



Sunday Observance Act 1780

1780 CHAPTER 49 21 Geo 3

An Act for preventing certain Abuses and Profanations on the Lord's Day, called Sunday.

Preamble

Whereas certain houses, rooms or places within the cities of London or Westminster or in the neighbourhood thereof have of late frequently been opened for publick entertainment or amusement upon the evening of the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday; and at other houses, rooms or places within the said cities or in the neighbourhood thereof, under pretence of enquiring into religious doctrines and explaining texts of Holy Scripture, debates have frequently been held on the evening of the Lord's Day concerning divers texts of Holy Scripture by persons unlearned and incompetent to explain the same, to the corruption of good morals, and to the great encouragement of irreligion and profaneness:

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Short title given by [Short Titles Act 1896 \(c. 14\)](#)
- C2** Act amended by [Sunday Entertainments Act 1932 \(c. 51\), s. 4](#), [Common Informers Act 1951 \(c. 39\), s. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch.](#) and [Sunday Theatre Act 1972 \(c. 26\), s. 1](#); excluded by [Licensing Act 1964 \(c. 26\), s. 88](#)
- C3** Act excluded (E.W.) by [Cinemas Act 1985 \(c. 13, SIF 45A\), s. 9\(1\)](#)
Act excluded (E.W.) (3.1.1995) by [1994 c. 40, ss. 21, 82\(2\)](#)
Act restricted (E.W.) (28.12.2000) by [S.I. 2000/3372, art. 2](#)

Status:

Point in time view as at 01/02/1991.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Sunday Observance Act 1780 (repealed), Introductory Text.