

Bill No. 107 of 1949.

A BILL TO AMEND THE AMUSEMENTS ACT.

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NOTE.

This Bill amends *The Amusements Act*, being chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942.

Section 2 of the Act is amended by including a definition of the word "Professional". The inclusion of this definition is designed to make it possible to collect the amusement tax on performances where professional talent is employed.

Section 13 of the Act is amended as to paragraph (d) by changing the word "recitals" to "performances" to give the paragraph a wider meaning and thus exempt from the tax other forms of musical entertainment in addition to recitals.

Section 13 of the Act is further amended in paragraph (g) by referring to moving picture films rather than to standard films as it does now. This change is necessary because of the ever increasing use of the 16 millimeter film which is "standard" and if the change were not made many moving picture theatres would be able to frequently escape the tax.

Section 13 is further amended by the addition of a new subsection (2). The subsection makes it clear that no person is exempt from liability for tax when professional talent is employed.

A new section 18b is added to empower the Lieutenant Governor in Council to appoint, in addition to the Advisory Board mentioned in section 18a, a Special Advisory Board to advise the Minister on any special questions which he may refer to it. Provision is also made for the payment of members of this Board.

The Act is to come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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*Acting Legislative Counsel.*

*(This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.)*

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An Act to amend The Amusements Act.

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1949.)

**HIS MAJESTY**, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

**1.** *The Amusements Act*, being chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended as to section 2 by adding immediately after paragraph (j) the following new paragraph:

“(jj) ‘Professional’ means any person who takes part in any form of athletics, sport, entertainment, exhibition performance or amusement as a means of livelihood or for gain or remuneration;”.

**2.** The said Act is further amended as to section 13,—

- (a) by renumbering the same as subsection (1);
- (b) by striking out the word “recitals” where it occurs in paragraph (d) of subsection (1) and by substituting the word “performances”;
- (c) by striking out the word “standard” where it occurs in paragraph (g) of subsection (1) and by substituting the words “moving picture”;
- (d) by adding immediately after subsection (1) the following new subsection:

“(2) Nothing contained in this section shall exempt any person from liability for amusement tax when a professional is employed in any athletics, sport, entertainment, exhibition, performance or amusement.”

**3.** The said Act is further amended by adding immediately after section 18a the following new section:

“**18b.**—(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint a Special Advisory Board consisting of not more than five members who shall study, consult with and advise the Minister with respect to any matters relating to the moving picture industry which are referred to it by the Minister.

“(2) The Special Advisory Board shall meet from time to time on the call of the Minister and its members shall be paid such allowance as remuneration for their services and

for the expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties as may be fixed from time to time by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.”.

**4.** This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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