

**Public Entertainments (Amendment) Act 2000**  
**(No. 35 of 2000)**

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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 13th November 2000 and assented to by the President on 2nd December 2000:—

**PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2000**

**(No. 35 of 2000)**

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I assent.

S R NATHAN,  
*President.*  
*2nd December 2000.*

**Date of Commencement: 1st March 2001**

An Act to amend the Public Entertainments Act (Chapter 257 of the 1985 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

### **Short title and commencement**

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Entertainments (Amendment) Act 2000 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

(2) The Minister may appoint different dates for the coming into operation of the different provisions of this Act.

### **Amendment of long title**

2. The long title to the Public Entertainments Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by deleting the words “public entertainments” and substituting the words “public entertainment and meetings”.

### **Amendment of section 1**

3. Section 1 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “Public Entertainments Act” and substituting the words “Public Entertainment and Meetings Act”.

### **Amendment of section 2**

4. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the definitions of “film” and “pin-table”;
- (b) by deleting the definition of “public entertainment” and substituting the following definition:

““public entertainment” has the same meaning as in the Schedule.”; and

- (c) by renumbering the section as subsection (1) of that section, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following subsections:

“(2) The Minister may at any time, by order published in the *Gazette*, amend, add to or vary the Schedule.

“(3) Any order made under subsection (2) shall be presented to Parliament as soon as possible after publication in the *Gazette*.”.

### **Amendment of section 7**

5. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the word “information”, the words “or documents”.

### **Amendment of section 8**

6. Section 8 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “, not being more than 12 months later than the date of issue,”.

### **Amendment of section 9**

7. Section 9 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “and an application to renew a licence shall be treated as an application for a licence”.

### **Amendment of section 10**

8. The principal Act is amended by renumbering section 10 as subsection (1) of that section, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following subsections:

“(2) The Licensing Officer may at any time add to, vary or revoke any of the conditions of a licence imposed under subsection (1).

(3) In deciding whether to add to, vary or revoke any condition of the licence under subsection (2), the Licensing Officer may take into consideration the total number of demerit points awarded against the licensee under section 14A in respect of the licence.

(4) The Licensing Officer shall, before proceeding to add to, vary or revoke any condition of the licence under subsection (2) —

- (a) give the licensee notice in writing of his intention to do so; and
- (b) give the licensee an opportunity to be heard, within such time as may be specified in the notice, as to why the condition should not be added to, varied or revoked.

(5) Any person who is aggrieved by the decision of the Licensing Officer under this section may, within 14 days of being notified of the decision of the Licensing Officer, appeal in writing to the Minister whose decision shall be final.”.

### **Repeal and re-enactment of section 11**

9. Section 11 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

#### **“Security**

**11.—**(1) In respect of such classes of public entertainment as the Minister may from time to time prescribe by notification in the *Gazette* and subject to such limits as may be thereby prescribed, the Licensing Officer may, before issuing a licence, require —

- (a) the applicant; or
- (b) if there are 2 or more applicants, each applicant named by the Licensing Officer for the purpose,

to give security in such form as the Licensing Officer may determine that the provisions of this Act, any rules made thereunder and the conditions of the licence issued will be duly observed.

(2) Where a licensee has been awarded such number of demerit points as may be prescribed under section 14A(1), the Licensing Officer may require a licensee to give security in such form as the Licensing Officer may determine that the provisions of this Act, any rules made thereunder and the conditions of the licence issued will be duly observed.

(3) Where any applicant is required under subsection (1), or any licensee is required under subsection (2), to enter into a bond, the Licensing Officer may require not more than 2 sureties to enter into the bond with the applicant or licensee, as the case may be.

(4) Any security given under subsection (1) or (2) shall be liable to forfeiture in whole or in part at the discretion of the Licensing Officer —

- (a) on the cancellation of the licence;
- (b) where the licensee has been awarded such number of demerit points as may be prescribed under section 14A(1); or
- (c) where the Licensing Officer is satisfied that the public entertainment has been carried out in contravention of this Act or any rules made thereunder.

(5) The Licensing Officer shall, before proceeding under subsection (4) —

- (a) give the licensee notice in writing of his intention to do so; and
- (b) give the licensee an opportunity to be heard, within such time as may be specified in the notice, as to why the security should not be forfeited.

(6) Any person who is aggrieved by the decision of the Licensing Officer under subsection (4) may, within 14 days of being notified of the decision of the Licensing Officer, appeal in writing to the Minister whose decision shall be final.”.

### **Amendment of section 13**

**10.** Section 13 of the principal Act is amended —