

I assent.

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GEORGE VELLA
President

16th June, 2023

ACT No. XXI of 2023

AN ACT to amend the Gaming Act, Cap. 583.

1. The short title of this Act is the Gaming (Amendment) Act, 2023 and this Act shall be read and construed as one with the Gaming Act, hereinafter referred to as the "principal Act".

Short title.
Cap. 583.

2. Immediately after article 56 of the principal Act, there shall be added the following new article:

Addition of a
new article to
the principal
Act.

Cap. 12.

"56A. Notwithstanding any provision of the Code of Organization and Civil Procedure or of any other law, as a principle of public policy:

(a) no action shall lie against a licence holder and, or current and, or former officers and, or key persons of a licence holder for matters relating to the provision of a gaming service, or against a player for the receipt of such gaming service, if such action:

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(i) conflicts with or undermines the legality of the provision of gaming services in or from Malta by virtue of a licence issued by the Authority, or the legality of any legal or natural obligation resulting from the provision of such gaming services; and

(ii) relates to an authorised activity which is lawful in terms of the Act and other applicable regulatory instruments; and

(b) The Court shall refuse recognition and, or enforcement in Malta of any foreign judgment and, or decision given upon an action of the type mentioned in sub-article (a).".

Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 132 of the 12th June, 2023.

ANĠLU FARRUGIA
Speaker

ELEANOR SCERRI
*Acting Clerk of the House of
Representatives*

