

Chapter 319.
Places of Entertainment Act 1915 (Papua),.

Certified on: / /20 .

INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.



Chapter 319.

Places of Entertainment Act 1915 (Papua),.

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.

1. Constitutional limitation on application of Act.
2. Interpretation.
 “place of entertainment”
 “proprietor”
3. Application to clubs.
4. Regulations.

INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.



AN ACT

entitled

Places of Entertainment Act 1915 (Papua),,

Being an Act applying in and to the former Territory of Papua to provide for the regulation of places of public amusements.

1. CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION ON APPLICATION OF ACT.

By virtue of Section Sch. 2.6(2) (*adoption of pre-Independence laws*) of the *Constitution*, this Act applies in relation to the area that, immediately before Independence Day, formed the Territory of Papua.

2. INTERPRETATION.

In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

“place of entertainment” means—

- (a) any building enclosure or place that is or is intended to be used, kept or let as a theatre, concert room, dancing saloon, music hall, cinematograph exhibition, place for athletics or boxing; or
- (b) any premises on which is kept or maintained a billiard, bagatelle or billiard-bagatelle table for hire or as a means of gain or profit; or
- (c) any building enclosure or place that the Head of State, acting on advice, declares, by notice in the National Gazette, to be a place of public entertainment within the meaning of this Act,

but does not include (except when used for the purpose of a cinematograph exhibition) any institute, hall or any public building under the control of the Government or of trustees appointed by the Government;

“**proprietor**” includes an owner, lessee or licensee or the agent of an owner, lessee or licensee of, or a person having the superintendence or management of, a place of entertainment.

3. APPLICATION TO CLUBS.

This act does not apply to or in relation to a club that is not open to the public.

4. REGULATIONS.

The Head of State, acting on advice, may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, in relation to places of entertainment with respect to—

- (a) their situation, form and construction; and
- (b) their licensing and inspection and fees for such licences and inspections; and
- (c) their conduct and management; and
- (d) the prohibition of the admission of automatic citizens to them or the conditions under which automatic citizens may be admitted; and
- (e) the terms and conditions on which exhibitions of any kind may be advertised, presented or carried on; and
- (f) penalties of fines not exceeding K40.00, and in default of payment imprisonment for terms not exceeding three months, for offences against or contraventions of the regulations.

Office of Legislative Counsel, PNG