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[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1916.

A BILL

To provide for the closing time of certain places of amusement; to amend the law relating to early closing; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Night-clubs Act, 1916," and shall apply within the county of Cumberland.

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2. The Governor may, by proclamation in the Gazette, direct that all places of amusement, whether in the nature of a club or not, in which dancing takes place, and in which refreshments are provided, and which are paid for by periodical subscription, cash, or in any way whatsoever, shall be closed during the hours specified in such proclamation :

Governor
may proclaim
closing time.

Provided that the hour so proclaimed for closing such places in the evening shall not be earlier than that at which premises licensed for the sale of liquor are closed under the law in force at the date of such proclamation.

The Governor may in like manner revoke or vary any such proclamation.

3. The Governor may, on application being made in the prescribed manner, exempt any such place of amusement for such time as he thinks fit from the provisions of the proclamation.

Exemptions.

4. Any officer of the police force of or above the rank of inspector, may, if he has reasonable grounds for believing that any such place of amusement is being used in contravention of any such proclamation, enter and inspect any such place.

Entry and
inspection.

For the purpose of effecting such entry and inspection he may use all necessary force, and if he thinks fit call in the aid of such members of the police force as he thinks necessary. He shall take the names and addresses of all persons found on the premises.

5. Any person who resists any officer of the police in the performance of any duty imposed by this Act, or who refuses to give his name and address, or who gives a wrong name or address to the officer authorised to demand them, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *fifty* pounds.

Penalty for
resisting
officer.

6. (1) The occupier of the premises and the person in control of any place of amusement which is used in contravention of any proclamation under this Act shall be liable for the first offence to a penalty not exceeding *one hundred* pounds, and for the second or any subsequent offence to a penalty not exceeding *five hundred* pounds.

Penalties.

(2) Any person, other than such occupier or person in control, found on the premises after closing time without lawful excuse shall be liable for each such offence to a penalty not exceeding *five* pounds.

7. The Governor may make regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Regulations.