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## Theatres and Public Halls (Amendment) Bill.

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE.

The main objects of the Bill are:—

- (a) To revise the grades of Theatres and Public Halls in accordance with seating capacity;
- (b) to enable the making of regulations fixing license fees and the closing at certain hours for cleansing and perfation;
- (c) to provide punishment for persons who persist in occupying gangways and passages after being warned to move.

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A BILL

To revise the grades of Theatres and Public Halls; to provide for the fixing of license fees therefor by regulations; to amend the Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908; and for purposes connected therewith.

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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 "Theatres and Public Halls (Amendment) Act, 1929."

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**2.** The Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908, is amended— Amendment of Act No. 13, 1908.

- (a) by omitting from section seven the words Sec. 7. “set out in Schedule II” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “from time to time prescribed by regulations made under this Act”;
- (b) by inserting at the end of section thirty-one Sec. 31. (Regulations.) the following new paragraph:—
- (e) Prescribing the fee to be paid in respect of the license or the renewal of a license of a theatre or a public hall of each of the grades set out in Schedule One, but so that such fee shall not in any case exceed fifty pounds for a theatre or twenty-five pounds for a public hall; a different fee may be prescribed for theatres and public halls in the same grade having regard to the locality in which the theatre or public hall is situate.
- (c) (i) by omitting from section thirty-two the words “so made” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “made under this Act”; Sec. 32. (Publications, &c.)
- (ii) by omitting from paragraph (iii) of the same section the word “seven” wherever occurring and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “fourteen sitting”;
- (iii) by inserting in the same paragraph after the word “resolution” the words “of which notice has been given”;
- (d) (i) by inserting in paragraph (b) of Schedule One after the word “thousand” the words Schedule I. (Grades.) “five hundred”;
- (ii) by omitting from paragraph (c) of the same Schedule the words “five hundred but not more than one thousand persons” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “one thousand but not more than one thousand five hundred persons”;
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- (iii) by omitting from paragraph (d) of the same Schedule the words "not more than five hundred persons" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "five hundred but not more than one thousand persons";
- (iv) by inserting at the end of the same Schedule the following new paragraphs:—
  - (e) Public halls or buildings erected for public entertainments of a general class where the seating accommodation is for more than two hundred and fifty but not more than five hundred persons.
  - (f) Public halls or buildings erected for public entertainments of a general class where the seating accommodation is for not more than two hundred and fifty persons.

(e) by omitting Schedule Two ;

Schedule 2.

**3. The Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908, is further amended—**

Further amend-  
ment of Act  
No. 13, 1908.

- (a) by inserting at the end of section seventeen the following new subsection:—
  - (2) The regulations may prescribe the hours during which any theatre or public hall may be kept open for public entertainment or public meeting and may prescribe periods with such hours during which the theatre or hall shall be closed to the public for the purposes of cleansing and perfilation, and may require notices to be displayed therein by the owner or the occupiers thereof directing attention to the terms of section twenty-two and the form and manner of displaying such notices.

Sec. 17.

(Regulations  
for public  
safety,  
health, and  
convenience.)

- (b) by inserting at the end of section twenty-two the following new subsection:—

Sec. 22.

(Persons not  
to be allowed  
in gangways  
or passage-  
ways.)

(2) Any person so sitting or standing in contravention of a prescribed notice, who refuses to leave such gangway or passage-way when

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when requested so to do by any person appointed in that behalf by the Minister or by any member of the police force of or above the rank of sergeant shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *five* pounds.

- (c) by inserting at the commencement of section thirty-two the following words:—

Sec. 32.  
(Regulations.)

Any regulation made under the powers conferred by any section of this Act may be framed so as to apply to or in respect of all theatres or public halls generally or to or in respect of any class of theatre or public hall or to or in respect of any theatre or public hall used for any specified class of public entertainment or public meeting or used for any class of public entertainment or public meeting other than that specified in the regulation and."

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