

[CONFIDENTIAL]
(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1933.

A BILL

To provide for the regulation of the exhibition of cinematograph pictures in premises not licensed as theatres or public halls; to extend the scope of the Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908; to amend that Act; and for purposes connected therewith.

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. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Theatres and Public Halls (Amendment) Act, 1933." Short title.

(2) The Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908-1933.

2. The Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908, is amended—

Amendment of Act No. 13, 1908.

- (a) by inserting in subsection one of section four next after the definition of "Public entertainment" the following new definition:—

Sec. 4.
(Definitions.)

"Public exhibition of cinematograph pictures" means an exhibition of cinematograph pictures to which members of the public are admitted without payment of money as the price or condition of admission;

- (b) by inserting next after section twenty-six the following new Part:—

New Part IIIA.

PART IIIA.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF CINEMATOGRAPH PICTURES.

26A. If any person holds a public exhibition of cinematograph pictures in premises which are not licensed as a theatre or public hall under Part II of this Act or which are not specified in a license issued under this Part of this Act he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *fifty* pounds.

Penalty for public exhibition of cinematograph pictures on unlicensed premises.

26B. (1) Upon application made as prescribed the Minister may, under his hand, or under the hand of a person appointed by him in that behalf, and upon payment of the prescribed fee, issue to any person a license authorising him, subject to the terms of the license and to this Act and the regulations, to hold public exhibitions of cinematograph pictures on premises specified in the license.

Grant of license.

(2) The annual fee for any such license or for any renewal thereof shall be five pounds.

(3) The Minister may cancel any such license for any breach of the terms or conditions of the license.

26c. (1) Such license may be renewed, under the hand of the Minister or the person aforesaid, on application made at any time as prescribed, and on payment of the prescribed fee.

Renewal.

(2)

(2) Any such license shall, unless previously cancelled, be in force for a period of twelve months from the date of issue or renewal.

- (c) by inserting in section two after the figures " 26 " the words and figures—
 " PART IIIA.—PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF CINEMATOGRAPH PICTURES—SS. 26A-26C." Sec. 2.
(Division of Act.)
- (d) by inserting at the end of the subheading preceding section twenty-seven the words " or public exhibitions of cinematograph pictures "; (Part IV—General and Supplemental.)
- (e) (i) by inserting in section twenty-seven after the word " entertainment " where firstly occurring the words " or any public exhibition of cinematograph pictures "; Sec. 27.
(Prohibition or regulation of entertainments.)
- (ii) by inserting in the same section after the words " such writing " the words " or who holds a public exhibition of cinematograph pictures contrary to such prohibition or contrary to any conditions imposed by such writing ";
- (f) by inserting in section twenty-nine after the words " to be held " the words " and any premises in which a public exhibition of cinematograph pictures is held or is proposed to be held "; Sec. 29.
(Inspection.)
- (g) by inserting at the end of section thirty-one the following new subsection:— Sec. 31.
(Regulations.)

(2) Without limiting the generality of the power conferred by the foregoing provisions of this section the Governor may by regulations regulate or prohibit the public exhibition of cinematograph pictures in any premises and with respect to such exhibitions or premises prescribe any matters which he may by this Act prescribe with respect to licensed theatres or public halls.

(h)

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- (h) (i) by omitting from section thirty-two the words " so made " and by inserting in lieu thereof the words " made under this Act ";
 - (ii) by omitting from the same section the word " seven " wherever occurring and by inserting in lieu thereof the words " fourteen sitting."

Sec. 32.
(Publica-
tion of
regula-
tions.)

