

I assent.

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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