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PART III

MODIFICATIONS OF PARTS I AND II IN SPECIAL CASES

43 Suspension of general closing hours and closing orders on special occasions

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order for such periods as he thinks fit suspend the operation of the provisions of this Act relating to general closing hours during the Christmas season or in connection with any other special occasion, and while any order made under this subsection is in force the provisions of any closing order shall be deemed to be suspended except in so far as may be otherwise directed by the order of the Secretary of State.

The power of making orders under this subsection shall be exercisable by statutory instrument.

- (2) A local authority may, in connection with any special occasion, by order suspend the operation of the provisions of this Act relating to general closing hours and the provisions of any closing order made by them for such period as they may think fit:

Provided that a local authority shall not in any year by orders under this subsection suspend the operation of the said provisions for more than seven days in the aggregate in that year.

- (3) The Secretary of State may cause a local enquiry to be held for the purposes of any of his powers and duties under this section, and section sixteen of this Act shall apply in relation to any such local enquiry.