

# STATES OF JERSEY



## **DRAFT GAMBLING (2010 FEES) (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 200- (P.141/2009): SECOND AMENDMENT**

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**Lodged au Greffe on 17th November 2009  
by Deputy E.J. Noel of St. Lawrence**

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**STATES GREFFE**



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**PAGE 13, SCHEDULE –**

- (a) in the entry relating to an amusement premises licence, for the amount “£3,000” substitute the amount “£8,000”;
- (b) in the entry relating to a betting office licence, for the amount “£3,000” substitute the amount “£8,000”;
- (c) in the entry relating to a bookmaker’s licence, for the amount “£375” substitute the amount “£1,000”.

DEPUTY E.J. NOEL OF ST. LAWRENCE

## **REPORT**

When I first found out that the gambling industry here In Jersey was effectively being subsidised by the taxpayer I was shocked, and indeed appalled.

Although I am not totally convinced that we cannot reduce the cost of regulation from its present level, I know that we cannot do so sufficiently to bring down the costs to the level of the proposed annual revenue indicated in P.141/2009.

My rationale for this amendment is very simply this: I do not believe that taxpayers' money should be used to subsidise the Island's gambling industry and that the cost of regulating them should be met by the industry.

I believe it is wrong to take a stepped approach to full cost recovery as suggested by the Minister for Economic Development. I believe we need to act now and amend the proposed charges as set out in the Schedule on page 13 of P.141/2009. I do not believe that taxpayers should be asked to subsidise this industry any longer than is absolutely necessary, hence my amendment to bring in the full cost recovery charges without any further delay.

I understand that my proposed increases may cause difficulties for some of the smaller operators, but I firmly believe that the public of Jersey, especially in the current economic climate, expect us to stop this subsidy immediately despite the possibility that a minority of operators may see a material decrease in their profits.

We have far more important and urgent matters which require public monies than the Island's gambling industry!

### **Financial and manpower implications**

The financial and manpower implications should be as follows: manpower – none, financial implication – to attempt to fully cover the costs, which are circa £330,000.