



# Sunday Entertainments Act 1932

1932 CHAPTER 51 22 and 23 Geo 5

An Act to permit and regulate the opening and use of places on Sundays for certain entertainments and for debates, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid. [13th July 1932]

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**Textual Amendments**

**F1** S. 1 repealed by [Cinemas Act 1985 \(c. 13, SIF 45A\)](#), s. 24(2), [Sch. 3](#)

2 .....<sup>F2</sup>

**Textual Amendments**

**F2** S. 2 repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1978 \(c. 45\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. IX](#)

**3 Provision as to musical entertainments.**

The power of any authority in any area to grant licences under any enactment for the regulation of places kept or ordinarily used for public dancing, singing, music, or other public entertainment of the like kind, shall include power to grant such licences in respect only of musical entertainments on Sundays, and the power to attach conditions to any such licence shall include power to attach special conditions in respect of such entertainments on Sundays.

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**4 Modification of Sunday Observance Acts.**

No person shall be guilty of an offence or subject to any penalty under the Sunday Observance Acts, . . . <sup>F3</sup> 1780, by reason of his having managed, conducted, assisted at, or otherwise taken part in or attended or advertised—

- (a) any . . . <sup>F4</sup> at any place . . . <sup>F4</sup> to be opened and used on Sundays for that purpose;
- (b) any musical entertainment at any place licensed to be opened and used on Sundays for that purpose or at any place authorised by virtue of letters patent or royal charter to be kept or used for entertainments;
- (c) any museum, picture gallery, zoological or botanical garden or aquarium;
- (d) any lecture or debate;

or by reason of his being the keeper of any place opened and used on Sundays for the purpose of any cinematograph entertainment or musical entertainment for which it is allowed under this Act or licensed to be so opened and used, or of any museum, picture gallery, zoological or botanical garden or aquarium, or of any place at which a lecture or debate is held on Sunday.

**Textual Amendments**

- F3** Words repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1989 \(c. 43\), s. 1\(1\), Sch. 1 Pt. XI](#)
- F4** Words repealed by virtue of [Cinemas Act 1985 \(c. 13, SIF 45A\), s. 24\(2\), Sch. 3](#) (*Note*: Remaining text is as enacted following repeal)

**5 Interpretation.**

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

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“Musical entertainment” means a concert or similar entertainment consisting of the performance of music, with or without singing or recitation:

“Museum” includes any place permanently used for the exhibition of sculpture, casts, models, or other similar objects:

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**Textual Amendments**

- F5** Definition of “cinematograph entertainment” repealed by [Cinemas Act 1985 \(c. 13, SIF 45A\), s. 24\(2\), Sch. 3](#)
- F6** Definitions of “contravention” and “Sunday Observance Acts 1625 to 1780” repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1989 \(c. 43\), s. 1\(1\), Sch. 1 Pt. XI](#)
- F7** Definition of “Prescribed percentage” repealed by [Sunday Cinema Act 1972 \(c. 19\), Sch.](#)

**6 †Short title, extent and repeal.**

(1) This Act may be cited as the Sunday Entertainments Act 1932.

(2) ..... <sup>F8</sup>

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(3) This Act shall not extend to Scotland or to Northern Ireland.

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**Textual Amendments**

**F8** S. 6(2) repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1950 (c. 6), Sch. 1

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C1** Unreliable marginal note

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**Textual Amendments**

**F9** Sch. repealed by [Sunday Cinema Act 1972 \(c. 19\)](#), **Sch.**

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