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**ENTERTAINMENT (PUBLIC AND PRIVATE) REGULATION ACT**

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**ACT**

Act No. 25 of 2000

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**ENTERTAINMENT (PUBLIC AND PRIVATE) REGULATION ACT**

**An Act to provide for the regulation of events of public and private entertainment,  
and for matters connected therewith.**

[Act No. 25 of 2000.]

[22nd September, 2000.]

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Entertainment (Public and Private) Regulation Act.

**2. Interpretation**

In this Act—

“event of public entertainment” or “event” means an event which involves the playing of music, live or recorded, and to which the public is invited and whether or not the payment of a fee or other payment is involved, and “event of private entertainment” shall be construed accordingly”;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for National Security;

“person holding or conducting an event” includes a person in charge of such an event.

### **3. Statement of purpose**

(1) The primary objective of this Act is the regulation of events of public entertainment while at the same time seeking to keep events of private entertainment within such limits that will ensure that the rights of others are not infringed.

(2) The Act shall be given such large and liberal construction that would assist in the attainment of its objectives.

### **4. Prohibition on events of public entertainment**

(1) No person shall hold or conduct an event of public entertainment without a permit granted by the Minister.

(2) A person who intends to hold or conduct an event of public entertainment must apply to the Minister in the approved form at least seven days before the date proposed.

(3) A permit for the purposes of subsection (1) must be in the form prescribed in the Schedule and shall be issued on payment of the fee as prescribed by order.

### **5. Retention of permit**

(1) A person to whom a permit is issued shall retain such permit at the place where the event of public entertainment is being held and for the duration of such event.

(2) A person to whom a permit is issued shall produce such permit if so requested by a police officer.

### **6. Power to stop event of public entertainment**

(1) Where an event of public entertainment is being held a police officer may request the permit to hold such event from the person holding or conducting such an event.

(2) Where the person holding or conducting an event of public entertainment fails or refuses to produce a permit to hold such event; the police officer who made the request may order the person holding or conducting the event to stop the event immediately.

(3) Without prejudice to anything contained in subsection (1), a police officer may stop an event of public entertainment if he or she is satisfied upon reasonable grounds that such an event—

- (a) constitutes a major disturbance to residents in the immediate vicinity;
- (b) interferes with the free flow of traffic in the general area,

notwithstanding that a permit was issued for the holding of the event.

### **7. Power to stop event of private entertainment**

(1) Subject to subsection (2) where a police officer is satisfied based on—

- (a) his own observations; or
- (b) information supplied by a reasonable number of persons affected,

that an event of private entertainment is causing a disturbance to residents within a reasonable distance from such an event, he or she may order the person holding or in charge of such event to reduce the cause of the disturbance and if such disturbance continues thereafter the police officer may order the person holding or conducting the event to stop the event immediately.

(2) No action shall be taken under subsection (1) unless such action is approved by the officer in charge of the Division.

## **8. Power of arrest**

(1) Where a person holding or conducting an event public entertainment fails or refuses to stop such event when ordered to do so by a police officer, the police officer may, without warrant, arrest the person holding or conducting the event and stop the event.

(2) A police officer may without warrant arrest a person who obstructs him from carrying out his or her duties under this Act.

## **9. Offences**

(1) A person who holds or conducts an event of public entertainment without a permit issued by the Minister commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction—

- (a) to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars in respect of a first offence; and
- (b) to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars or to imprisonment for six months for a second or subsequent offence.

(2) A person who obstructs prevents a police officer in the exercise of his or her duties under this Act commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars or imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months, or both such fine and imprisonment.

(3) A person who fails or refuses to produce a permit when requested so to do by a police officer commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars.

## **10. Delegation**

The Minister may by order delegate his or her duties under this Act to the Commissioner of Police.

## **11. Regulations**

The Minister may make regulations generally for the purpose of giving effect to this Act.

## **12. Restriction on the exercise of power**

No power under this Act may be exercised by a police officer unless—

- (a) he holds the rank of corporal or a higher rank; and
- (b) he presents his or her official identification;
- (c) the action proposed to be taken is approved by his or her superior officer or the officer in charge of the Division.

## **13. Commencement**

This Act comes into force on the 22nd day of September, 2000.

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### **Schedule**

#### **ENTERTAINMENT (PUBLIC AND PRIVATE) REGULATION ACT**

##### *Permit to Hold Event of Public Entertainment*

[Section 3(2).]

To: .....  
of: ..... you are hereby permitted to hold an  
event of public entertainment namely, .....  
on the ..... day of ....., 20 between the hours of  
..... and....., subject to the following condition(s).

Conditions .....  
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Granted on the ..... day of ....., 20 .....

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*Minister responsible for National  
Security/Commissioner of Police*

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