

***EKITI STATE LOTTERIES AND GAMING
COMMISSION BILL, 2025***

EKITI STATE OF NIGERIA

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FOR A LAW ESTABLISHING THE EKITI STATE LOTTTERIES AND GAMMING COMMISSION, TO REGULATE EKITI STATE LOTTERY, GAMING, BETTING AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

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Commencement ()

ENACTED BY THE EKITI STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY AS FOLLOWS:

PART A

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF EKITI STATE LOTTERIES AND GAMING COMMISSION.

There is hereby established a Commission to be known as the Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming Commission.

The Commission shall:

- (a) be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal
- (b) have power to sue and be sued in its corporate name; and
- (c) be capable of holding, purchasing, acquiring and disposing of property movable or immovable for the purpose of carrying out its functions under this Law

2. ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD.

There is hereby established for the Commission, a Board which shall consist of the following members:

- (1) A full-time Executive Chairman of the Commission who shall be a person with knowledge or experience with regards to matters pertaining to the functions of the Board and shall be Chief Executive of the Commission.

- (2) Three other part-time members, who shall be persons with knowledge or experience with regards to matters pertaining to the functions of the Board, one representing each Senatorial District of Ekiti State;
- (3) Five other Ex-Officio Members as follows:
 - (a) The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance or his representative;
 - (b) The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice or his representative;
 - (c) The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Investment, Trade, Industry and Cooperatives or his Representative;
 - (d) The Accountant-General of the State or his representative; and
 - (e) Representative of Internal Revenue Services.
- (4) The Executive Secretary who shall also be the Secretary to the Board and the Accounting Officer of the Commission. He shall be responsible for the day to day running of the Commission,
- (5) Members of the Board other than the Ex-Officio members shall be appointed by the Governor.

3. TENURE OF OFFICE.

Members of the Board other than the ex-officio members shall hold office at the pleasure of the Governor and in accordance with the terms stated in his letter of appointment.

4. CESSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The Governor may remove any member of the Board who is culpable of any of the facts provided for in Section 6 of this law, or on any other grounds of serious misconduct or prolonged inability to perform the function(s) of his office

5. VACANCY IN THE BOARD

(1) Whenever there is a vacancy in the Board as a result of removal or suspension of any member, the Governor shall fill the vacancy by appointing another person for the remainder of the period for which the person, in respect of whom the vacancy arose, had been appointed.

(2) In the event that the Board is dissolved or not yet constituted, the functions of the Board as it relates to the administration of the Board shall be performed by the Executive Secretary and the Staff of the Board.

6. PERSONS TO BE APPOINTED AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

A person shall not be appointed or remain a member of the Board if he:-

- a. is not a fit and proper person for such membership;
- b. has whether personally or through his spouse, immediate family member, business partner or associate obtained a direct financial interest in any Lottery and Gaming or associated activity;
- c. has had any such interest during the period of three years immediately prior to the envisaged date of appointment as member of the Board;
- d. has obtained any interest in any business or enterprise that may conflict or interfere with the proper performance of his or her functions as a member of the Board;
- e. is a shareholder of any operator or prospective operator;
- f. becomes a political office holder;
- g. becomes insolvent or has been removed from an office on account of misconduct; and/ or
- h. has at any time been convicted, whether in Nigeria or elsewhere, of theft, fraud, forgery or altering a document, perjure, or any offense involving dishonesty.

7. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

(1). A person who has been nominated for appointment to the Board and who has accepted that nomination shall prior to his appointment as a member submit to the Governor a written statement in which he declares whether or not he has any interest contemplated in Section 6(b)(c)(d) and (e) of this Law.

(2). Any member of the Board or an employee of the Board whose duties include any matter relating to Lottery and Gaming or any other person who has served as a member of staff of the Board or his spouse, immediate family member or business partner or associate may not during the time of his serve to the Board or for a period of **12 months** after the termination of such service take up employment or in any way receive any benefit from any person who is applying or has applied for the Operational Accord to conduct the Ekiti Lottery and Gaming, unless the terms of such employment or the nature and extent of such benefits have been disclosed to the Board and the Board has authorized that employment or advantages.

8. CONTEMPLATED INTEREST TO BE DECLARED TO THE GOVERNOR.

Any members who during his term of office acquires or contemplates acquiring an interest which could possibly be an interest contemplate in Section 6(b),(c),(d) and(e) of

this Law shall forthwith in writing declare that fact to the Governor, and the Board at its meeting shall consider whether such an interest constitutes or may constitute a contravention of Section 6(b),(c),(d)&(e) of this Law. And if it is considered not to be a contravention, whether such an acquisition is contemplated acquisition and likely to compromise the impartiality of the Board.

9. FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD.

The Board shall:

- (a) use the proceeds from time to time to fund projects approved by the Governor on the recommendation of the Board. Such project shall include but not limited to projects for advancement, upliftment and promotion of sports development, education, social services, public welfare relief and management of natural disasters in Ekiti State. Provided that the express approval of the Governor shall be first sought and obtained before any part of the proceeds is expended on any project;**
- (b). advise the Commission on the efficiency of legislation as relates to the lotteries and ancillary matters;**
- (c) administer the money paid to the Board in accordance with this Law and the Operational Accord for the Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming;**
- (d) with the approval of the Governor states the collectible of the Board, fix the amount to be Collected and review the amount as at when due;**
- (e) administer the money paid to the Board in accordance with this Law and the Operational Accord for the Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming;**
- (f) inspect and audit the Operational Accord record of accounts whenever it appears necessary in the opinion of the Board to do so; and**
- (g) perform such additional duties in respect of lotteries as the Governor may assign to the Board.**

10. DECISION OF THE GOVERNOR ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD.

The **Governor** shall after considering the Board's recommendation, inform the member concerned, if the acquisition or contemplated acquisition constituted an interest contemplated in Section 6(b)(c)(d) and (e) of this Law or is likely to compromise the impartiality of the Board

11. FAILURE OF MEMBER TO DIVEST HIMSELF OF INTEREST.

Where the interest of member is likely to compromise the interest of the Board, the member shall forthwith divest himself or herself of that interest, failing which the Governor shall take action in terms of **Section 4** of this Law.

12. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD AND PROCEEDINGS:

(1). the meeting of the Board shall be held on such date, at such time and place as may be determined by the Board.

(2). the proceedings at a meeting of the Board shall, subject to this section be determined by the Executive Chairman in consultation with the Board, and decision in this regard shall be taken after due consideration of the principles of openness and transparency.

(3). the quorum for a meeting of the Board shall be taken by a majority of the members of the Board.

(4). A decision of the Board shall be taken by a majority of the votes of the members present and in the event of an equality of votes on any matter, the Executive Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

(5). The Executive Chairman shall notify the Board of any meeting of the Board or its Executive Committee at least two weeks before the date.

13. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD.

(1) The Board may from time to time appoint an Executive Committee to perform the functions and exercise the powers delegated to it by the Board.

(2). An Executive Committee shall consist of such members of the Board as the Board may designate.

(3). The Legal Adviser attached to the Commission shall be the representative of the Attorney General and shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

(4). The Board shall designate the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

(5). An Executive Committee shall perform its functions in accordance with the provisions of this Law and such directives of the Board which are not in conflict with such provisions.

(6) Any delegated function so performed shall be deemed to have been performed by the Board.

14. EMOLUMENT, ETC OF MEMBERS.

The Chairman and members of the Board shall be paid such emoluments, allowances and benefits as the Governor may, from time to time, direct.

15. POWERS OF THE BOARD.

The Board shall have power to:

- (1) provide general policy guidelines relating to the functions of the Commission;
- (2) manage and superintend the policies of the Commission;
- (3) determine the terms and conditions of service of the employees of the Commission;
- (4) fix the remuneration, allowances and benefits of staff and employees of the Commission in consultation with the wages and salaries;
- (5) do other things which in its opinion are necessary to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Commission under this law.

16. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

The Commission shall:

- (a) regulate the Operation and Business of Ekiti Lotteries/Gaming;
- (b) in collaboration with the Operators sets Standard, guidelines and rules for the operations of Lotteries/Gaming;
- (c) promote transparency, propriety and integrity in the operation of Lotteries and Gaming Business;
- (d) ensure the protections and interest of players, stakeholders and the public;
- (e) carry out periodic assessment of the operation of Lotteries/Gaming in the State;
- (f) advice the Governor on the issuing of the Operational Accord to conduct the Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming;

- (g) take into consideration the interests of every participant and ensure the net proceeds of the Ekiti State Lottery, Betting and Gaming increase as much as possible;
- (h) make such arrangements as may be specified in the Operational Accord for the protection of prize monies and sums for distribution;
- (i) advise the Governor on any other matter relating to the Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming and other lotteries or any other matter on which the Governor requires advice of the Commission;
- (j) grant Operational Accord for Public on the lotteries and other lotteries within the State;
- (k) monitor retail ticket sales by using information technology, standard based solutions, comprehensive and automated processing;
- (m) impose fee on all Lottery, Raffle Draw, Betting and Gaming operations within the State;
- (n) enter into contract with any agent, supplier or platform operator for the exercise of its monitoring, retail management and regulatory functions of the Commission; and
- (o) do all such things as are necessary and incidental to achieving the purpose(s) of the Commission.

17. STAFF OF THE COMMISSION.

(1) There shall be for the Commission, an Executive Chairman: who shall-

- (a). be appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation of the House of Assembly and
- (b). be the chief executive of the Commission.

(2)The Executive Chairman shall hold office **at the pleasure of the Governor and in accordance with the terms stated in his letter of appointment.**

(3) Notwithstanding the provision of subsection (2) of this section, the Executive Chairman may-

(a) resign his appointment by notice in writing under his hand, addressed to the Governor through the Board; or

(b) be removed by the Governor for inability to discharge the functions of his office (weather arising from infirmity of mind or body or any other cause) or for misconduct or corruption.

18. OTHER STAFF OF THE COMMISSION.

The Commission may, subject to the approval of the Board, appoint such other staff as it may deem necessary and expedient, from time to time for proper and efficient performance of the functions of the Commission and shall be subject to the provision of the Pension Reform Act, and accordingly be entitled to pensions and other retirement benefits as prescribed under the Pension Reform Act.

19. FUNDS FOR THE COMMISSION.

The Commission shall establish and maintain a fund to which shall paid and be credited-

- (a) an amount not more than 10% of Internally Generated Revenue through the activities of the Commission in the preceding month as administrative charge or cost of collections;
 - (b) all other moneys which may from time to time accrue to the Commission for other services including the disposal, lease or hire of any other dealings with, any property vested in or acquired by the Commission;
 - (c) all sums of money accruing to the Commission by way of grants-in-aid, gifts, testamentary dispositions and endowments and contributions from any source whatsoever; and
 - (d) such moneys as may from time to time be granted to the Commission by the State Government or donor agencies provided such grant are not intended for purposes contrary to the objects and functions of the Commission.
- (2) The fund shall be necessary to defray any expenses incurred by the Commission, including the remuneration, allowances and other employment benefits of the Executive Chairman and members of Staff of the Board.
- (3) All funds generated as revenue for the Government shall be paid into a designated Government “TSA” account.

20. CONSULTATION OF THE COMMISSION.

The Board may consult any person, organization or institutions with regard to any matter deemed necessary by the Board to enable the Board perform its functions effectively.

21. AUDIT AND ANNUAL REPORT

(1). The Board shall:

- i. Keep proper books and records in relation to receipts and payments;
- ii. Prepare a report of all the activities of the Commission including financial statements in respect of each financial year and the Board's functions in respect of all lotteries and all matters in respect of which the Commission rendered advice or made recommendations;
- iii. Submit the reports and financial statements to the relevant authorities within three (3) months after each financial year.

(2). In this Section, financial year means the period from the date in which the Board is appointed for the first time to the last day of December in the following year, and each period of 12 months thereafter ending on the last day of December.

(3) The financial statements shall comply with generally accepted accounting principles and any other directions that may be given by the Board or may be provided for in statutory measures applicable to the Board, as to the information to be contained in such statements, the manner in which such information is to be presented or the methods and principles according to which such statements are to be prepared.

(4) The financial statements of the Commission shall be audited by an Auditor or Auditors selected by the Board from the list of qualified Auditors provided by the Auditor-General and the report shall be published in a National Newspaper within ninety (90) days after submission to the House of Assembly.

22. PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC OFFICER

(1) Subject to the provisions of this law, the provision of Public Officers Protection Act shall apply in relation to any suit instituted against any member or officer or employee of the Commission.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law or enactment, no suit against a member of the Board, the Executive Secretary, officer or employee of the Commission for any act done in pursuant or execution of this law or any other law or enactment or in respect of any alleged neglects or defaults in the execution of this Law or any other law or enactment, duties or authorities, shall lie or be instituted in any court unless it is commenced-

- a. within three months next after the act, neglect or default complained of;

b. in the case of continuation of damage or injury, within six months after the ceasing thereof.

(3) No suit shall be commenced against a member of the Board, Executive Secretary, other staff or the employee of the Commission before the expiration of a period of one month after written notice of the intention to commence the suit have been served on the Commission.

23. OPERATIONAL ACCORD TO CONDUCT EKITI STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING.

(a) The Governor may on the recommendation of the Board grant an Operation Accord on the terms contemplated by the law, authorizing a person to conduct the business of Lottery, Betting and Gaming in the State.

(b) An application for Operational Accord under this law shall be in writing and shall contain such information as the Governor or the Board has specified as necessary to enable the Board to meet the requirements contemplated in this Law.

(c) All lotteries business within the State as provided for under PART A of this Law shall be conducted through on-line sales by Operational Accord holders.

(d) All Lottery and Gaming operators within the State operating in accordance with the provisions of PART A of this law shall sell Lottery and Gaming only at Board approved terminals or Point of Sales.

24. GRANT OF OPERATIONAL ACCORD.

(1) As from the commencement of this law, the operation of the Business of E lotteries or Gaming or whatever name called shall be subject to an Operational Accord granted by the Governor upon recommendation by the Board. The Governor may grant Operational Accord to any person or body corporate to operate in Ekiti, if the Governor is satisfied that the applicant-

(a) has a registered company under the Company and Allied Matters Act with a minimum share capital of Twenty Million Naira(N20,000.00) and a local contentment shareholder with minimum of 15% shareholding or submission of Fifty Million(N50,000.00) bank guarantee from any Commercial Bank. or as may be directed by the Commission; with sufficient and appropriate knowledge or experience to conduct the Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming, or has unconstrained continuing access thereto, and will be to conduct the Ekiti

State Lottery and Gaming strictly in accordance with this Law, the Operational Accord, and any agreement pertaining to this Accord.

- (b) has the necessary financial and other resources to conduct the Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming and.
- (c) not a political office holder or has no political party or has any direct financial interest in the applicant or is a shareholder in the applicant's business.
- (2) In considering whether to grant an Operational Accord, the Board shall take into account:
 - a) whether any person who appears to the Board to manage the business or any part of the business of the Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming or public on-line Lottery and Gaming under Operational Accord, is a fit and proper person to do so;
 - b) whether any person who is likely to manage the business or any part of the Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming under the Operational Accord will do so;
 - c) with all due propriety and strictly in accordance with this Law, all other applicable Laws and the Operational Accord for Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming or public on-line Lottery and Gaming together with any agreement pertaining to the Operational Accord.
 - d) that the interest of every participant in the Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming or Public on-line Lottery and Gaming are protected as possible.

25. COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS.

- (1) The conditions contemplated under this Section of the Law shall include such conditions as the Governor shall determine after consultation with the Board and shall in particular include conditions requiring the Operators to:
 - (a) notify the Board in writing before doing anything specified in the Operational Accord;
 - (b) refer specified matters to the Board for approval;
 - (c) ensure that such requirements as the Board may from time to time determine or approve in terms of the Operational Accord are complied with, including the imposition of penalties in the event of the Operators not complying with any provisions of this Law;

- (d) provide the Board at such time specified with such information as the Board may require;
 - (e) make such arrangements as may be specified in the Operational Accord for the payment of such sums out of the proceeds of Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming or Public on-line lotteries as may be so specified to the fund or to the Board as the case may be, at specified times;
 - (f) do such things in terms of the Operational Accord, including the transfer of property or any rights excluding intellectual property rights or proprietary software, as the Board may require upon the expiration of the Operational Accord;
 - (g) obtain the approval of the Board for any Lottery and Gaming and the rules thereof before that Lottery and Gaming is conducted under the Operational Accord for Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming or public on-line lotteries; and
 - (h) to ensure a valid and enforceable undertaking in writing from the Operators not to permit, require or compel any of its employees or agents to knowingly sell a ticket, or to award or to pay any prize to a director of the operator or a director of a member, employee or agent of the Board.
- (2) An Operational Accord granted under this law shall include the conditions contemplated in Sections 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27.
 - (3) An Operational Accord contemplated subsection (2) may allow the Operator to appoint another person to conduct certain lotteries of the Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming on behalf of the Operator only with written approval of the Governor.

26. ISSUANCE OF OPERATIONAL ACCORD.

- (1) No person shall be allowed to operate, conduct, deploy any equipment, manage, accept wagers, rent a property, employ, advertise for any gaming activity (whether remotely, electronically or otherwise) in the State unless it has a subsisting Operational Accord or authorization from the Board.
- (2) The Board may issue the following Operational Accord:
 - (a) Casino Operational Accord
 - (b) Bingo Operational Accord

- (c) Pool betting Operational Accord
 - (d) Sports betting Operational Accord
 - (e) Lottery and Gaming Operational Accord
 - (f) Agent or affiliate Operational Accord
 - (g) Sweepstakes Operational Accord
 - (h) Slots or gaming machine Operational Accord
 - (i) Non-commercial Operational Accord
- (3) The Board may create new Operational Accord categories and issue different Operational Accord from time to time.

27. DURATION OF OPERATIONAL ACCORD.

(i) **all Operational Accord shall be valid for one year, authority may periodically** review the duration of each category of Operational Accord: and renewable subject to satisfactory performance of the Operator, with the exception of the State run Lottery and Gaming (Ekiti Lotto) which will be granted an initial operating Operational Accord of 4 years. However, the Board reserves the right to review the duration of each Operational Accord category from time to time as it deems fit.

(ii) **Register of Operational Accord.** The authority shall maintain a register or website of operation containing such details relating to each gaming and make same for inspections as the authority deems appropriate.

28. RENEWAL OF OPERATIONAL ACCORD.

(1) Where the Operator has been granted, the Operator may not earlier than six months or later than two months of the expiration of the terms apply for a renewal of Operational Accord.

(2) Each Operational Accord shall be renewed two months before the expiration date.

(3) An Operational Accord shall continue to be valid until:

- (i) Operator fails to pay his annual Subscription fee or renew after the expiration of the Operational Accord;

- (ii) fails to pay all its taxes, levies or any fees that may be stipulated from time to time;
- (iii) An Operational Accord is revoked by the Board;
- (iv) An Operator ceases to conduct business for a continued period of 6 months without securing the Board's approval;
- (v) An Operator voluntarily surrender the Operational Accord; and
- (vi) An Operator is declared insolvent by a Court of competent jurisdiction or goes into liquidation.

29. CONDITIONS FOR RENEWAL.

In determining whether to renew the Operational Accord or not, Sections 23, 24 and 26 of this Law shall be applied and the Governor shall take into account any advice given by the Board in pursuance of the condition of the Operational Accord.

30. POOL BETTING OPERATIONAL ACCORD.

1. Pool betting Operational Accord" means either—

- (i) a fixed odds Operational Accord, that authorizes the Promoters to carry on the business in Ekiti State known as "betting at fixed odds" at any premises specified in the Operational Accord but not any other form of pool betting business; or
- (ii) a treble chance Operational Accord, that authorizes the operator to carry on all forms of Pool Business in Ekiti State as specified in the Operational Accord other than the business known as "betting at fixed odds".

2. Pool Betting Good Causes Money

- (a) On the grant of a Pool Betting Operational Accord, an operator shall pay a registration fee, which is renewable every year.
- (b) A Pool Promoter shall pay a monthly Good Causes Levy.
- (c) A receipt issued by the Authority shall be sufficient evidence of the payment of the levy for tax purposes.
- (d) The Promoter shall make returns to the Authority in the prescribed form of all pool betting business transacted by the operator.

31. GRANT OF OPERATIONAL ACCORD TO POOL OPERATORS.

The Board before granting Operational Accord under this Law shall ensure that-

- (a) The applicant has sufficient and appropriate knowledge or experience to conduct Pool and must be in accordance with this Law, the Operational Accord, and any agreement pertaining to same;
- (b) The applicant has the necessary financial and other resources to conduct Pool Business; and.
- (c) No political party in the State or political office holders have any direct financial interest in the applicant or is a shareholder in the applicant's business.
- (2) In considering whether to grant the Operational Accord, the Board shall take into account-
 - a) Whether any person who appears to the Board to manage the business or any part of the Pool business in Ekiti State under the Operational Accord, is a fit and proper person to do so;
 - b) Whether any person who is likely to manage the business or any part of the Pool Business under the Operational Accord will do so;
 - c) With all due propriety and strictly in accordance with this Law, all other applicable Laws or any agreement pertaining to the Operational Accord.
 - d) That the interests of every participant in the Pool are protected as possible.

32. POWER TO ENTER AND INSPECT.

An Operator shall allow the Board or anyone designated by it to enter the premises or facility belonging to or under the control of the operator or a member of the management of the Operator or premises to which the operator has a right of access after 24 hours' notice has been given. As much as such entry is necessary for protection of the integrity of the Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming or Public on-line Lottery and Gaming and to:

- (a) examine or inspect anything, machine, document or data capture in any form, excluding proprietary software found on or in the premises or facility, make copies of or make extracts from that thing, machine document or data; and
- (b) take such steps as may be reasonably necessary to protect the integrity and conduct of the Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming.

33. GOOD CAUSES MONEY (GCM).

The operators/promoters shall pay Good Causes Money (GCM) which is 3% of its sales turnover from gaming activities conducted in Ekiti State as gaming tax on a monthly basis. The tax is based on sales from gaming activities and not all streams of the operator's/promoter's income.

34. TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND ACCESS TO OPERATORS/PROMOTERS PLATFORM.

The Commission shall be granted access to operator's premises to have the following information but not limited to:

- a) Detailed information and profile of technical service providers/partners;**
- b) Draw machine manufacturers and suppliers;**
- c) Web hosting providers;**
- d) Database/backup services;**
- e) Architectural diagram clearly illustrating the technical operational flow;**
- f) Information on software and hardware,;**
- g) Types of servers to be used;**
- h) Details of firewalls, routers and other security features;**
- i) Redundancy implementations (if any);**
- j) Detailed information on software;**
- k) Operating system;**
- l) Database application specification; and**
- m) Access to platform back-end with Username & Password for the Ekiti State sales alone.**

35. MONITORING OPERATIONAL ACCORD SYSTEM

- 1.) (i) The Commission may, at any time, following consultation with the Operator, require an Operator, a specific category of Operators, or all Operators to connect any of its systems to a monitoring system operated by the Commission, and to maintain such connection at all times,
 - (ii) In the event that the Commission imposes the requirement referred to in subsection (1)(i) of this Section, the Commission may give the specifications necessary for it to liable to, and the manner in which it shall operate the monitoring system to ensure their compatibility with the monitoring system and the requirements of the Commission.
- 2.) **The Commission may use a monitory system for:**
- i.) Receiving reports or statements which Operators are obliged to submit to the Commission in terms of these regulations, any directive, any other applicable law or any condition of the Operational Accord;
 - ii.) Monitoring and receiving information relating to all games and, or Lottery and the operation, including player, game and financial data as may be required by the Commission to fulfill its objectives at Law;

- iii.) Investigating the Operator's compliance with, the Law, these regulations, any Operational Accord conditions, directives and any other applicable legislations, including any laws or regulations at any time in force for the prevention of money laundering;
- iv.) Research and the compilation of statistics and analytics in an aggregated format; and
- v.) Any other purpose required by the Commission in fulfilling its objectives at Law, or as may be specified in directives issued by the Commission from time to time.

3.) Any Information collected by the Commission in terms of sub-section (2) (iv) of this section may be made available to the public.

4.) The Commission shall not be held liable for any loss or damage due to a fault in the monitoring system, or in the telecommunications system used to operate the monitoring system.

5.) Where the obligations referred to in section (2) have been imposed, Operator shall ensure that its systems, and the means of communication through which its systems are connected to the monitoring system, complies with standards or requirements established by the Commission and remain so compliant throughout the duration of the Operational Accord, and shall not be modified, tampered with or re-programmed by any person without the approval of the Commission.

6.) Anyone who violates the provisions of section 5 of these Regulations shall be liable to pay a financial penalty as may be specified by the Commission in a notice to the offender.

36. FEES.

A person applying for or seeking to be granted Operational Accord under this Law shall pay the prescribed fee into to the designated Government account.

37. VARIATION OF CONDITIONS OF OPERATIONAL ACCORD.

(1) The Governor or the Board may vary any condition in the Operational Accord granted under section 23 of this Law:

(a) to the extent provided for in the provision to **section 23(a)** of this Law, or

(b) other than, condition contemplated in paragraph (a) above, only if the operator consents to that variation or if the operator does not consent to that variation if:

- i. that variation is provided for in this Law or the extent provided for in the Operational Accord ; and
- ii. the operator has been given a reasonable opportunity to make representations to the Governor in respect of the intended variation.

- (2) If the Governor on the recommendation of the Board, after consideration of the operator's representations decides to vary a condition in the Operational Accord without the consent of the operator, the Governor shall cause a notice to be served on the operator informing him of the variation and the date on which that variation shall take effect.
- (3) The provisions of the Operational Accord to vary a condition in the operations under subsection (1) may allow the Governor or the Board to add a condition to the Operational ;Accord or to omit a condition from the same.

38. FINANCIAL PENALTIES FOR BREACH OF CONDITIONS IN OPERATIONAL ACCORD.

(1) If the Governor or the Board is satisfied that a person has contravened a condition in respect of all payment due from the operator to the Board under the Operational Accord, he may impose a financial penalty on the person in respect of that contravention.

(2) The matters to which the Governor or the Board may have regard to impose a financial penalty include:

- i. to the extent provided for in the provision of section 26(1) of this Law, or other than a condition contemplated in paragraph (1), only if the operators consents to that variation or if the operator does not consents to that variation; and
- ii. recovering any reduction in the sums payable under the provisions of this Law.

(3) If the Governor or the Board proposes to impose financial penalty, he shall serve on that person notice:

- (a) stating that the person has contravened the conditions of the Operational Accord;
- (b) identifying the contraventions in question;
- (c) stating that the Board proposes to impose a financial penalty;
- (d) stating the reasons for the imposition of the financial penalty and the amount of the financial penalty.

- (4) A **notice under section 38 (3)** above must state that the person may within the period of 14 days beginning with the date of the notice make a written representation about the matter to the Governor through the Board.
- (5) If within the period mentioned in subsection (4) above, the Governor or the Board receives no written representation, the financial penalty shall become payable at the end of the period.
- (6) The Board may make regulations as to the procedure to be followed where a person's written representation has been received.
- (7) The regulation referred to in subsection (6) above may make provision for:
- a. the financial penalty to become payable if the person fails to comply with any requirement imposed under these regulations;
 - b. the hearing of oral representation in addition to the written representation.
- (8) Where the Governor or the Board after taking the representations into account decide whether or not to impose a financial penalty, a notice to convey the decision shall be served on the person.
- (9) Where notice is to impose a financial penalty, a further notice served on the person must:
- (a) identify the contravention in question;
 - (b) specify the amount of financial penalty;
 - (c) state the reasons for the imposition of the financial penalty and the amount of the financial penalty;
 - (d) state the account number of the Distribution Trust Fund under which the penalty is to be paid.
- (10) A financial penalty imposed by virtue of a decision under subsection (8) becomes payable on the date of the specified in the notice.
- (11) A person on whom a financial penalty is imposed is required to pay the penalty within the period of 14 days beginning with the date on which the financial penalty becomes payable.

- (12) If the whole or any part of the financial penalty is not paid within the period mentioned in subsection (11) above, then as from the end of that period the unpaid balance from time to time shall carry an interest at the current lending rate plus 2%.
- (13) A financial penalty imposed on any person and any interest that would accrue under subsection (12) above in respect of the penalty shall be recovered from that person as a debt and the person's ability to pay shall not be affected by the person's Operational Accord ceasing for any reason to that effect.

39. ENFORCEMENT OF CONDITION OF OPERATIONAL ACCORD.

- (1) If the Governor on the recommendation of the Board has reason to believe:
 - (a) that a person is likely to contravene a condition in the Operational Accord granted **under section 23** of this Law;
 - (b) that a person has contravened such a condition and there is a reasonable likelihood that the contravention will continue or be repeated;
 - (c) that a person has contravened such a convention and the contravention can be remedied, the Governor or his appointed representative may wish to apply to a court of competent jurisdiction in Ekiti State for an order prohibiting the contravention or, as the case may be, requiring the operator or any other person who appears to the Court as a party to the contravention and to take such steps as the Court may direct.
- (2) The liability of the Operator to pay any sum in terms of this Law or the Operational Accord or agreement pertaining to same shall not be affected by the operator ceasing to be valid for any reason and such sum may not be set off by the operator against any amount due and payable.

40. GROUNDS FOR REVOCATION OF OPERATIONAL ACCORD.

Any operator granted under **section 23** of this law may be revoked by the Governor on the recommendation of the Board on the ground stated bellow:

- (1) if an operator is no longer a fit and proper person to conduct the Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming, whether because of omission or an act of insolvency, liquidation or any other valid reason;

- (2) if a condition contain in the Operational Accord has been contravened and the operator has failed to redress such contravention within 21 days after receiving notice from the Board on such contravention;
- (3) if any information given by the operator, or any agent or representative of the operator to the Board is misleading:
 - i. in connection with the application for the Operational Accord;
 - ii. in accordance with a condition in the Operational Accord;
 - iii. in making representations in terms of section 34 (1) in respect of financial matters regarding the business of Lottery and Gaming in the State is materially untrue.
- (4) If any person who is managing the business or any part of the business of an operator or who is a supplier of essential goods or services to the operator is not a fit and proper person to do so, whether because of an act of insolvency, liquidation, incarceration in a prison or other institution or for any relevant reason(s) unless the operator immediately takes steps to effectively dissociate himself or herself from that person.
- (5) If any person for whose benefit the Operational Accord has been acquired or who is a holding company of the operator or who in any other way controls the operator, is not a fit or proper person to benefit from it, whether because of insolvency, liquidation, imprisonment or any other relevant reason.
- (6) If the operator has failed to take adequate steps to prevent fraud by his employees, agents, representatives, suppliers or by any participants in Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming after been alerted by the Board of the instance of fraud or any act of dishonesty.
- (7) If the operator or any of its employees, agents, representatives or suppliers prevents the Board or any person designated by it from exercising its rights contemplated in **Section 34 of this Law**.
- (8) If the operator or any of its employees or agents repeatedly and knowingly sell tickets or award or pay prizes to any person in contravention of **Section 23** of this Law, or

- (9) If an order has been made by a Federal High Court, for the winding-up and liquidation, as the case may be against the operator or a person who may control the business of the operator.

41. NOTICE OF PROPOSED REVOCATION.

(1) If the Governor on the recommendation of the Board is satisfied that grounds exist for the revocation of the Operational Accord granted in terms of section 24, the Governor shall in writing notify the operator of the existence of such grounds and call upon the operator to furnish him with reasons within **21 days** of service of that notice at the registered address of the operator, why the Operational Accord should not be revoked, failing which the Operational Accord will cease to be valid upon the expiration of the said period of **21 days**.

(2) If the Operational Accord for the Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming ceases to be valid in terms of Subsection (1), the Governor shall inform the operator in writing of that fact and of the expiring date upon which the Operational Accord ceased to be valid.

42. SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONAL ACCORD.

The Governor on the recommendation of the Board may order a suspension of the Operational Accord in the notice contemplated in Section 34 as from the date of service of that notice for a period not longer than 30 days after the operator has furnished those reasons.

43. REVOCATION OF OPERATIONAL ACCORD.

(1) If reasons are furnished by the operator as contemplated in Section 42 the Governor on the recommendation of the Board, shall after considering such reasons:

(a) decide whether or not to revoked the Operational Accord; or

(b) call upon the operator to appear before the Board on a specified date to make oral representation in support of any written representation made by the operator or to answer any question which the Governor may have with regard to such written representations. Thereafter, the Governor on the recommendation of the Board shall consider the matter and decide whether or not to revoke the Operational Accord.

(2) If the Governor after considering the matter decides to revoke the Operational Accord, the Governor shall by written notice served at the registered head office of the operator notify him/her of the revocation and the date on which it shall take effect.

(3) If the Governor decided to revoke the Operational Accord in terms of subsection (1) above, the Governor shall inform the Ekiti State House of Assembly of the reason for that revocation.

44. RESTRICTION ON OPERATIONAL ACCORD.

The Board under Part B of this Law shall not grant Operational Accord or regulate any Lottery and Gaming or lotteries except under the provision of this Law

45. APPEAL

An operator can by written application to the Board appeal any decision, directive awards, sanctions or order of the Board within 40 days of the receipt of such, following which the Board decision, award or order shall be final and executory.

46. REVOCATION OF OPERATIONAL ACCORD AND TERMINATION OF LOTTERY, BETTING AND GAMING

Notwithstanding the provision of this Law on revocation of an Operational Accord, the Board may at its discretion terminate sales by any Lottery and Gaming operator at the expiration of seven (7) days demand notice in respect of paragraphs (a) and (b) and without prior notice in respect of (c)-(d) below in the event that such operator:

- (a) defaults in payment of the proceeds due to the Board;
- (b) fails to segregate and make available funds due to the State or the Board;
- (c) fails to handle the Lottery and Gaming funds in a prescribed manner;
- (d) fails to observe the terms and conditions of its Operational Accord or any addendum thereto or any regulation or rule duly passed under this Law; or when such termination is in the best interest of the State and or the Public.

47. PROHIBITION OF OPERATION WITHOUT OPERATIONAL ACCORD.

(1) No other Lottery and Gaming business regulated under Part A of this Law shall be operated within the State without Operational Accord issued in accordance with the provisions of this Law.

(2) Unless authorized by this Law or any Regulation by the Board, no person shall conduct through any newspaper, broadcasting service or any other electronic device, or in connection with any trade or business or the sales of any article to the public with a view to making forecast of the result either in:

a, future events; or

b, past events, the result of which has not yet been ascertained or is not yet generally determined.

48. GENERAL OFFENCES.

(1) Any person who:

(a) participates in; or

(b) conducts, facilitates, promotes or devices any benefit from a Lottery and Gaming, shall unless such Lottery and Gaming has been authorized by this Law or any other Regulation be guilty of an offence.

(2) Any person who:

(a) contravenes or fails to comply with provisions of this Law;

(b) forges or in any other fraudulent way changes any ticket/coupon or any other documents or things pertaining to any Lottery and Gaming;

(c) knowingly sells or in any other way disposes of any forged ticket or any other documents or things pertaining to any Lottery and Gaming;

(d) with intent to defraud, alter any number or figure on any ticket or any other documents or things pertaining to any Lottery and Gaming;

(e) Sells a ticket:

i. at a price higher than the authorized price;

- ii. on condition that seller of the ticket shares in the prize of a ticket sold by him;
 - iii. on any condition not provided for in the rules of the Lottery and Gaming concerned;
 - iv. on credit or with the financial assistance in any form by the seller;
- (f) Conducts, organizes, promotes, devices or manages any scheme, plan, competition, arrangement, system, game or raffle draw which directly or indirectly provides for betting, wagering, gambling or any other game of risk unless authorized by this law has committed an offence.

49. OFFENCES RELATING TO EKITI STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING.

Any person who:

- (a) advertises or offers the opportunity to participate in a Lottery and Gaming, or game of another description and who gives by whatever means, a false indication that it is a Lottery and Gaming, or game, forming part of, or is otherwise connected with the Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming;
- (b) with the intent to defraud, falsely makes, alters, forges, passes or counterfeits Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming ticket;
- (c) influences or attempts to influence the winning of a prize through the use of coercion, fraud or deception or through tampering with Lottery and Gaming equipment, systems, software, data, tickets or materials;
- (d) fails to comply with any regulation made under **Section 51** shall be guilty of an offence.

50. PENALTIES.

Subject to the provisions of Sections 48 and 49 of this Law, any person who commits an offence under this Law or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Law or requirement made there under shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of **₦1,000,000.00 (One Million Naira)** or to imprisonment for a term of two (2) years or both.

51. POWER TO MAKE REGULATIONS.

The Board may in consultation with and approval of the Governor may make regulations, with respect to:

- (a) The conduct of the Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming, including:

- (i) the minimum ages of persons to whom or by whom tickets or chances may be sold;
 - (ii) the person or categories of persons, who shall be disqualified from participation;
 - (iii) the places where or circumstances or manner in which signs relating to a Lottery and Gaming may be displayed;
 - (iv) the circumstances under which lotteries may be advertised and the information that is to appear in an advertisement of a Lottery and Gaming;
 - (v) the places, where or circumstances or manner in which signs relating to a Lottery and Gaming may be displayed;
 - (vi) licensing fees referred to in section 29;
 - (vii) in general, any other matter which may be necessary or expedient to prescribe in order to achieve or promote the objects of Part A of this Law, and
- (b) The hearing of oral representation in addition to the written representation.

PART B OTHER LOTTERIES

52. POWER TO MAKE REGULATIONS.

The Commission may with the approval of the Governor, make regulations generally for carrying into effect the provisions of this Part of the Law in particular and without prejudice to the foregoing such regulations may provide for all or any of the following matters:

- (a) laying down rules and regulations for the control of other lotteries, and for other connected purposes within the State; and
- (b) prescribing penalties for breaches or contraventions of any regulation made under this Law.

53. GENERAL PROVISIONS AS TO OTHER LOTTERIES.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of the Part B, the operation of other lotteries within the State shall be Lawful if:

- (a) it is so conducted in such a manner that the chances therein are equally favorable to all the stakers/participants;
- (b) no money or money's worth which any staker puts down as stakes is disposed of, otherwise than, for payment to a staker as winnings;
- (c) no other payment in money or money's worth is required from a person to take part in the lotteries or raffle draws.

54. PROHIBITION OF OTHER LOTTERIES WITHOUT OPERATIONAL ACCORD.

- (1) No other Lotteries business shall be operated within the State without Operational Accord issued by the Board.
- (2) Other lotteries in whatever form shall not take place in any premise or place without Operational Accord issued in pursuance of subsection (1) above

55. OPERATIONAL ACCORD FEE.

For every other Lottery and Gaming that is conducted within the State, there shall be paid Operational Accord fee of amount approved by Governor on the recommendation by the Board.

56. APPLICATION FOR OPERATIONAL ACCORD AND APPROVAL RULES FOR OTHER LOTTERIES

- (1) Every application for other lotteries shall be made to the Board whenever any operator intends to conduct any Lottery and Gaming as stipulated in the Part.
- (2) Every application for the issuance of other Lottery and Gaming Operational Accord shall be as in Form A and shall be accompanied with relevant documents and other requirements applicable to a particular type of lotteries and gaming as stipulated in the Board's Regulations.
- (3) Every application for the issuance of the each other Lottery and Gaming Operational Accord shall be accompanied by three copies of the prizes payable to each category of winners in each competition.
- (4) Every application for the issuance of a Lottery and Gaming Operational Accord shall be accompanied by three copies of the intervals at which the competition shall be conducted.

- (5) Subject to the approval of the Board, every other Lottery and Gaming competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules previously approved by the Board.
- (6) At any time during the duration of another lotteries Operational Accord:
 - (a) any rules governing the conduct of competition may be altered with the prior approval of the Board; and
 - (b) further sets of Rules and Regulations for the conduct of the competition shall be approved by the Board.

57. OFFENCES AND PENALTY.

- (1) Any company or person who contravenes any regulation governing the conduct of other lotteries shall on conviction be liable to a fine of **One million Naira (₦1,000,000.00)** or imprisonment for two (2) years or both.
- (2) Where a company is proved to have committed the offence in Subsection (1) above, with the consent or connivance or is attributable to any neglect on the part of any Director, Manager, Secretary or assigned officer by the company or anybody purported to act in any such capacity, as well as the company shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

58. CHEATING

- (1) A person commits an offence under this section if he:
 - a, cheats at a gaming activity;
 - b, does anything for the purpose of enabling or assisting another person to cheat at gaming activity.
- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1) of this section, it is immaterial whether a person who cheats:
 - a, improves his chances of winning anything; or
 - b, wins nothing.
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (2), cheating at gaming events may, in particular, consist of actual or attempted deception or interference, alter, mark, tamper with, adjust or otherwise modify in any manner any playing-cards, tickets, dice, roulettes, wheel or other gaming device, gaming machine or any other apparatus for the purpose of deceiving the player or improperly altering the normal or random result or chances of the game of gaming machine concerned.

(4) Any person who uses or makes available for the purpose of deceiving players, playing cards, dice, wheels, device, machine, equipment, software or apparatus which has been so altered, marked, tampered with, adjusted or otherwise modified shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction shall be liable for an imprisonment term of two (2) years or **N1,000,000.00** or both.

59. ADVERTISEMENT

(1) No person shall advertise, promote, publish, disseminate and distribute information through promotional or seasonal advertisement either online/offline concerning any gaming activity in the State whether remotely or otherwise in order to provide the probability or possibility of winning a chance to qualify for raffle draw, prize (cash or otherwise), discount or other forms of promo unless it is an Operational Accord or authorized activity under this law.

(2) No person shall advertise, promote, publish, disseminate and distribute information concerning any gaming activity:

- a. that is false and misleading;
- b. that is intended to attract underage and vulnerable persons;
- c. that is in or near facilities which are likely to be visited by underage or vulnerable persons such as primary and secondary schools, places of research and learning and cybercafé.

(3) The advertisement of any gaming activity shall be subject to such restrictions as the Board may deem necessary.

(4) Any person who contravenes a position of this section shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction shall be liable to an imprisonment term of two (2) years or a fine of **N1,000,000.00** or both.

60. PROHIBITION OF LOTTERIES.

Subject to the provisions contained in this Part, any act pertaining to conducting other lotteries/betting/Gaming in any street or other public places in the State without approval from the Board is prohibited.

61. SAVINGS FOR CLUB.

Nothing contained in this Part shall prohibit:

- (a) lottery and Gaming competition carried on as an activity of a club; and
- (b) application for Lottery and Gaming competition carried on for and by social and charitable organizations may be granted on special conditions by the Commission.

62. SAVINGS FOR ENTERTAINMENT.

(1) Where Lottery and Gaming competition is conducted as an entertainment promoted for raising money to be applied for purposes other than private gain, then in relation to the Lottery and Gaming competition, the provision of section 53 shall not apply.

(2) For Lottery and Gaming competition to be conducted for the purpose stated in subsection (1) of this section, the organizers shall obtain the approval of the Board who may prescribe conditions or special conditions for such Lottery and Gaming competition.

63. POWER TO SUSPEND OR REVOKE OPERATIONAL ACCORD.

A Operational Accord may be suspended or revoked by the Governor/ Board:

- (a) if upon a complaint made to the Board, it is satisfied that the operator has failed to comply with any of the requirement of his Operational Accord, or provisions of law or any regulation made hereunder;
- (b) if the Board is satisfied that it is in public interest to do so; and
- (c) if in any criminal proceeding however arising, the Court recommends to the Board that the Operational Accord be revoked.

64. INTERPRETATION.

In this Law, unless it is otherwise expressly provided for or the context otherwise requires:

“Approving Authority” means the Governor;

“Attorney-General” means the Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice of Ekiti State;

“Auditor-General” means the Auditor-General of Ekiti State;

“Commission” means the Ekiti State Lotteries and Gaming Commission established by section 1 of this Law;

“Board” means the Board of Ekiti State Lotteries and Gaming Commission established by section 2 of this law;

“Contravention” In relation to a condition and requirement and contravention to be read accordingly;

“Criminal Law” means the Criminal Law of Ekiti State of Nigeria;

“Date” in relation to a Lottery and Gaming, means the date in which the winners of Lottery and Gaming are determined;

“Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming Commission” means the regulatory body empowered to regulate the Business of Lottery, Gaming, Casino, online, digital, electronics, telephones and other technology-based lotteries but excluding public on-line Lottery and Gaming for charitable and other private lotteries;

“Essential goods and services” means goods and services that are essential to the operation of the Lotteries;

“Executive Secretary” means the Accounting Officer and Secretary to the Board or any suitably qualified person assigned to perform his function(s) by whatever name is called;

“Fund” means the monies accruable to the Board of Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming in accordance with section 16 of this Law;

“Gaming” means the playing of a game of chance for winnings in money or money’s worth whether any person playing the game is at risk of losing any monetary value;

“Good Cause Money” means Taxes operators/promoters pay to Ekiti State lotteries and Gaming commission on monthly bases for the sales of gaming activities.

“Governor” means the Governor of Ekiti State;

“Lottery and Gaming” includes any games, scheme, arrangement, system, plan or device for distributing prizes by lot or chance and any game, scheme, arrangement, system plan or device, which the Board may by notice in the Gazette declare to be a Lottery and Gaming;

“Machine” includes any apparatus used for gaming;

“Newspaper” includes a journal, magazine or other periodical publication;

“Ministry” means the Ministry of Ekiti State Government charged with the responsibilities for Lotteries and Betting;

“Operator” means the person to whom the Operational Accord for the Ekiti State Lottery and Gaming has been issued in terms of section 23(1) of this Law;

“Other Lotteries” means private lotteries, charitable lotteries, society lotteries, promotional competitions;

“Participate” in relation to a Lottery and Gaming means a person, who is in possession of a valid ticket in Lottery and Gaming obtained in consequences of payment of a price;

“Person” includes anybody or persons corporate or unincorporated;

“Place” means any place, whether or not it is a public place, and includes any premises, building that can be residentially determined, room, office, shop structure, vehicle, vessel or aircraft;

“Political Office Holder” means a member of the Ekiti State House of Assembly and an official of a political party, Alliance, political appointee or movement;

“Premises” include any place whatsoever where gaming is taking place;

“Prescribe” means prescribe by regulation, and “prescribed” has a corresponding meaning;

“Prescribed fees” means the Operational Accord fee and other collectibles payable under this Law;

“Prize” means the prize awarded to the winner of a Lottery and Gaming;

“Private Lotteries” means the one in which the sale of ticket is conferred to:

- i. Member of a society established and conducted for purpose connected with betting and any other person on the society’s premises;
- ii. Persons all of whom either work or reside on the same premises;

“Public on-line Lottery and Gaming” means any Lottery and Gaming or other games of chance which includes lotteries played on-line, digital, telephone and other technology based lotteries that are open to member of the public and is not restricted to membership of any society, religious group, association or social group.

“Society lotteries” means Lottery and Gaming promoted on behalf of a society which is established and conducted wholly and mainly for one of the following purposes:

- i. charitable purposes;
- ii. participation in support of athletics, sports, or games or cultural activities;

“Software” means a set of instructions fixed or stored in any manner and which, when used directly or indirectly in a computer, directs its operation to bring about a result;

“This Law” includes Regulations made under the Law;

“Ticket” in relation to Lottery and Gaming means any symbol, sign, token, coupon, warrant, card, printed paper, document or list or any other means or device which confers or purports to confer the right to take part in a Lottery and Gaming and which is issued by or on behalf of the Lottery and Gaming in question;

“Under age” means age below eighteen years.

65. REPEAL

The Ekiti State Lotteries Law, 2012 and the Ekiti Lotteries and Gaming, 2023 are hereby repealed.

66. CITATION.

This Law may be cited as the Ekiti State Lotteries and Gaming Law, 2025

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill, which has been passed by the Ekiti State House of Assembly and found by me to be a true copy of the said Bill.

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Mrs Titilope Agbede
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

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Rt. Hon. Adeoye Stephen Aribasoye
Speaker of the House.

Governor's Assent

I hereby signify my assent to this bill

BIODUN ABAYOMI BIODUN OYEBANJI
Governor of Ekiti State.

MADE AT ADO EKITI THISDAY OF 2025.