

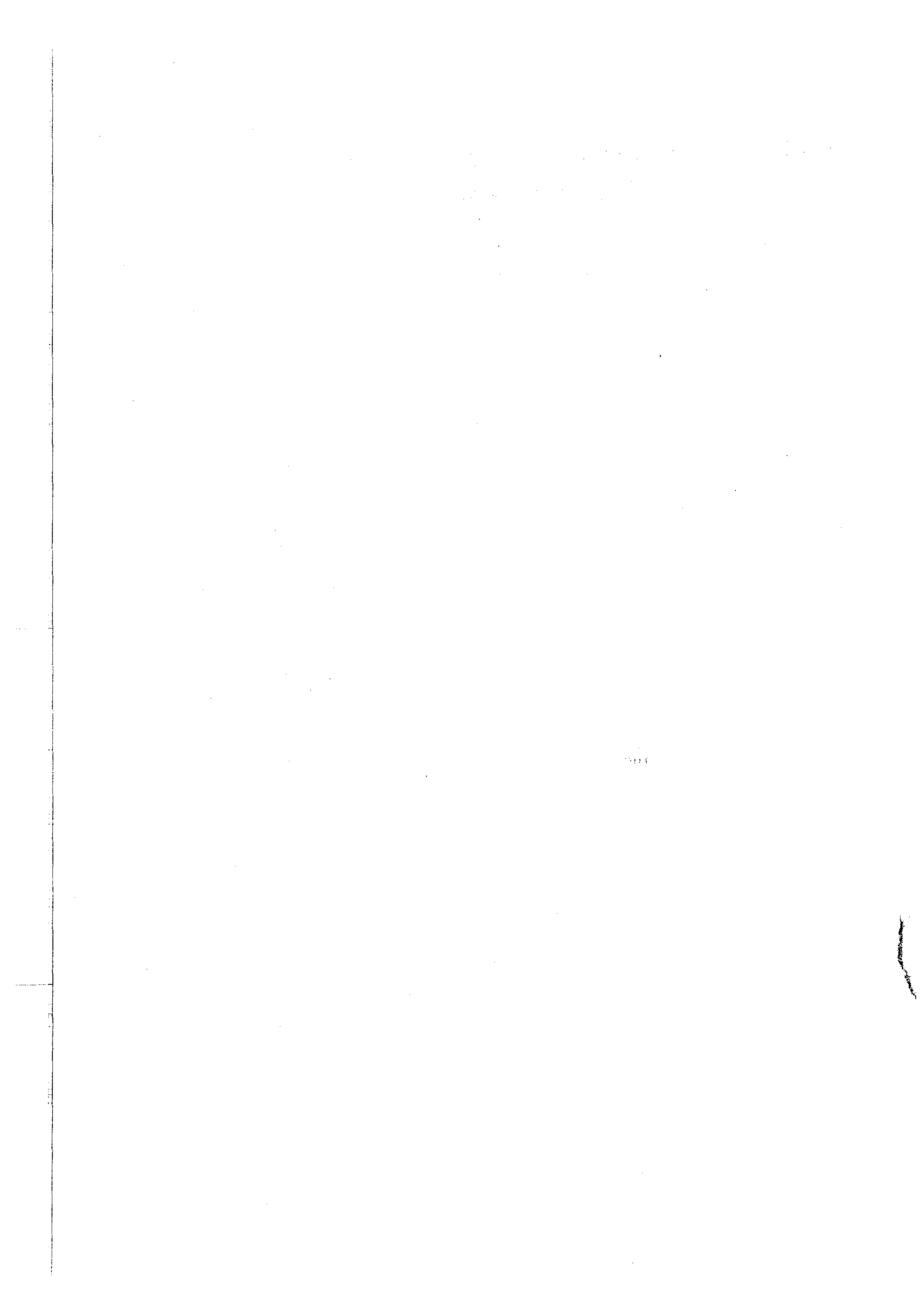
THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

CASINO DEVELOPMENT ACT
No. 133 of 1978

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AN ACT

To approve of the Erection and Licensing
of Casinos

[Assented to 21 December 1978]

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory of Australia, with the assent as provided by the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* of the Commonwealth, as follows:

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| 1. This Act may be cited as the <u>Casino Development Act 1978</u> . | Short title |
| 2. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears -
"casino" means premises licensed -
(a) for the playing of games of chance by persons present on the premises for that purpose at the invitation of the licensee; and
(b) for the operation of gaming machines for the purpose of gaming by persons present on the premises for that purpose at the invitation of the licensee. | Interpretation |
| 3.(1) Notwithstanding anything in the law of the Territory it is lawful for the Minister to negotiate and enter into agreements with any person with respect to the establishment and licensing of -
(a) a casino within 30 kilometres of the Post Office at Darwin; and
(b) a casino within 30 kilometres of the Post Office at Alice Springs. | Minister may enter into agreements |
| (2) An agreement entered into in accordance with this Act is not enforceable by either party unless and until it has been ratified by an Act and no action or other proceedings may be brought in relation to such agreement until such ratification. | |

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Provisions of
agreements

4. An agreement entered into under this Act shall contain -

- (a) a provision that no licence will be issued unless the premises have been completed to the satisfaction of the Minister;
- (b) a provision that the premises will not be licensed unless they are accompanied by or incorporate substantial hotel development and other amenities to international standards to the satisfaction of the Minister;
- (c) a provision that no games of chance shall be played on the premises to be licensed unless approved by the Minister;
- (d) a provision that no gaming machines or equipment shall be installed on the premises to be licensed unless approved by the Minister;
- (e) a provision requiring the casino to be managed by a person approved by the Minister; and
- (f) such other terms and conditions as the Minister determines.

Licence
fees

5.(1) A person entering into an agreement with the Minister in respect of the establishment and licensing of a casino shall undertake, by the terms of the agreement, to pay to the Territory -

- (a) a licence fee to be determined; and
- (b) a tax at a rate to be determined,

at times to be determined.

(2) An agreement entered into in accordance with this Act may provide for the review by the Minister at stated intervals of the amount of the licence fee and the rate of tax.

Duration of
licences

6. Subject to observance of and compliance with -

- (a) the law of the Territory;
- (b) the terms and conditions of the agreement;
- (c) prompt payment of fees and taxes payable; and

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(d) any conditions or directions lawfully provided or given by the Minister pursuant to the agreement,

it shall be lawful for the person approved as manager of a casino to conduct at the casino in pursuance of the licence the games of chance approved by the Minister unless and until the licence is lawfully suspended, cancelled or is otherwise terminated.

