## THE CINEMATOGRAPH ACT

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## THE CINEMATOGRAPH ACT

Cap. 56. Law 48 of 1960. Act 42 of 1969

[25th July, 1913.]

3rd Sch.

1. This Act may be cited as the Cinematograph Act.

Short title.

Interpreta-

tion. 48/1960 S. 2.

2. In this Act— "the Authority" means the Authority constituted under section 3:

"film" includes phono-film;

"poster" includes illustrated pamphlets, photographs and pictures.

3.—(1) There is hereby constituted a body to be called the Establish-Cinematograph Authority.

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- (2) The provisions of the Schedule shall have effect as Authority. to the constitution, operation and expenses of the Authority  $\frac{48/1960}{5.3}$ and otherwise in relation thereto.
- graph Schedule.
- 4.—(1) It shall not be lawful for any person to conduct Exhibition or allow to be presented or given by means of a mutoscope, by muto-scope, etc., cinematograph, or other similar apparatus, any exhibition without of pictures or other optical effects, without the written per- written permission of the Authority, in accordance with the rules made Authority. under this Act.

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- (2) The Authority may refuse to grant such permission, or grant it subject to the rules made under this Act and subject to such special conditions and restrictions, to be specified in the permission, as to the Authority may seem fit; and any such permission may be revoked by the Authority at any time.
- (3) No such permission shall be granted unless a description of every scene intended to be presented, produced or given has been first furnished to the Authority. It

shall be lawful for such Authority after such description has been furnished, and before permission has been granted or refused, to demand that any exhibition of pictures or other optical effects which any person proposes to conduct, allow to be presented or give as aforesaid be first made to or viewed by such Authority in private at the sole cost and expense of the person proposing to conduct, allow to be presented, or give such exhibition, and the permission referred to in this section shall not be granted if it shall appear fit to the Authority, after such exhibition shall have been made to or viewed by the Authority, to refuse or withhold the same.

Officer designated by the Authority may order exhibition to cease, etc. 5. Where the Authority grants any such permission as aforesaid upon condition that the exhibition be conducted under the superintendence of some officer or person designated in the permission, then it shall be lawful at any time for such officer or person so designated to order such exhibition to cease and to give any other directions which he may think necessary for ensuring the safety from fire of the premises at which the exhibition takes place and of the people attending the exhibition.

Contravention of provisions, an offence. 6. Any person who conducts or who in any way assists in conducting any such exhibition as aforesaid in contravention of the provisions of this Act, or the rules made thereunder, or of any condition or restriction specified in a permission granted under this Act shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Duty of occupier of premises where exhibition to be held.

7.—(1) It shall be the duty of the occupier or the person in charge of any premises at which it may be proposed to conduct any such exhibition as aforesaid, to ascertain whether the requisite permission of the Authority shall have been obtained and, if so, the terms of such permission; and it shall also be the duty of such occupier or person to