

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Bill No. 15

*An Act to amend *The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Act, 1997**

Clause Of Bill

- 1 *The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2025*
- 2 *The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Act, 1997*
- 3 **Existing Provision**

Powers respecting sale of beverage alcohol

14(1) In accordance with this Act and the regulations, the authority may:

- (a) purchase, import and have in its possession and sell beverage alcohol, and provide stocks of beverage alcohol to permittees;
- (b) determine the location, construction, accommodation, furnishings, equipment, operation and management of its stores and warehouses;
- (c) determine the places in which its stores and warehouses are to be established and have the general control, management and supervision of those stores and warehouses in Saskatchewan;
- (d) determine the days and hours that its stores are to be kept open for the sale of beverage alcohol;
- (e) where it operates a store, close the store for any reason it considers sufficient; and
- (f) fix the prices at which any class, variety or brand of beverage alcohol may be sold by or on behalf of the authority.

(2) In accordance with this Act and the regulations, the authority may:

- (a) determine the places in which retail stores are to be established; and
- (b) authorize any person to establish and operate a retail store.

(3) The operation of retail stores established pursuant to subsection (2) is subject to this Act and to any terms and conditions prescribed in the regulations or set by the authority

(4) Subject to the other provisions of this Act and the regulations, the authority may

enter into an agreement with any person authorizing the person:

- (a) to establish and operate a warehouse in Saskatchewan for the storage and distribution of beverage alcohol; and
- (b) to sell and deliver beverage alcohol within Saskatchewan from the warehouse.

Explanation

The new clauses, sections 14(1)(g) and (h), as well as 14(5) clarify authority for SLGA to set terms for purchasing beverage alcohol and grant authority to SLGA to apply interest on overdue accounts. The purpose of these changes is to give SLGA a method of encouraging customers to make payments on time. Introducing interest charges aligns SLGA with several Crown Corporations in Saskatchewan which impose late penalties and interest on overdue accounts.

4 Existing Provision

Administrative penalties.

39.1(1) If a permittee or registrant fails to comply with any term or condition imposed on a permit, endorsement or certificate of registration by this Act, the regulations, the authority or the commission, the authority or the commission may assess a penalty, within the limits prescribed in the regulations, of not more than \$10,000 against the permittee or registrant in accordance with this section.

Explanation

The amendment to section 39.1 increases the maximum administrative penalty that SLGA can impose when a permittee or registrant fails to comply with terms and conditions of a permit, endorsement or certificate of registration. The penalty will increase from \$10,000 to \$25,000. This increase brings the penalty in line with those identified in *The Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Act* and better align Saskatchewan with other provinces in Western Canada.

5 Existing Provision

Administrative penalties.

147.07(1) If an on-reserve registrant fails to comply with any term or condition imposed on an on-reserve certificate of registration by this Act, the regulations, the First Nation gaming licensing authority or the commission, the First Nation gaming licensing authority or the commission may assess a penalty, within the limits prescribed in the regulations, of not more than \$10,000 against the on-reserve registrant in accordance with this section.

Explanation

The amendment to section 147.07(1) increases the maximum administrative penalty that First Nation Gaming Licensing Authorities (e.g., Indigenous Gaming Regulators) can impose on an on-reserve registrant who fails to comply with the terms or conditions of their registration. This maintains parity for the maximum penalty for First Nation Gaming Licensing Authorities and SLGA at \$25,000.

6 Existing Provision**None****Explanation**

Changes will come into force by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Prepared by Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority.