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## LAW ON THE SUPPRESSION OF GAMBLING

*This law was adopted on January 26, 1996 by the National Assembly during the 5th Session of its first legislature*

### CHAPTER I: GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### ARTICLE 1:

Gambling of all kinds, in all places throughout the whole Kingdom of Cambodia shall be strictly prohibited, except those permitted by the Royal government.

#### ARTICLE 2:

All those letters of authorizations to open the gambling houses which have been issued so far aside those granted by the Royal Government shall be considered hereby as null and void.

### CHAPTER II: COMPETENT INSTITUTIONS

#### ARTICLE 3:

The suppression and prevention of gambling of all kinds is the competence of the Ministry of Interior.

### CHAPTER III: PENALTIES

#### ARTICLE 4:

Any person who gambles shall be subjected to a fine from ten thousand (10,000) Riels to fifty thousand (50,000) Riels or to an imprisonment from one (1) week to one (1) month.

Repeated offenders shall be fined from fifty thousand (50,000) Riels to five hundred thousand (500,000) Riels plus an imprisonment from one (1) month to one (1) year.

#### ARTICLE 5:

Shall be subjected to a fine from five million (5,000,000) Riels to twenty million (20,000,000) Riels plus an imprisonment from one (1) year to five (5) years those who open, possess or manage gambling dens/sites and gambling agents.

Repeated offenders shall be subjected to a fine plus an imprisonment with a maximum term as listed above.

#### ARTICLE 6:

In the event one or more minor person(s) are found to be involved in gambling (with the adult

intermediary and gamblers... have been seized, they shall be recorded properly in a process-verbal by the agents of the competent authority and sent to the court.

All evidences which were used in such gambling shall be seized in the same manner as above.

**ARTICLE 8:**

Any production, importation for business purposes or for sale of gambling devices/equipments of all kinds without authorization from the Royal Government shall be fined from five hundred thousand (500,000) Riels to five million (5,000,000) Riels plus an imprisonment from one (1) month to one (1) year.

These gambling devices/equipments listed above shall be seized as evidences.

Repeated offenders shall be subjected to a fine plus an imprisonment with a maximum term as listed above.

**ARTICLE 9:**

Money and evidence which were seized as stated in articles 7 and 8 of this law shall be forwarded to the court for a decision either to be seized as State's property or to be destroyed.

Rewards to be given to the competent agent(s) or unit(s) and those persons who are involved in the suppression operation shall be determined by Sub-Decree.

**ARTICLE 10:**

Apart from the Royal Government, no authority may have the rights to grant authorization to open any gambling den/site anywhere at all. Any official or government agent who still continues to grant authorization to open any gambling shall be subjected to imprisonment from one (1) year to five (5) years.

**ARTICLE 11:**

Anybody who appeared himself/herself to defend gambings of any kind or gambling den/site any where shall be subjected to imprisonment from one (1) years to five (5) years.

**CHAPTER IV: FINAL PROVISIONS**

**ARTICLE 12:**

All provisions which are contrary to this law shall be hereby repealed.

**ARTICLE 13:**

This law shall be declared as urgent.

Made in Phnom Penh, on January 26, 1996.  
Signature of NORODOM SIHANOUK.