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BOMBAY ACT No. III OF 1865.¹

*[THE ACT FOR AVOIDING WAGERS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1865.]†

[31st July 1865.]

Repealed in part, by Act 16 of 1895 ;

" " " " Bom. 3 of 1886 ;

Amended by Bom. 21 of 1959.

²[An Act to amend the law for avoiding wagers.

Whereas it is expedient, so far as regards the State of Bombay, to amend Preamble. the law for avoiding wagers ; It is enacted as follows :—]

1. All contracts, whether by speaking, writing or otherwise, knowingly made Contracts to further or assist the entering into, effecting or carrying out agreements by way of gaming or wagering and all contracts by way of security or guarantee for the performance of such agreements or contracts shall be null and void ; and no suit shall be allowed in any Court of Justice for recovering any sum of money paid or payable in respect of any such contract or contracts, or any such agreement or agreements as aforesaid.

2. No suit shall be allowed in any Court of Justice for recovering any commission, brokerage, fee or reward in respect of the knowingly effecting or carrying out, or of the knowingly aiding in effecting or in carrying out, or otherwise claimed or claimable in respect of, any such agreement by way of gaming or wagering or any such contract as aforesaid, whether the plaintiff in such suit be or be not a party to such last mentioned agreement or contract, or for recovering any sum of money knowingly paid or payable on account of any persons by way of commission, brokerage, fee or reward in respect of any such agreement by way of gaming or wagering or contract as aforesaid.

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¹ For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Bombay Government Gazette*, 1863, Supplement, p. 420 ; for Report of the Select Committee, see *ibid.*, p. 485 ; and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, pp. 407, 452, 505, and *ibid.*, 1864, pp. 407 and 507.

² This portion was substituted for the original by Bom. 21 of 1959, s. 4 (a).

³ This portion was substituted for the words and figures "section 1 of Act XXI of 1848", *ibid.*, s. 4(b).

* The short title was given by the Bombay Short Titles Act, 1921 (Bom. 2 of 1921).

† This Act was extended to and by virtue of such extension shall be in force in the rest of the State of Bombay (*vide* Bom. 21 of 1959, s. 2).

Repeal and
savings.

4. The Act for Avoiding Wagers (Amendment) Act, 1865, as applied to the Kutch area of the State of Bombay by the Kutch (Application of Laws) Order, 1949, is hereby repealed : Bom. III of 1865.]

Provided that such repeal shall not affect—

(a) the previous operation of the Act so repealed or anything duly done or suffered thereunder ;

(b) any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred under the Act so repealed ; or

(c) any legal proceeding or remedy in respect of any such right, privilege, obligation or liability as aforesaid,

and any such legal proceeding or remedy may be instituted, continued or enforced as if the Bombay Act for Avoiding Wagers (Extension and Amendment) Act, 1959, had not been passed.] Bom. XXI of 1959.

5. [*Number and gender.*] *Rep. Bom. III of 1865.*

¹ Section 4 was inserted by Bom. 21 of 1959, s. 4(e).