LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE
STATE OF GOA

The Goa Public Gambling
(Amendment) Bill, 2011

(Bill No. 7 of 2011)

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further to amend the Goa Public Gambling Act, 1976.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Goa in the Sixty-second Year of the Republic of India, as follows:

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called The Goa Public Gambling (Amendment) Act, 2011.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

2. Insertion of new section 13B.— After section 13A of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely:

"13 B.— Restrictions on entry in the casinos.— (1) Only non-residents of the State shall be allowed to enter the Casinos for purpose of Gambling.

(2) No advertisements of casinos anywhere in the State in the print media, electronic media or by any other audio and visual means shall be allowed."
Statement of Object and Reasons

It is found that number of residents of Goa including those below the age of 21 years are frequently visiting casinos to play games which is destroying the social fabric of the State by ruining families in the State; further the casino advertisement allure the locals specially the youth to visit such places. The present amendment to Goa Public Gambling (Amendment) Act, 1976 seeks to prevent the above occurrences and achieve the desired objectives of preventing locals specially youth from getting involved in Gambling activities.

Financial Memorandum

No additional financial implication is envisaged.

Memorandum of Delegated Legislation

Delegated Legislation is envisaged which is of normal character.


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Porvorim-Goa, 3rd March, 2011.

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For SECRETARY

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13. Saving of games of mere skill.— Nothing in this Act shall be held to apply to any game of mere skill wherever played.

28(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 (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).

Porvorim-Goa, 3rd March, 2011.

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