I assent,

MARCELLA ALTHEA LIBURD

Governor-General.

18th June, 2026.

SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

No. 7 of 2026

AN ACT to amend the Gaming Control Act, Cap. 17.01.

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BE IT ENACTED by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the National Assembly of Saint Christopher and Nevis, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. Short Title.

This Act may be cited as the Gaming Control (Amendment) Act, 2026.

2. Interpretation.

In this Act, the expression, "Act" means the Gaming Control Act, Cap. 17.01.

3. Amendment of section 2.

The Act is amended in section 2 by inserting in the correct alphabetical order, the following definition.

"beneficial owner or controller" means a natural person who—

(a) ultimately owns or controls a customer or other person on whose behalf a transaction is being conducted; or

(b) exercises ultimate, effective control over the management of a legal person or other entity,

but does not extend to a body coporate, the shares which are admitted to tradingon a regulated market.

4. Amendment of Act.

The Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 13 the following new section 13A:

" 13A. Notification of Changes et al.

(1) Where there are any changes in the beneficial ownership or controller information or in respect of the shareholders, directors or senior management of a licensed or registered gaming entity, the gaming entity shall

(a) notify the Commission within twenty-one days of the change;

(b) submit in respect of a new beneficial owner or controller, shareholder, director or senior management, a completed Personal Questionnaire as well as all the relevant information required by the Third Schedule.

(2) Any new persons appointed pursuant to the changes referred to in subsection (1), shall also be subject to

(a) the due diligence provisions set out in section 17; and

(b) the fitness and propriety requirements set out in the Third Schedule.".

5. Amendment of section 17.

Section 17 of the Act is amended in subsection 4 as follows:

(a) in paragraph (a)

(i) by inserting, immediately before the expression, "significant shareholder", the expression, "beneficial owner, controller, senior management";

(ii) by inserting immediately after subparagraph (iv), the following new subparagraphs (v), (vi) and (vii)

"(v) committed an offence involving fraud, dishonesty, violence or any other financial crime;

(vi) has been suspected or under investigation for any fraud; dishonesty, violence or any other financial crime:

(vii) has been or is presently the beneficial owner, shareholder, controller, director or senior management of a company that has been involved in or charged with fraud, dishonesty violence or any other financial crime.";

(b) in paragraph (b) by replacing subparagraph (iii) as follows

"(iii) any beneficial owner, significant shareholder, controller, director, senior management or officer of the applicant, any other company or firm in the same group of companies or to any director or officer of any such company or firm,";

6. Amendment of Third Schedule.

The Act is amended in the Third Schedule paragraph (1) as follows:

(a) by replacing the expression, "managers" in subparagraph (b), with the expression, "senior management";

(b) by replacing subparagraph (g) as follows:

"(g) all beneficial owners and controllers of a holding company as well as shareholders of a holding company owning greater than 5 percent of the stock of the holding company;";

(c) by replacing the expression, "." at the end of subparagraph (h) with the expression, ";":

(d) by inserting the expression, ";" at the end of subparagraph (i); and.

(e) by renumbering subparagraph (j), as (l) and inserting the following new subparagraphs (j) and (k)

"(j) beneficial owners of the applicant;

(k) shareholders and controllers of the applicant; and".

LANEIN K. BLANCHETTE
Speaker

Passed by the National Assembly this 18th day of June, 2026.

TREVLYN STAPLETON
Clerk of the National Assembly

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