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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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**AN ACT TO AMEND THE AMUSEMENTS ACT**

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MRS. GAGNON

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### **AN ACT TO AMEND THE AMUSEMENTS ACT**

*(Assented to , 1991)*

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

- 1 The Amusements Act is amended by this Act.*
- 2 Section 1 is amended and the following is added after clause (1):*  
  
*(m) "minor" means a minor within the meaning of the Age of Majority Act.*
- 3 The following Part is added after Part 2.*

#### **PART 2.1**

##### **ACCESS TO FILM BY MINORS**

17.1(1) No owner or any other person shall, at a place of amusement or a film exchange, rent, sell, provide for purposes of viewing or show a film that has been classified pursuant to section 23(m)(1) as other than a family picture or a picture for universal exhibition to any one who

(a) is under the age of 18 years, or

(b) appears to be under the age of 18 years and who fails to produce identification showing that he is of the age of 18 years or more.

(2) No owner shall permit any other person which he employs in the operation of a place of amusement or a film exchange to, rent,

## **Explanatory Notes**

- 1** This bill will amend Chapter A-41 of the Revised Statues of Alberta 1980.
- 2** This new part will make it an offence to show or rent to minor any film or video that has not been classified as "family" or "universal". It will also extend liability to owners who fail to scrutinize the practices of their employees.
- 3** This part will also make it an offence for minors to purchase, rent or attempt to purchase or rent any film or video proscribed by this part.

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(a) is under the age of 18 years, or

(b) appears to be under the age of 18 years and who fails to produce identification showing that he is of the age of 18 years or more.

(3) No minor shall at a place of amusement or a film exchange, rent, purchase or attempt to rent or purchase a film that has been classified pursuant to section 23(m)(1) as other than a family picture or a picture for universal exhibition.

**17.2(1)** An owner or other person who contravenes section 17.1(1) or an owner who contravenes section 17.1(2) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction

(a) for a first offence to a fine of not less than \$250 and not more than \$1,000 and

(b) for a second or subsequent offence, to a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$10,000.

(2) A minor who contravenes section 17.1(3) is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction.

**17.3(1)** If an owner or other person has committed an offence under section 17.2(1)(a) the Minister shall suspend the licence for the premises at which the offence was committed for a period not exceeding one month.

(2) If an owner or other has committed an offence under section 17.2(1)(b) the Minister shall suspend the licence for the premises at which the offence was committed for a period of one year unless he is satisfied that the owner of the premises has taken all reasonable steps to prevent an offence being committed under this Part, in which case he may reduce the period of suspension to a period he considers appropriate in the circumstances, but such reduction shall not in any case be for a period of less than one month.

**4** Provision is made for fines and for the suspension of licences for offences committed by owners and their employees.