



Legislative Assembly of the State of Goa

**The Goa Public Gambling
(Amendment) Bill, 2008**

(Bill No. 30 of 2008)
(By Shri Manohar Parrikar)
(Leader of Opposition)

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

**GOA LEGISLATURE SECRETARIAT
ASSEMBLY COMPLEX, PORVORIM, GOA
AUGUST, 2008**

**THE GOA PUBLIC GAMBLING (AMENDMENT)
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Bill

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

5 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.

10 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

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

20 “*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 [date of coming into force of the Goa Public Gambling (Amendment) Act, 1996 (Goa-Act-No. 13 of 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.

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Offshore casinos have however remained on paper which continue to operate in inland waters of Goa with impunity despite protests by public and the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly. The loopholes in law combined with the insensitivity of the Government to this glaring violation, have necessitated the plugging of these gaping holes by private member's legislation.

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.

Sd/-
PORVORIM, GOA MANOHAR PARRIKAR
6 AUGUST, 2008. LEADER OF OPPOSITION

SECRETARY SECRETARY

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 subsection (1)"]].

PORVORIM-GOA
14 AUGUST, 2008

R. KOTHANDARAMAN
SECRETARY