The Goa Public Gambling
(Amendment) Bill, 2008

(Bill No. 30 of 2008)

(By Shri Manohar Parrikar)

(Leader of Opposition)

As

(introduced in the Legislative Assembly of the State of Goa)

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A Bill
to further amend the Goa Public Gambling (Amendment) Act, 1976

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Goa in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows:

1. Short Title.— (1) This Act may be called the Goa Public Gambling (Amendment) Act, 2008.

2. Amendment of section 13A.— In section 13A of the Goa Public Gambling Act, 1976,

(a) sub-section (2) shall be omitted;

(b) sub-section (1) shall be re-numbered as section 13A; and

(c) at the end of section 13A, the following explanations shall be added, namely:

"Explanation 1.— "Vessels offshore" referred in this section shall mean only maritime vessels and not inland vessels, operating at sea at a minimum distance of 5 nautical miles away from the State's coastline which have been licensed to operate by the Directorate General
of Shipping, Ministry of Surface Transport, Government of India.

Explanation 2.—The Explanation 1 as above shall be deemed to have been inserted in the Act with effect from the 11th day of September, 1996 and all definitions of the terms “vessels offshore” in all Notifications issued under the Goa Public Gambling Act, 1976 shall be deemed to have been brought in consistence with the definition in Explanation 1 as above.

2. The object of the Bill is to confine offshore casinos to seas, 5 nautical miles away from the Goan coastline. The Bill also restricts the offshore casinos to maritime vessels with the total exclusion of inland vessels.

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ANNEXURE

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1[13(A) Authorised Game –
(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Government may authorise any game of electronic amusement/slot machines in Five Star Hotels 2[and such table games and gaming on board in vessels offshore as may be notified], subject to such conditions including payment of such recurring and non-recurring fees as may be prescribed.

(2) The provisions of this Act shall not apply to any game authorised under sub-section (1)”].

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