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No. 81 of 1912.

An Act to Regulate Pool Rooms.

(Assented to 1912.)

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

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Pool Room Act.*" Citation
2. "Pool room" shall mean and include any building, house, room, shed, tent or other place in which a billiard or pool table is set up for hire or gain, and it shall extend to and include any annex, addition or extension thereto, or outbuilding of which the owner or proprietor of a pool room is the owner, lessee, tenant, or occupant, or over which he has control. Interpretation
3. No gambling, gaming, wagering or betting of any kind, or throwing of dice shall be indulged in, carried on or take place in or upon any pool room, and no bet, wager or stake shall be made, posted, deposited, put up or paid on the result of any game played in any pool room, and no bet of any kind shall be recorded, posted up or advertised in any pool room, but the *bona fide* payment to the owner or proprietor of a pool room for any game of pool or billiards played therein shall not be deemed a violation of this section. Gambling prohibited
4. No person under the age of seventeen years shall play any games in any pool room, nor shall he frequent, enter, remain or loiter in any pool room, and if such person refuses to leave said premises when lawfully requested so to do, he may be forcibly evicted therefrom. Age limit
5. Every pool room shall be closed and remain closed from and after the hour of eleven o'clock on every Saturday night until the hour of eight o'clock on the Monday morning following, and on the other nights of the week from and after the hour of eleven o'clock at night until the hour of eight o'clock of the following morning, and during such prohibited hours no games of any kind shall be played therein. Closing hour
6. No drunken person shall enter or remain in any pool room, and no swearing, blasphemous, obscene or vulgar language shall be indulged in, uttered or spoken in any pool room. Drunkenness and swearing prohibited
7. The proprietor or owner of a pool room shall be responsible and liable for the acts of his servants, and the acts of the servants shall be deemed to be the acts of the owner or proprietor, and such servants, as well as the proprietor or owner, shall be liable to the penalties imposed by this Act for the same offence. Proprietor and servants liable
8. This Act shall not apply to a club incorporated by any Ordinance of the North-West Territories nor by any Act of the Legislature of the Province of Alberta, nor to any Young Men's Christian Association. Exceptions

9. For every violation of any of the provisions of this Act ^{Penalties} the proprietor or owner of a pool room shall be liable on summary conviction to the following penalties:

1. For a first offence, to a fine of not less than \$10, nor more than \$50 and costs;
2. For a second or subsequent offence, to a fine of not less than \$50, nor not more than \$100 and costs.

10. Any person other than the owner or proprietor of a pool ^{Other penalties} room who violates any of the provisions of this Act shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of not more than \$50 and costs.

11. The provisions of Part XV of Chapter 146 of The Revised ^{Criminal Code} Statutes of Canada (*Criminal Code*) and any amendments ^{applicable} thereto in reference to summary convictions shall be applicable to all prosecutions under this Act.

12. A moiety of every penalty shall belong to the municipi- ^{Application} pality in which the offence was committed and the other moiety ^{of penalties} shall be paid to the Attorney General for the use of the Province.

(2) If the offence was not committed in any municipality such penalty shall be paid to the Attorney General for the use of the province.

13. A conviction for any offence against this Act shall not ^{Certiorari} be removed by *certiorari* or otherwise for any cause whatever ^{taken away} into the Supreme Court.

14. In districts and places other than cities and towns in the ^{Attorney} province the Attorney General may make regulations ^{General} not ^{may make} inconsistent with this Act governing pool rooms and also bowling ^{regulations} alleys, and all persons who keep or frequent same. ^{in unorganized} ^{districts}

15. All by-laws passed by the municipal council of any city or town whether incorporated by special Act or otherwise, in so far as they are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed.

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