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## Amendments to the Gaming Control Act – 2006

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Amendments to the Gaming Control Act were proclaimed today resulting in a number of changes to the Act.

- **Amending section 12** to eliminate the requirement for the lottery corporation to seek annual approval to pay grants in place of property taxes to municipalities.
- **Amending sections 19 and 21 in Part 3** to streamline the gaming facility approval process by limiting consultations to local governments within a prescribed distance (5 km radius) of a facility, and by limiting the dispute resolution process to determining compensation, if any, with respect to impacted infrastructure and policing costs, and traffic and highway use.
- **Amending section 55** to ensure the ongoing suitability of key individuals involved in the regulation of gaming by requiring them to undergo security clearance every 5 years.
- **Amending section 67(2)** to provide greater flexibility in setting the term of registration for gaming workers by increasing the maximum term from 3 years to 5 years.
- **Amending section 73** to require gaming services providers to notify the Branch in advance of any proposed changes in ownership or control. This will allow the Branch to conduct the required background investigations and confirm suitability before any new participants enter the gaming industry.
- **Amending section 88** and add a new section 88.1 to prohibit people from promoting or engaging in unauthorized activities related to lottery schemes or the development, use, substantial change, or relocation, of gaming facilities.
- **Amending sections 95 and 82**, and add new sections 82.1 – 82.4, to provide a more effective mechanism for the seizure, forfeiture and destruction of illegal gambling equipment.
- **Amending section 98(1)(b)(i)** to enable the Branch to respond to minor, unauthorized lottery scheme offences for individuals on a first conviction, through either the Branch administered ticket violation program or the courts.