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**An Act to regulate and control the making and the exhibition of cinematograph pictures, the importation, production, dissemination of undesirable publications, pictures, statues and records, the performance or presentation of stage plays and public entertainments, the operation of theatres and like places for the performance or presentation of stage plays and public entertainments in the interest of safety, and to provide for matters incidental thereto or connected therewith**

### Part I – Preliminary

#### 1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Censorship and Control of Entertainments Act.

#### 2. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“**Board**” means the Board of Censors established under [section 3](#);

“**cinematograph exhibition**” means any exhibition of cinematograph pictures, whether with sound effects or not, presented by means of a cinematograph or other similar apparatus for presenting cinematograph pictures;

“**cinematograph picture**” means any film, picture or other visual image, or part thereof, whether with sound effect or not made by means of a cinematograph camera or other similar apparatus for recording films, pictures, or visual images, and intended for public exhibition or for sale or hire either within or outside Malawi;

“**licensing officer**” means the Minister or such other person or persons as the Minister may appoint to be a licensing officer, whether for the whole of Malawi or such area thereof as may be specified in the appointment;

“**picture**”, for the purposes of Part VII, includes—

- (a) any drawing, illustration, painting, woodcut or similar presentation;
- (b) any print, photograph, engraving, lithograph or similar presentation;
- (c) any object in which a picture is contained;
- (d) any exhibition for the purpose of advertising,

but does not include a cinematograph picture;

“**place**” includes a vehicle, vessel or aircraft;

“**play**”, in relation to a record, means to render audible the sounds recorded thereon;