

No. , 1899.

## A BILL

To provide for the better observance of the Sunday ; for the closing of business places and prohibiting the sale of goods in those places during certain hours ; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898 ; and for purposes incidental to or consequent on those objects.

**B**E it enacted by the Queen'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. (1) With the exceptions and subject to the provisions of this Act all places of business where goods are usually sold or exposed for sale by wholesale or retail shall be closed to business at twelve o'clock of the evening of every Saturday and kept so closed until six o'clock of the morning of the following Monday. Place of business to be closed on Sunday.

The places of business described in the Schedule to this Act may be opened for the transaction of the ordinary business of such places from eight o'clock to ten o'clock of the morning, and from noon to two o'clock, and from half-past five to seven o'clock of the afternoon of any Sunday ; but at restaurant-houses, only food may be sold during those hours. Exceptions.

This section shall not apply to houses licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

(2) If a place of business is not closed and kept closed in pursuance of this section, the person carrying on such business shall be liable to a penalty not less than *twenty* shillings nor more than pounds for every such offence.

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(3) If during the time that a place of business is by this section directed to be kept closed, any goods are sold in such place of business, the person carrying on such business and the person making the sale shall be liable to a penalty not less than *twenty* shillings nor more than           pounds, and the purchaser shall be liable to a penalty not less than *ten* shillings nor more than           pounds.

(4) If, during the hours abovementioned, during which a restaurant-house may be kept open, any goods other than food are sold at such house, the person making such sale shall be liable to a penalty not less than *twenty* shillings nor more than           pounds, and the purchaser shall be liable to a penalty not less than *ten* shillings nor more than           pounds.

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in section sixty-three of the Liquor Act, 1898, no holder of a license under Part III of that Act shall, between the hours of eleven o'clock of the evening of any Saturday and six o'clock of the morning of the following Monday, sell or supply any liquor to any bona-fide lodger or inmate, except for his own consumption or that of another bona-fide lodger, inmate, or traveller at some place on the licensed premises other than the public bar; or shall, between the said hours, sell or supply any liquor to any bona-fide traveller, except for his own consumption or that of another bona-fide traveller, lodger, or inmate, upon such premises; or shall, between the said hours, permit any liquor to be drunk or consumed upon such premises by any person other than a bona-fide lodger, inmate, or traveller.

Liquor not to be sold to bona-fide lodgers, inmates, or travellers in licensed premises except for their own consumption.

No bona-fide lodger or inmate shall, between the said hours, purchase any liquor except for his own consumption or that of another bona-fide lodger, inmate, or traveller, at some place on the licensed premises other than the public bar, and no bona-fide traveller shall, between the said hours, purchase any liquor except for his own consumption or that of another bona-fide traveller, lodger, or inmate upon such premises.

Every holder of a license offending against the provisions of this section shall be liable to a penalty not less than           shillings nor more than           pounds, and every bona-fide lodger, inmate, or traveller offending against such provisions shall be liable to a penalty not less than           shillings nor more than           pounds.

In any prosecution under this section the burden of proving that any person is a bona-fide lodger or inmate shall lie on the defendant.

This section shall be construed with the Liquor Act, 1898.

3. Penalties for offences against this Act may be imposed by           Recovery of penalties.  
and recovered before a court of petty sessions.

4. This Act may be cited as the "Sunday Observance Act, Short title. 1899."

## SCHEDULE.

Chemists and Druggists' shops.  
Restaurant-houses.