

Horse Racing (Amendment) Bill

[AS INTRODUCED]

LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE

At Introduction the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs had made the following statement under section 9 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998:

“In my view the Horse Racing (Amendment) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Northern Ireland Assembly.”

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TO

Amend the Horse Racing (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 to allow for payments to be made from the Horse Racing Fund to horse racecourse operators; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by being passed by the Northern Ireland Assembly and assented to by Her Majesty as follows:

Horse racecourse operators

1.—(1) Article 2 of the 1990 Order (interpretation) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2)—

(a) omit the definition of “the Company”;

5 (b) omit the definition of “the Corporation”;

(c) at the appropriate place insert—

““horse racecourse operator” means any of the following—

(i) Downpatrick Race Club;

(ii) Down Royal Park Racecourse Limited;”.

10 (3) After paragraph (2) add—

“(3) The Department may by regulations make such amendment to the definition of “horse racecourse operator” as it thinks appropriate.

(4) Regulations under paragraph (3) may not be made unless a draft of the regulations has been laid before and approved by a resolution of the
15 Assembly.”.

Horse Racing Fund

2.—(1) Article 3 of the 1990 Order (horse racing fund) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (1), for “the Corporation and the Company” substitute “horse racecourse operators”.

20 (3) In paragraph (4)—

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- (a) for “The Corporation and the Company” in the first place where it occurs substitute “Each horse racecourse operator”;
 - (b) for “the Corporation and the Company” in the second place where it occurs substitute “the horse racecourse operator”.
- 5 (4) After paragraph (4) insert—
- “(4A) A horse racecourse operator may submit a statement under paragraph (4) either on its own or together with any other horse racecourse operator.”.
- (5) In paragraph (5)—
- 10 (a) in the words before sub-paragraph (a)—
- (i) for “the statement” substitute “a statement”;
 - (ii) for “the Corporation or, as the case may be, the Company” substitute “the horse racecourse operator”;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (c), for “the Corporation or the Company” substitute “the
- 15 horse racecourse operator”.
- (6) After paragraph (5) insert—
- “(5A) Where a horse racecourse operator submits a statement under paragraph (4) together with any other horse racecourse operator, any reference in paragraphs (4) or (5), or in Article 6 to either “the horse
- 20 racecourse operator” or “a horse racecourse operator” is a reference to the horse racecourse operators in question.”.
- (7) Omit paragraph (6).

Minor and consequential amendments

- 3.—(1) The 1990 Order is amended as follows.
- 25 (2) In Article 6(1)(a) (power to enter land), for “the Corporation or the Company” substitute “a horse racecourse operator”.
- (3) In Article 7 (returns or information to the Department), for “The Corporation and the Company” substitute “Each horse racecourse operator”.
- (4) In Article 10 (accounts etc.)—
- 30 (a) in paragraph (1), for “The Corporation and the Company” substitute “Each horse racecourse operator”;
- (b) in paragraph (2), for “the Corporation or, as the case may be, the Company” substitute “the horse racecourse operator”.
- (5) Omit Article 11 (rules and bye-laws of the Corporation).
- 35 (6) In Schedule 1 (amendments), omit paragraphs 5 and 6 and the cross-heading before paragraph 5.

Interpretation

4. In this Act “the 1990 Order” means the Horse Racing (Northern Ireland) Order 1990.

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Commencement

5. This Act comes into operation on the day after the day on which this Act receives Royal Assent.

Short title

5 6. This Act may be cited as the Horse Racing (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2021.

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A Bill to amend the Horse Racing (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 to allow for payments to be made from the Horse Racing Fund to horse racecourse operators; and for connected purposes.

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