



Theatres Act 1968

1968 CHAPTER 54

Provisions with respect to performances of plays

5 Incitement to racial hatred by means of public performance of a play

- (1) Subject to section 7 of this Act, if there is given a public performance of a play involving the use of threatening, abusive or insulting words, any person who (whether for gain or not) presented or directed that performance shall be guilty of an offence under this section if—
 - (a) he did so with intent to stir up hatred against any section of the public in Great Britain distinguished by colour, race or ethnic or national origins ; and
 - (b) that performance, taken as a whole, is likely to stir up hatred against that section on grounds of colour, race or ethnic or national origins.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding £200 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or both;
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine not exceeding £1,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or both.