such a permit shall expire on 31st December of the year in which it is issued and shall be returned to the Area Officer no later than one month after that date.

(4) The Area Officer shall not issue a permit under this section unless—

(a) he is satisfied that the applicant is a person of good character and a fit and proper person to organise and carry on the game of kazandi;

(b) the applicant is registered under the Social Insurance Scheme of the Republic as a self-employed person and as an organiser of the game of kazandi and as an owner of an appliance for the playing of the game of kazandi; and

(c) the applicant is an individual aged over 21 years.

(5) A permit issued under this section is not transferable.

6B.—(1) Where any person does any act or thing for which there is a requirement for him to hold a permit under section 6A, that requirement shall be deemed to be fulfilled if he holds a permit issued under the Betting Houses, Gaming Houses and Gambling Prevention Law of the Republic (as amended from time to time) and he does that act or thing in accordance with any conditions subject to which that permit was issued to him.

(2) A person who does, or appears to intend to do any act or thing for which he is required to hold a permit under section 6A shall produce such permit for inspection if required to do so by an Area Officer or a police officer.

(3) Where a person who has been required to produce a permit as described in subsection (2) above refuses or fails to do so, he shall be guilty of an offence.”.

4. For section 7 of the principal Ordinance there is substituted the following—

7.—(1) Any person who—

(a) provides for play a gaming machine or who plays, whether alone or with others, a gaming machine; or

(b) has in his possession or control a gaming machine; or
(c) manipulates or actuates a gaming machine or assembles together with other persons for the purpose of manipulating or actuating any such machine at any place; or

(d) imports or manufactures a gaming machine,

is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine not exceeding £1,000, or to both such penalties and the Court may, in addition to any other penalty, order that the gaming machine in relation to which the offence was committed, be confiscated.

(2) For the purposes of this section “gaming machine” means a machine which is not intended to be a games machine or an amusement machine but which is instead intended to provide players who are successful in a game of chance played through the machine with winnings or some other reward, whether or not at the same time the machine is also capable of providing games or amusement, and includes any of the machines described below and any other machines which are similar to, or a variation of, such machines—

(a) poker machines or machines for playing other similar games involving playing cards or other variations or representations;

(b) horse racing machines or machines with road or speed races, such as dogs or cars;

(c) machines commonly known as fruit machines or machines with similar or other representations, shapes, numbers or colours;

(d) bingo machines, whether or not they have been so adapted or added to as to assimilate them, or to tend to assimilate them with, any other description of machine;

(e) crane machines;

(f) machines (not being vending machines) which release articles by way of a prize or reward;

(g) machines with the capacity of deleting any result or sign and transferring the information relating to players’ winnings or losses in their memory, whether by the players or by any other person;

(h) machines of any other description which the Court trying an alleged offender considers to be a variation of any of the machines described above;

(i) any accessory, addition or computer application for playing a game of chance through a screen.

(3) For the purposes of this section “games machine” and “amusement machine” have the same meanings respectively as they have for the purposes of the Games and Amusement Machines Ordinance 2005.”

Ordinance 28 of 2005.
5. Section 9 of the principal Ordinance (amusement machines) is repealed.

6. Section 10 of the principal Ordinance (power of Court to rescind permits in certain cases) of the principal Ordinance is repealed.

7. Section 11 of the principal Ordinance (warrants) is amended by repealing the words “or 9”.

8. Section 12(1) of the principal Ordinance (entry without warrant) is amended by repealing the words “or 9”.

9. Section 13 of the principal Ordinance (power of arrest without warrant etc.) is amended by repealing the words “or 9”.

10. Section 16(3) of the principal Ordinance (presumptions) is amended by repealing the words “or 9”.

11. For section 21 of the principal Ordinance (regulations) there is substituted the following –

“Regulations 21. The Administrator may make Regulations to be published in the Gazette in relation to any matter which may be prescribed or which requires to be regulated.”.

12. Immediately after section 22 of the principal Ordinance there are added the following Schedules, to be identified as Schedule A and Schedule B respectively—
THE BETTING HOUSES, GAMING HOUSES AND GAMBLING PREVENTION (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE 1985

PERMIT AUTHORIZING THE PLAYING OF KAZANDI

1. NAME OF PERMIT HOLDER: ...........................................................

2. I.D. CARD NO.: ........................................................................

3. ADDRESS: ...........................................................................

4. FEE FOR PERMIT: £ 120.

5. CONDITIONS OF PERMIT:
   (a) The value of any monetary or other prize may not exceed £15.
   (b) The maximum amount payable in order to participate in a game may not exceed £1 for each card.
   (c) The value of any non-monetary prize must be written legibly on it.
   (d) The amount payable in order to win a particular category of non-monetary prize must be displayed clearly in respect of each such category.
   (e) The kazandi appliance must be operated openly.
   (f) The hours of operation may only be between 09.00 a.m. of one day and 01.00 a.m. of the following day.
   (g) The game played must be the traditional game of kazandi and may not be in any electronic form.
   (h) A person under the age of 16 years must not be allowed to participate in the game of “kazandi” unless he is accompanied by at least one of his parents.
   (i) This permit must be displayed prominently at the place where the kazandi to which it relates is being played.

Date of issue........................................................................
Area Officer........................................................................

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(Stamp)
AREA OFFICER …………………

(To be submitted in duplicate. One copy is to be filed in the records of the Area Officer with a copy of the permit).

I, the undersigned/being the owner of/having in my possession* an appliance for the playing of the game known as kazandi apply for a permit to operate the appliance and to organise or carry on kazandi and I hereby declare that the particulars I give below are correct and true.

1. Full name (in capital letters): .................................................................
2. I.D. Card No.: ............................................................................
3. Applicant’s address: ........................................................................
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   Telephone number : ..................................
4. Date of birth: ................................
5. Description of the appliance and other items for the game of kazandi to be provided (give all relevant particulars such as size, colour, number of cards etc.).
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* Delete as appropriate.

Date .................................  ........................................
   Signature”.

Commencement. 13. This Ordinance comes into force on the day of its publication in the Gazette.

24th November 2005  P. D. Draycott
(128/256) Chief Officer.