

4. CONSIDERATION OF CLAUSES

4.1. Casino (Amendment) Bill 2017 – Clauses considered

Mr Cannan to move.

The Speaker: Item 4: Consideration of clauses, Casino (Amendment) Bill 2017. I call on Mr Cannan to move.

Mr Cannan: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Further to the Second Reading of the Bill, I will now outline the specific intentions of each clause stated therein.

Clause 1: this clause gives the short title to the Act which will result from the Bill.

Mr Speaker, I beg to move that clause 1 stands part of the Bill.

The Speaker: Mr Peake.

Mr Peake: I beg to second.

The Speaker: The question is that clause 1 stands part of the Bill. Those in favour, please say aye; those against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.

Clause 2, Mr Cannan.

Mr Cannan: Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the Act which will be through an Appointed Day Order.

Mr Speaker, I beg to move that clause 2 stands part of the Bill.

The Speaker: Mr Peake.

Mr Peake: I beg to second.

The Speaker: The question is that clause 2 stands part of the Bill. Those in favour, please say aye; those against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.

Clause 3.

Mr Cannan: Clause 3 is the expiry clause. Once all of the Act's provisions are in operation, the Act will expire. This is the method of tidying up the statute books where, once the amendment is complete, the effect continues in operation but the Act itself expires.

Mr Speaker, I beg to move that clause 3 stands part of the Bill.

The Speaker: Mr Peake.

Mr Peake: I beg to second.

The Speaker: The question is that clause 3 stands part of the Bill. Those in favour, please say aye; those against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.

Clause 4, Mr Cannan.

Mr Cannan: This clause provides for the Casino Act 1986 to be amended to provide for a casino licence to contain conditions requiring the holder of the licence to comply with anti-money laundering and countering financing of terrorism legislation through the licence's duration.

Anti-money laundering and counter financing of terrorism legislation refers to a number of pieces of legislation designed to prevent acts of money laundering and terrorist financing.

This clause also provides the Isle of Man Gambling Supervision Commission with the new powers to require the licensee to provide to the board information pertaining to compliance with the new money laundering obligations.

Mr Speaker, I beg to move that clause 4 stands part of the Bill.

The Speaker: Mr Peake.

Mr Peake: I beg to second.

The Speaker: The question is that clause 4 stands part of the Bill. Those in favour, please say aye; those against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.

Clause 5, Mr Cannan.

Mr Cannan: The Casino Act 1986 does not allow for a casino licence to be transferred from one premises to another, and does not allow for a licence to cover the operations of more than one physical site.

The current procedure requires the licensee to surrender and obtain a new licence in order to facilitate a transfer of its licence which understandably would create business uncertainty. This clause provides for the amendment of section 5A of the Casino Act 1986. It allows the board to vary, with the consent of the holder of the licence and the Council of Ministers, the premises in which the casino is located or any associated premises.

The provision also allows the board to vary, with the consent of the holder of the licence and the Council of Ministers, the facilities and amenities to be provided at the casino for any associated premises.

Mr Speaker, I beg to move that clause 5 stands part of the Bill.

The Speaker: Mr Peake.

Mr Peake: I beg to second.

The Speaker: The question is that clause 5 stands part of the Bill. Those in favour, please say aye; those against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.

Clause 6, Mr Cannan.

Mr Cannan: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Section 14 of the Casino Act 1986 provides the Council of Ministers with the ability to undertake to grant a casino licence to a concessionaire, who is a person who intends to provide premises specified in the concession which are to be used as a casino.

This clause provides for the amendment of section 14 of the Casino Act 1986. The amendment alters the current requirement whereby the Council of Ministers must, before granting a concession, obtain a deposit of an amount equal to 20% of the estimated total of the provision of proposed premises to be used as a casino. The provision provides the Council of Ministers with flexibility to require a deposit and the ability to specify a deposit amount where such is deemed appropriate.

Mr Speaker, I beg to move that clause 6 stands part of the Bill.

The Speaker: Mr Peake.

Mr Peake: Thank you, Mr Speaker.
I beg to second.

The Speaker: The question is that clause 6 stands part of the Bill. Those in favour, please say aye; those against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.

Well, Hon. Members, that concludes the business before us this morning – very expeditiously done! The House now stands adjourned until 13th June at 10 a.m. in our own Chamber.

Thank you.

The House adjourned at 11.07 a.m.