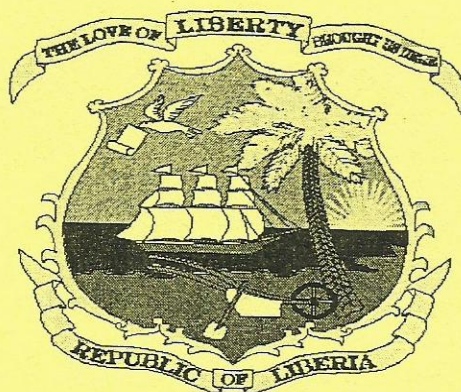




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PREAMBLE:

WHEREAS, the Government of the Republic of Liberia is under obligation to explore diverse means of improving the lives of its citizens and residents alike through innovative enterprises geared towards the alleviation of poverty and its devastating consequences on the social, economic and political environment in the Republic; and,

WHEREAS, the Government of the Republic of Liberia is fully mindful of its responsibility to ensure the wellbeing of all of its citizens and residents through the creation of multiple economic activities directed towards the advancement of the social, economic and political environment, thereby improving the living standard of its people; and,

WHEREAS, the Government of the Republic of Liberia recognizes the immense potential of the National Lottery Authority to generate income that could be used to facilitate scientific research, promote cultural and sporting activities, assist victims of natural disasters, the physically challenged, orphans and abandoned children, and the less fortunate in our society; and,

WHEREAS, the Government of the Republic of Liberia is convinced that the operation of a national lotto and games of chance in a unified and coordinated manner is necessary in enhancing control over the industry and ensuring that such activities do not adversely affect the socio-economic fabrics of the country; and,

WHEREAS, the Government of the Republic of Liberia has determined that the current situation in the game of chance sector is unfavorably affecting the socio-economic fabrics of the Country thereby necessitating an enhancement of the legal framework and management of these activities to bring it in line with internationally accepted principles of responsible gaming.

NOW THEREFORE:

It is enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled.

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PART I: PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

§1. Repeal of the 1993 Act

That from and immediately after the passage of this “Act to Repeal The Act Incorporating the Liberia National Lotteries Corporation of 1993 and to Enact in Lieu thereof the “National Lottery Authority Act of 2014,” the Act Incorporating the Liberia National Lotteries Corporation of 1993 is effectively repealed in its entirety.

§2. Title/Short Title

The title of this Act is the “National Lottery Authority Act of 2014” which may be cited in short as the “Lottery Act of 2014.”

§3. Definitions

In this act-

Authority means the National Lottery Authority established under section 4 of this Act;

Board means the Governing Board of the National Lottery Authority established under subsection 15.1 of this Act;

Director-General means the Director-General of the Authority appointed under subsection 8.1 of this Act.

Fund means the fund established under section 11 of this Act.

Government means the Government of the Republic of Liberia.

License means a formal permission licensing an institution to operate a national lottery or any other game of chance granted under section 25 of this Act.

Licensee means the person or body corporate to whom a license to carry on the business of national lottery has been issued pursuant to this Act.

Lottery or Lotteries includes any lottery, games of chance such as raffle draw, casino, slot machine, scheme, arrangement, system, plan, promotional competition or device for the distribution of prizes by lot or chance, or as a result of the exercise of skill and chance or betting based on the outcome of an event, including but not limited to sports, or any other game, scheme, arrangement, system, plan, competition or device which shall be operated pursuant to the issuance of a license under this Act.

Member means a member of the Governing Board of the Authority.

Minister means the Minister of Finance and Development Planning statutorily charged with the responsibility to administer the finances of the Government.

National Lottery Business means any lottery entity that could be operated by the Authority given out to a licensee or agency to undertake.

Net profit means that portion of the proceeds that remains after the payment of prizes and other expenses incurred by the Lottery.

Operator means a licensee or any other person or body corporate engaged by the licensee to operate a lottery.

Republic means the Republic of Liberia.

President means the President of the Republic.

Prize means a prize due to a participant who holds a winning ticket in a lottery conducted by the licensee.

Prize fund means the operational fund established under section 32 of this Act.

Proceeds means the gross monetary amount spent by participants on the purchase of tickets in respect of each lottery conducted under a license.

Statutory member means a ministry or agency of the Government of Liberia already named in this Act as a member of the Board of Directors.

Unclaimed prizes means prizes payable in respect of winning tickets in a lottery which have not been claimed by the ticket owners within the claim period specified in the Act or regulations or both.

PART II: NATIONAL LOTTERY AUTHORITY

§4. Establishment

There is established by this Act under the Executive Branch of Government, an autonomous body to be known as the National Lottery Authority of Liberia.

§5. Powers of the Authority

- 5.1. The Authority is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue or be sued in its corporate name.
- 5.2. The Authority may for the performance of its functions acquire and hold movable and immovable property and may enter into contract or any such transaction consistent with its objectives.
- 5.3. The Authority may accept gift of land, money or other property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organization making the gift.
- 5.4. The Authority shall however not accept any gift if the terms and conditions attached by the person or organization making the gift are inconsistent with the functions or objectives of the Authority under this Act.
- 5.5. The Authority may, with the approval of the Board of Directors, borrow by way of loan, overdraft or otherwise from any source such amount of money as it requires for the performance of its functions and meeting its obligations under this Act.

- 5.6 The Authority shall have the power to promulgate regulations, rules and guidelines as may be required for the effective and efficient operation of the Authority.
- 5.7 The Authority shall exercise such other powers as are necessary and proper for the smooth administration of the industry consistent with this Act.

§6. Objectives

- 6.1 The National Lottery conducted by the Authority shall be to generate revenue for the purposes of meeting the purposes of meeting its obligations, contributing to government's revenue generation, contributing to institutions serving persons with disabilities, and to the causes of persons with disabilities in line with this Act.
- 6.2 There shall be conducted as part of the operation of National Lottery, a lotto to provide care and protection for the physically or mentally afflicted, the needy, the aged, orphans and destitute children.
- 6.3 The Authority in consultation with the Board operates any other game of chance or enters into collaboration, partnership or joint venture with any person, society, association or corporate entity, to operate a game of chance.

§7. Functions

The Authority shall-

- 7.1 Have the power to regulate all games of chance such as raffle draw, casino, slot machine, scheme, arrangement, system, plan, promotional competition or device for the distribution of prizes by lot or chance, or as a result of the exercise of skill and chance or betting based on the outcome of an event, including but not limited to sports, or any other game, scheme, arrangement, system, plan, competition or device which shall be operated pursuant to the issuance of a license under this Act
Conduct, manage, and/or regulate the operation and business of the national lottery in the Republic and ensure the enforcement of laws relating to national lottery;
- 7.2 Grant licenses to applicants who meet the requirements to engage in the business of national lottery.
- 7.3 Set standards, guidelines and regulations for the operations of national lottery in the Republic.
- 7.4 Promote transparency, propriety and integrity in the operation of national lottery and other games of chance in the Republic.
- 7.5 Ensure the protection of the interests of players, operators, other stakeholders and the public in the national lottery.
- 7.6 Conduct periodic assessment of the operation of national lottery in the Republic and submit reports annually to the President and the Legislature through the Board.
- 7.7 Perform such other duties as may be directed by the Board, from time to time, and as are necessary or expedient to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Authority under this Act.

§8. Staff of the Authority

8.1 Director General

- a. There shall be for the Authority, a Director-General who shall be-
 - i. Appointed by the President with the consent of the Senate;
 - ii. The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Spokesperson of the Authority;
 - iii. Responsible for the execution of the policies and the day-to-day administration of the Authority.
- b. The Director-General shall hold office-
 - i. For an initial term of four years but may be reappointed for another term of four years and no more;
- c. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, the Director-General may-
 - i. Resign his/her appointment by a notice in writing, addressed to the President through the Board; or
 - ii. Be removed by the President for inability to discharge the functions of his/her office whether arising from infirmity of mind or body or any other cause or for proved misconduct or corruption.

8.2 Deputy Director General for Operations

- i. The Board shall appoint a Deputy Director General for Operations as the principal deputy to the Director General, for an initial term of two years and may be reappointed based on performance;
- ii. The Deputy Director General for Operations shall serve at the will and pleasure of the Board;
- iii. The Director General shall appoint managers with the approval of the Board for effective and efficient operations of the Authority.

§9. Other staff of the Authority

- 9.1 a. The Authority may, subject to the approval of the Board, create offices and appoint other staff as it may deem necessary and expedient, from time to time-
- b. For the proper and efficient performance of the functions of the Authority; and
On such terms and conditions as may be determined, from time to time, by the Board.

§10. Divisions and local offices of the Authority

- 10.1 The Authority shall consist of divisions and establish County and District offices within the Republic of Liberia as the need arises;

§11. Fund of the Authority

- 11.1 The Authority shall establish and maintain a Fund to which shall be paid and credited-
- a. Annual budgetary allocations from the Government, (capitalization of funding);
 - b. Gifts, loans, grants-in-aid from national, bilateral and multi-lateral organizations and agencies;
 - c. Charges, fees and other internally generated revenues by the Authority; and
 - d. All other monies accruing to the Authority from time to time.

§12. Expenditures of the Authority

- 12.1 The Authority may from time to time, apply the proceeds of the Fund established under section 11.1 of this Act-
- a. To the cost of the administration of the Authority;
 - c. To the payment of the salaries, fees or other remuneration or allowances, and other benefits payable to the staff and other employees of the Authority;
 - b. To the payment³ of allowances and benefits of members of the Board and of any committee set up by the Board and for such expenses as may be expressly authorized by the Board;
 - d. For the development and maintenance of any property vested in or owned by the Authority;
 - e. For payment for all consultancies, legal fees and cost of contracts administration;
 - f. For all purchases made by the Authority;
 - g. For maintaining general financial reserves subject to general or special directives that may be given in that respect by the President; and
 - h. For any expenditure in connection with all or any of its function under this Act.

§13. Annual estimates/Books of accounts and audits

- 13.1 The Authority shall, within three months after the end of any fiscal year, submit to the President for Legislative consideration, an estimate of its expenditure and income to for the succeeding year.
- 13.2 The Authority shall maintain updated accounts and proper records in relation to those accounts and shall cause said accounts to be audited within three months after the end of each fiscal year by the General Auditing Commission of Liberia (GAC).

§14. Annual reports

14.1 The Authority shall prepare and submit an annual report to the President and the Legislature not later than the September 30 each year in such form as the President may direct on the activities of the Authority during the immediate preceding fiscal year, and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the Authority and the auditor's report thereon for that year.

PART III: GOVERNING BODY

§15. Establishment of the Board

- 15.1 There is established for the Authority a governing body to be known as the National Lottery Authority Board which shall exercise oversight control of the Authority.
- 15.2 The Board shall consist of Seven (7) Members-
 - a. A senior policy staff of the Office of the Vice President of Liberia as chairman, with the right to cast a deciding vote in addition to his/her regular vote;
 - b. The Minister of Finance and Development Planning;
 - c. The Minister of Justice;
 - d. Minister of Gender;
 - e. National Teachers Association
 - f. Senior Official of the Liberia Chamber of Commerce
 - g. A Representative of the Liberia National Bar Association
 - h. The Director General of the Authority shall serve as the Board's Secretary;
- 15.3 All non-statutory members shall be named by their institutions pursuant to the qualification requirements specified in Sub-Section 15.2 of this Act.

§16. Functions of the Board

The functions of the Board are to-

- 16.1 Supervise, control and monitor the operations of national lottery and secure the implementation of the functions of the Authority;
- 16.2 Serve as an advisory body to Government on national lottery and lotto;
- 16.3 Make and advise on policy formulation for the conduct of national lotto and lotteries;
- 16.4 Specify as appropriate and necessary the dates, times, and places where national lotto shall be conducted in at least three local newspapers;
- 16.5 Devise methods to help maximize revenue generation by the Authority for the Government;
- 16.6 Approve fees and other income generating charges for the Authority
- 16.7 Institute measures to prevent fraud in the conduct of national lottery;
- 16.8 Approve the budget of the Authority;
- 16.9 Advise and direct the Authority on regulations required for the effective implementation of this Act;
- 16.10 Monitor and supervise the Authority in the performance of its functions to ensure the effective and efficient performance;
- 16.11 Fix the remuneration, allowances and benefits of the staff and employees of the Authority; and
- 16.12 Perform such other functions consistent with those required of a board of a national lottery authority.

§17. Appointment

- 17.1 All non-statutory members of the National Lottery Authority Board shall be appointed by the President while statutory members shall by virtue of their positions be eligible to serve without formal appointments.

§18. Tenure of office

- 18.1 All non-statutory members of the Board shall hold office-
- a. For an initial term of four years but may be reappointed for a second term of four years and no more; and
 - b. On such terms and conditions as may be specified in his/her letter of appointment.

§19. Cessation of membership/Filling of vacancies

- 19.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of Sub-Section 18.1 of this Act, a member of the Board shall cease to hold office as a member of the Board if-
- a. He/she resigns his/her appointment as a member of the Board by notice, in writing, addressed to the President;
 - b. He/she becomes of unsound mind;
 - c. He/she becomes bankrupt or insolvent;
 - d. He/she is convicted of a felony or of any offence involving dishonesty or corruption;
 - e. He/she becomes incapable of carrying on the functions of his office either arising from an infirmity of mind or body; or
 - f. The President is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Authority or in the interest of the public for the person to continue in office and the President removes him/her from office.
 - g. A member of the Board may be removed by the President when he/she is consecutively absent from three meetings of the Board without sufficient cause; however, members may be represented by proxies who have authority in their institutions to make high level policy decisions.
 - h. Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board, it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of his/her predecessor upon the same terms and conditions established herein for membership to the Board, pursuant to a notice to the relevant institution by the Secretary not later than thirty days after the existence of the vacancy; such successor shall however be eligible for reappointment only for a second term regardless of the duration of the remainder of the term he/she served.

§20. Meetings of the Board

- 20.1 The Board shall meet at least once every three months for the dispatch of business in the Board Room at the head office of the Authority at a time determined by the chairperson.

- 20.2 The chairperson shall at the request in writing of not less than one-third of the membership of the Board, convene an extraordinary meeting of the Board at the place and time agreed upon by at least two-thirds of the members of the Board; otherwise, the meeting shall be held at the head office of the Authority.
- 20.3 The quorum at a meeting of the Board is five members.
- 20.4 The chairperson shall preside at meeting of the Board and, in the absence of the chairperson a member elected by the members present from among their number shall preside.
- 20.5 Matters before the Board shall be decided by a simple majority of the members present and voting, and in the event of an equality of votes, the person presiding shall have a casting vote in addition to his/her original vote.
- 20.6 The Board may co-opt a person to attend a Board meeting but that person shall not vote on a matter for decision.
- 20.7 The proceedings of the Board shall not be invalidated by reason of any vacancy among the members or a defect in the appointment or qualification of a member.

§21. Disclosure of interest

- 21.1 A member of the Board who has an interest in a matter for consideration by the Board shall disclose in writing the nature of that interest and is disqualified from participating in the deliberations of the Board in respect of that matter.
- 21.2 A member alleged to have contravened subsection 21.1 shall be subject to an investigation by a committee established by the Board for that purpose. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Board shall make the appropriate recommendation to the President.

§22. Establishment of committees

- 22.1 The Board may establish committees consisting of members of the Board or non-members or both to perform a particular function.
- 22.2 members of the Board and members of committees of the Board shall be paid allowances and benefit as the President may, from time to time, approve.

PART IV: OPERATION OF NATIONAL LOTTERY

§23. Lottery License

1. As from the commencement of this Act, the operation of the business of a national lottery or any lottery, by whatever name called, shall be subject to a license granted by the Authority consistent with this Act or any regulations made pursuant thereto.

§24. Application for license

1. Any person or body corporate may submit application for a license for the operation of the business of a national lottery or any lottery to the Authority in the prescribed form and upon the payment of such fees as may be prescribed, from time to time, by the Authority.

§25. Grant of license

- 25.1 The Authority may grant a license to any person or body corporate to operate a national lottery or any lottery, by whatever name called, if the Authority is satisfied that the applicant-
 - a. Is a fit and proper person to manage the business or any part of the business of a national lottery;
 - b. Has the relevant knowledge, expertise and experience to manage the business or any part of the business of operating a national lottery;
 - c. Has established that he/she is capable of mobilizing sufficient financial resources to ensure financial viability of the business of operating a national lottery; and
 - d. Has made an undertaking to conduct the business of a national lottery with all due propriety, corruption free, accountability, transparency and protection of the interests of participating stakeholders and the public.
- 25.2 Any license granted under subsection 25.1 may be subject to such terms and conditions as the Authority may, from time to time determine, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, such conditions shall include-
 - a. The percentage of the net proceeds payable to the Fund and the frequency of such payment in respect of all individual lotteries operated pursuant to the license; and
 - b. Whether or not the license is exclusive in respect of all or individual lotteries operated under the license.
- 25.3 If any change occurs in the information provided in the application for a license by any person or body corporate including any documents lodged with the application before the application is acted upon by the Authority, the applicant shall forthwith submit to the Authority written particulars of the change.

§26. Duration of license

- 26.1 Subject to subsection 26.2, a license granted under section 25.1 of this Act shall be valid for a period of one year as of the date the license was granted, except as otherwise provided in this Act for failure to obtain license at the time of registration of the business with the registration authorities.
- 26.2 During the duration of the license, the licensee shall be entitled to use the words "national lottery" as an identification and endorsement for any or all lotteries operated under the license.

§27. Renewal of license

- 27.1 A license issued under this Act shall be renewable annually.

- 27.2 The fee for the renewal of license shall be determined and published in at least three (3) local dailies by the Authority not later than two (2) months prior to the end of each fiscal year.

§28. Non-transferability of license

- 28.1 A license issued by the Authority shall be nontransferable.
- 28.2 A person or body corporate found to have transferred a license commits a violation of this Act and is liable to a fine to be determined by the Board of not less than Two Thousand Five Hundred United States Dollars in addition to the revocation of said license.

§29. Revocation of License

- 29.1 Notwithstanding subsection 26.1 of this Act, a license granted under this Act may be revoked by the Authority if-
- a. The licensee is no longer a fit and proper person to carry on the business of the national lottery, whether arising from insolvency, liquidation or any other valid reason;
 - b. There has been a contravention or a breach of any of the conditions contained in the license;
 - c. Any person for whose benefit the license has been acquired or who is a holding company of the licensee or who in any other way controls the licensee, is not a fit and proper person to benefit from it.
 - d. The licensee, or based on the instruction of a licensee, any of its employees unlawfully prevents the Authority, the Board or any authorized person from carrying out his or its duties under this Act;
 - e. The licensee has failed to take adequate steps to prevent the commission of fraud by its employees, after having been alerted or becoming or having any reason to be aware of the conditions conducive to the commission of fraud, or to instances of fraud or dishonesty;
 - f. The licensee fails to prevent or abate the violation of the provisions of this Act or the license; or
 - g. The licensee or any of its employees repeatedly and knowingly sells tickets or awards or pays prizes to any person contrary to the provisions of this Act.
- 29.2 The authority shall, if satisfied that there exists any ground for revocation as specified subsection 29.1 of this section-
- a. Notify the licensee in writing at the registered address of the licensee, of the existence of such grounds; and
 - b. Request the licensee to furnish reasons within 14 days of service of such notice as to why the license should not be revoked.
- 29.3 The Authority may-
- a. If satisfied with any reason furnished by the licensee pursuant to subsection 29.2 allow the license to continue; or

- b. If not satisfied with the reasons furnished by the licensee, revoke the license.

§30. Restriction on licensing public officials

- 30.1 No person holding a political office or in the public service at a policy-making level of the Government shall be licensed to undertake national lottery or have any financial interest in a national lottery.

§31. Appointments of agents by a licensee to manage lotteries

- 31.1 A licensee may appoint, contract or otherwise engage any person or body corporate as an operator or agent to manage, promote, conduct or operate, on behalf of the licensee, all or any of the lotteries to which the licensee's license relates.

§32. Application of proceeds of a national lottery

- 32.1 A licensee shall establish an operational fund to be known as the "prize fund" into which shall be paid a minimum return of fifty percent of the proceeds of a national lottery.
- 32.2 The prize fund established by the licensee pursuant to subsection 32.1 of this section shall be applied exclusively for the payment of prizes in respect of such lotteries from which the proceeds were realized.
- 32.3 A licensee shall pay to the Fund established under section 11 of this Act within a period of not more than 90 days after the determination of the result of each lottery, an amount of twenty percent of the proceeds of the lottery.

§33. Financial statements and records of licensee

- 33.1 A licensee shall submit to the Authority and the Board, at such time and in such manner as the Board may from time to time prescribe financial statements, returns and other records relating to the lotteries operated pursuant to the license.
- 33.2 A licensee shall keep proper accounts and records of the transactions and affairs of the licensee sufficient to explain the financial operations and financial position of the licensee.
- 33.3 A licensee may apply to the Authority, through the Board, for extension of time within which to submit the financial statement or return specified in subsection 33.1. Such extension however shall not be for a period more than one month.

§34. Annual reports by licensee

- 34.1 A licensee shall prepare and submit to the Authority not later than September 30 each year a report in such form as the Authority may direct on the activities of the licensee during the immediate preceding year and shall include in the report a copy of the financial statement for the year submitted pursuant to section 33 of this Act, as well as the audited accounts of the licensee for that year, pursuant to section 34 of this Act.

§35. Audit of accounts and financial statements of the licensee

- 35.1 The licensee shall cause his or its accounts and financial statements to be audited within two months after the end of each year by licensed external auditors.

§36. Sale of lottery tickets

- 36.1 A ticket of any lottery under this Act shall be sold on behalf of a licensee through personal application, postage or electronic transaction-
- a. At the offices of the licensee;
 - b. By sales agents appointed or contracted by the licensee;
 - c. Automatic vending machine authorized by the licensee; or
 - d. By such other means as may be authorized or designated by the licensee from time to time.

§37. Commercial lottery, syndicating prohibited

- 37.1 No person shall obtain or attempt to obtain any direct or indirect financial gain for himself or for any other person by forming, conducting or assisting in forming or conducting a syndicate for the purchase of a ticket or electronic entry.
- 37.2 No person shall promote-
- a. The formation of any syndicate for the purpose of a ticket or electronic entry;
 - b. Any form of syndicate for the purchase of any ticket or making any electronic entry; or
 - c. Any scheme capable of assisting any other person to form any syndicate for the purpose of purchasing ticket or making electronic entry.
- 37.3 Any person who contravenes the provisions of subsections 37.1 and 37.2 shall be subject to administrative hearing instituted by the Board and if found to have violated, he or she shall be liable to pay a fine to be determined by the Board of not less than One thousand United States Dollars. Decisions of the Board shall be appealable to the appropriate judicial authority.
- 37.4 It shall be a defense to an allegation brought under this section if the person accused proves that-
- (a) The violation was committed by the body corporate without his consent or knowledge; or
 - (b) He/she exercised due diligence to prevent the violation.
- 37.5 This section does not apply to-
- a. The licensee or operator; or
 - b. Any sales agent of the licensee or operator with respect to any commission payment received under an agreement with the licensee or operator.

§38. Unclaimed prizes

- 38.1 Subject to this Act and any other condition in the license, the licensee shall undertake reasonable endeavors to find and make payment to all prize winners.
- 38.2 A licensee may deduct from the prize fund the legitimate expenses incurred in finding and paying winner of prizes previously unclaimed.

- 38.3 Upon the expiration of 90 days following any lottery draw, the licensee shall retain any prizes remaining as part of the prize fund and such monies as remains unclaimed shall be used to pay future prizes.
- 38.4 A licensee may, at his/her own discretion, meet the legitimate claims of jackpot winners in respect of any prize previously unclaimed for a period of longer than 180 days, from the prize fund maintained by the licensee pursuant to section 32.1 of this Act.
- 38.5 A licensee may at his/her own discretion apply any part of the unclaimed prizes for supplementary draws for the promotion of social objectives of the national lottery.

§39. Application of this Act to existing license

- 39.1 The provisions of this Act shall apply to any license to operate a national lottery existing immediately before the effective date of this Act and such license shall be deemed to have been granted under this Act, provided such license to operate a lottery has the duration of not more than one year.
- 39.2 Any other entity or licensee which has a license duration extended beyond one year may in thirty days following the effective date of this Act apply to the Authority for license to operate,³ otherwise, such entity's license shall be deemed to have been revoked after the 30 days.

§40. General Offenses and Penalties

- 40.1 Any person who-
- Forges any lottery ticket or causes any ticket to be forged;
 - Knowingly disposes of, or attempts to sell or dispose of any forged or stolen ticket;
 - Alters any number or figure or falsifies or otherwise disfigures any ticket with the intent to defraud;
 - With the intent to defraud, takes or converts to his/her own use or to use of any other person, any proceeds from a lottery operated by the licensee;
 - Knowingly sells to any person under the age of eighteen (18) years in any lottery operated by the licensee;
 - Fraudulently or unlawfully holds himself/herself out as an agent of the licensee;
 - As an incentive or inducement to enter into contract, or as a condition or consequence of entering into a contract, gives a guarantee or promise to a person that the person will win a prize or share of a prize in a lottery;
 - Conducts or promotes a scheme under which a guarantee or promise is given a person participating in the scheme to the effect that the person will win a prize or share out of a prize in a lottery; or
 - Contravenes any provisions of this Act where no specific penalty is provided, commits an offence and shall be liable to a fine of not less than Two Thousand Five United States Dollars or imprisonment for a term of not less than one year, or both.
- 40.2 Within the framework of this Act and any regulation made pursuant thereto, any contravention of any of the provisions of this Act where no specific penalty is provided shall subject the violator to an administrative hearing or prosecution depending on the nature of the violation.

§41. Exemption from Taxations

The Authority, its property, other assets, income, and the operations and transaction it carries out under this Act shall be immune from all taxation and from all customs duties, paid by the Authority shall be exempted from taxation.

**THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON PUBLICATION INTO
HANDBILLS.**

ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING

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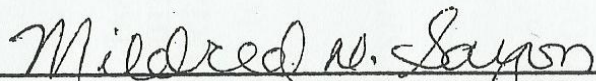
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On motion, Bill read. On motion, the Bill was adopted on its first reading and sent to Committee Room on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 @ 12:28 G.M.T.

On motion, Bill taken from the Committee Room for its second reading. On motion, under the suspension of the rule, the second reading of the Bill constituted its third and final reading and the Bill was adopted, passed into the full force of the law and ordered engrossed today, Wednesday, December 10, 2014 @ 12:46 G.M.T.



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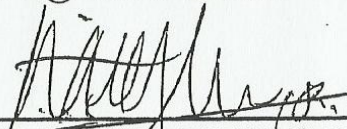
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On motion, Bill read. On motion, the Bill was adopted on its first reading and sent to Committee Room on Thursday, December 11, 2014 @ 13:45 G.M.T.

On motion, Bill taken from the Committee Room for its second reading. On motion, under the suspension of the rule, the second reading of the Bill constituted its third and final reading and the Bill was adopted, passed into the full force of the law and ordered engrossed today, Tuesday, December 16, 2014 @ 13:05 G.M.T.

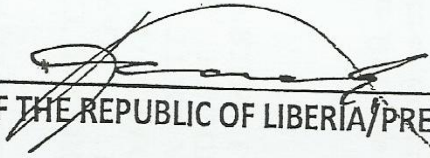


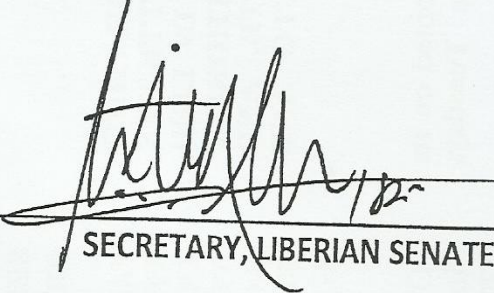
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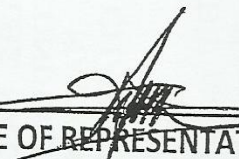
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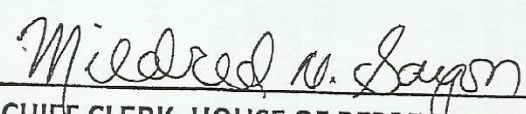
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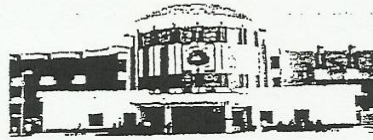
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HOUSE'S ENROLLED BILL NO. 25 ENTITLED:

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PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA FOR
EXECUTIVE APPROVAL.

APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF December A.D. 2014

AT THE HOUR OF 11:20 A.M.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA