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(Assented to _____, 1970)

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

1. *The Billiard Rooms Act* is hereby amended.

2. Section 13 is amended by striking out subsections (1) and (2) and by substituting the following:

13. (1) Every billiard room shall be closed and remain closed

(a) during the period from 11:30 p.m. on each Saturday until 7:00 a.m. on the next Monday, and

(b) during the period prior to 7:00 a.m. on each day other than Sunday and Monday,

and during such periods no games of any kind shall be played therein.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) a municipality may by by-law

(a) require billiard rooms to be closed and to remain closed at a time earlier than midnight on days other than Saturdays and Sundays, or at a time earlier than 11:30 p.m. on Saturdays, or

(b) prescribe the hours during which billiard rooms or any specified billiard rooms may be permitted to be open on Sundays after 1:30 p.m.

3. This Act comes into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

Explanatory Notes

1. This Bill amends chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta.

2. Section 13, subsections (1) and (2) presently read:

13. (1) Every billiard room shall be closed and remain closed

(a) from and after half past eleven o'clock on every Saturday night until eight o'clock on the following Monday morning, and

(b) from and after twelve o'clock midnight on every night of the week, except Sunday, until seven o'clock on the following morning,

and during such prohibited hours no games of any kind shall be played therein.

(2) The council of any municipality may pass by-laws for the closing of billiard rooms therein at an earlier hour than the hours mentioned in this section.

The effect of the amendment is to allow billiard rooms to open at 7:00 a.m. every day except Sunday and to close at midnight on weekdays. It also empowers municipalities to allow billiard rooms to be open after 1:30 p.m. on Sundays.