

**MEGHALAYA ACT 8 OF 1976**

**THE MEGHALAYA PREVENTION OF GAMBLING (AMENDMENT)  
ACT, 1976**

(As passed by the Assembly)

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**An  
Act**

**further to amend the Meghalaya Prevention of Gambling Act, 1970  
(Meghalaya Act 8 of 1970)**

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Meghalaya in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

Short title, extent and commencement. 1.(1) This Act may be called the Meghalaya Prevention of Gambling (Amendment) Act, 1976.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Meghalaya.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

Amendment of section 15 of Act 8 of 1970. 2. In the Meghalaya Prevention of Gambling Act, 1970 in section 15—

(i) the following new proviso shall be inserted as a first proviso below section 15, namely:—

“Provided that the minimum amount of punishment under this section for an offence under section 3 or 4 shall not be less than one month’s imprisonment with or without fine:”

(ii) in the existing proviso below section 15 between the words “Provided” and “that” the word “further” shall be inserted.

Insertion of new section 15 in Act 8 of 1970. 3. In the Meghalaya Prevention of Gambling Act, 1970, the following new section as section 15A shall be inserted, namely:—

“Offences under sections 3 and 4 non-bailable.

15A. All offences under sections 3 and 4 of this Act shall be non-bailable, and no person accused of an offence under any of the aforesaid sections shall be released on bail by any Court without hearing the prosecution of which due notice shall be given and every order granting bail shall give reasons thereof.”