

**BELIZE:**

**LOTTERIES CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023**

**ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES**

1. Citation.
2. Amendment of section 2.
3. Insertion of section 6A.
4. Amendment of section 18.
5. Insertion of section 20A.

**BELIZE:**

**BILL**

**for**

**AN ACT** to amend the Lotteries Control Act, Chapter 151 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

*(Gazetted .....2023).*

***BE IT ENACTED, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives and Senate of Belize and by the authority of the same, as follows:***

**1.** This Act may be cited as the

Citation.

**LOTTERIES CONTROL (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2023,**

and shall be read and construed as one with the Lotteries Control Act, which is hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

CAP. 151.

**2.** The principal Act is amended in section 2 by inserting the following definitions in their proper alphabetical sequence–

Amendment of section 2.

“government lottery” includes boledo lottery, ordinary lottery and jackpot lottery;

“Minister” means the Minister to whom responsibility for lottery is assigned;

“wholly owned and controlled” means the holding of one hundred percent of the issued share capital of any company and exercising control of that company;”.

**3.** The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 6, the following new section–

Insertion of section 6A.

**“6A.** Notwithstanding anything in section 6, the Minister may grant an exclusive licence to operate, manage and administer the government lottery to any person who is wholly owned and controlled by the Government in the form approved by the Minister.”.

**4.** The principal Act is amended in section 18, by inserting the words “by the Committee”, immediately after the word “granted”.

Amendment of section 18.

**5.** The principal Act is amended by inserting the following new section immediately after section 20 as follows–

Insertion of section 20A.

“Exemption of persons owned and controlled by Government.

**20A.**—(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Act or any other law, sections 6, 7, 8 and 10, shall not be applicable to any person who is wholly owned and controlled by the Government.

(2) Notwithstanding the Income and Business Tax Act or anything contained in any other law, a person who is wholly owned and controlled by the Government shall be exempt from the requirement under the Income and Business Tax Act to pay business tax.”