

See 22/1941

CHAPTER 253.

CINEMATOGRAPH.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CINEMATOGRAPH EXHIBITIONS.

Ordinances
No. 12 of 1912,
" 26 of 1918,
" 18 of 1924.

[8th March, 1912.]

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Cinematograph Ordinance. *See § 24 22/1941 in § 1 a* Short title.

2. An exhibition of pictures or other optical effects by means of a cinematograph or other similar apparatus, for the purposes of which inflammable films are used, shall not be given unless the regulations made by the Governor in Executive Council for securing safety are complied with, or elsewhere than in a building or place licensed for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance. Provisions against cinematograph exhibitions except in licensed premises.

3. (1) The Governor may grant licences to such persons as he thinks fit to use the building or place specified in the licence for the purposes aforesaid on such terms and conditions and under such restrictions as may be laid down in the licence and in any regulations made under this Ordinance. Grant and revocation of licences.

(2) A licence may, in his absolute discretion, be revoked by the Governor at any time in respect of any breach or contemplated breach of this Ordinance or of any regulation made thereunder or of any of the terms, conditions, or restrictions mentioned in the licence.

4. A licence shall be in force for one year or for such shorter period as the Governor on the granting of the licence may determine, unless the licence has been previously revoked. Duration of licences.

Repealed by Act 22/1931 which will be new 5

Films and posters not to be shown unless approved.

5. It shall not be lawful to exhibit any cinematograph film or any poster advertising any cinematograph exhibition unless such film or poster has been approved in the manner hereinafter provided. (*Added by 18 of 1924, s. 2.*)

Appointment of Censors.

6. There shall be appointed from time to time by the Governor such fit persons, not less than three in number, as the Governor deems necessary, as Censors of cinematograph films and posters advertising cinematograph exhibitions, who shall hold office during the Governor's pleasure. (*Added by 26 of 1918, s. 4, and amended by 18 of 1924, s. 3.*)

Duties of Censors.

see 34 of 22/1931 for new 4 of 8

7. (1) It shall be the duty of every person so appointed to examine every cinematograph film and every poster advertising a cinematograph exhibition submitted to him for approval.

(2) Such approval shall be signified by a certificate in the prescribed form.

(3) Such approval shall not be given in the case of any film or any poster advertising a cinematograph exhibition which, in the opinion of the Censor, depicts any matter that is against public order and decency, or the exhibition of which for any other reason is in the opinion of the Censor undesirable in the public interest.

(4) As regards a film, such approval may be given generally, or may be given subject to a condition that the film shall be exhibited only to any specified class or classes of persons or only at certain times.

Appeal.

(5) There shall be a right of appeal from every decision under this Ordinance to such person or persons, and in such manner and subject to such conditions, as may be prescribed. (*Added by 26 of 1918, s. 5, and amended by 18 of 1924, s. 4.*)

Adding to film after approval.

8. A film to which any matter has been added after it has been approved by a Censor shall be again submitted for approval, and until it has been again approved shall be deemed not to have been approved. (*Added by 26 of 1918, s. 6.*)

Fees.

9. There shall be payable for every film and poster submitted for approval under this Ordinance such fees as are prescribed. (*Added by 26 of 1918, s. 7, and amended by 18 of 1924, s. 5.*)

10. (1) Every person who exhibits ^{any portion of a film} any film or poster in contravention of this Ordinance shall be liable, on summary conviction before a Magistrate, to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds, and the film or poster may be ordered by the convicting Magistrate to be forfeited to the Crown.

Exhibiting
unapproved
film or
poster.

8542/11

(2) Any film ^{any portion of a film} or poster so forfeited shall be dealt with in such manner as the Inspector-General directs. (*Added by 26 of 1918, s. 8, and amended by 18 of 1924, s. 6.*)

11. If the owner of a cinematograph or other apparatus uses the apparatus or allows it to be used, or if the occupier of any building or place allows such building or place to be used, or if any person supplies light for any cinematograph or other apparatus which he has reasonable grounds for believing is being or is to be used, in contravention of the provisions of this Ordinance or the regulations made thereunder, or of the conditions or restrictions upon or subject to which any licence relating to any such building or place has been granted under this Ordinance, he shall be liable, on summary conviction before a Magistrate, to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds, and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further penalty not exceeding twenty pounds for each day during which the offence continues.

Offences.

12. The Inspector-General or any member of the Constabulary Force appointed by him may at all reasonable times enter any building or place, whether licensed or not, in which he has reason to believe that such an exhibition as aforesaid is being or is about to be given, with a view to seeing whether the provisions of this Ordinance or any regulations made thereunder and the conditions of any licence granted under this Ordinance have been complied with, and if any person prevents or obstructs the entry of the Inspector-General or any member of the Constabulary Force appointed as aforesaid, he shall be liable, on summary conviction before a Magistrate, to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

Power of
entry.

13. (1) The Governor in Executive Council may make such regulations as he may deem necessary for giving effect to this Ordinance.

Regulations.

(2) All such regulations shall be subject to the approval of the Legislative Council and shall be published in the *Royal Gazette*. (*Added by 26 of 1918, s. 9.*)