



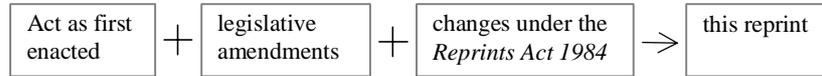
Western Australia

# **Sunday Entertainments Act 1979**

**Reprint 1: The Act as at 6 August 2004**

## Guide for using this reprint

### *What the reprint includes*



### *Endnotes, Compilation table, and Table of provisions that have not come into operation*

1. Details about the original Act and legislation that has amended its text are shown in the Compilation table in endnote 1, at the back of the reprint. The table also shows any previous reprint.
2. Validation, transitional, savings, or other provisions identified in the Compilation table may be important. The table may refer to another endnote setting out the text of these provisions in full.
3. A table of provisions that have not come into operation, to be found in endnote 1a if it is needed, lists any provisions of the Act being reprinted that have not come into operation and any amendments that have not come into operation. The full text is set out in another endnote that is referred to in the table.

### *Notes amongst text (italicised and within square brackets)*

1. If the reprint includes a section that was inserted, or has been amended, since the Act being reprinted was passed, editorial notes at the foot of the section give some history of how the section came to be as it is. If the section replaced an earlier section, no history of the earlier section is given (the full history of the Act is in the Compilation table).

Notes of this kind may also be at the foot of Schedules or headings.

2. The other kind of editorial note shows something has been —
  - removed (because it was repealed or deleted from the law); or
  - omitted under the *Reprints Act 1984* s. 7(4) (because, although still technically part of the text, it no longer has any effect).

The text of anything removed or omitted can be found in an earlier reprint (if there is one) or one of the written laws identified in the Compilation table.

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1. The reprint number (in the footer of each page of the document) shows how many times the Act has been reprinted. For example, numbering a reprint as “Reprint 3” would mean that the reprint was the 3<sup>rd</sup> reprint since the Act was passed. Reprint numbering was implemented as from 1 January 2003.
2. The information in the reprint is current on the date shown as the date as at which the Act is reprinted. That date is not the date when the reprint was published by the State Law Publisher and it is probably not the date when the most recent amendment had effect.

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## Sunday Entertainments Act 1979

**An Act to restrict the keeping, opening or use of places for public entertainment or amusement on Sundays and on Christmas Day and Good Friday, to repeal section 76H of the *Police Act 1892*<sup>2</sup>, and to provide for purposes connected therewith.**

### 1. Short title and commencement

- (1) This Act may be cited as the *Sunday Entertainments Act 1979*<sup>1</sup>.
- (2) This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by proclamation<sup>1</sup>.

### 2. Interpretation

In this Act —

“**owner**”, in relation to a place, means lessor, landlord or owner of the place;

“**place**” means any place whatsoever within the State and includes any building, structure, vehicle, aircraft, hovercraft, surface or underwater vessel or floating platform or other man-made object within the State;

“**public entertainment or amusement**” does not include address, discussion or lecture on, or exhibition concerned with, art, ethics, literature, science, social duties or any matter of public interest.

**3. Public entertainments on Sundays, Christmas Day and Good Friday restricted**

- (1) Subject to this section, a person who, except with statutory authority —
- (a) knowingly keeps, opens or uses any place or any part thereof for public entertainment or amusement on any Sunday or on Christmas Day or Good Friday in any year and to which persons are admitted by payment of money, or by tickets, programmes, objects or tokens sold for money, or in which, or in respect of which, a charge is made for seats, or a collection of money is made; or
  - (b) being the owner of any place, or the agent of such owner, knowingly hires, lets or causes or allows to be kept, opened or used that place or any part thereof for the purpose referred to in paragraph (a),

is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: On summary conviction, \$500.

- (2) The Minister may —
- (a) by notice published in the *Government Gazette* declare that the provisions of subsection (1) do not apply to or in relation to specified persons or classes of persons in respect of the keeping, opening or use of specified places or classes of places for specified public entertainment or amusement or classes of public entertainment or amusement on any Sunday; or
  - (b) notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), in writing permit a specified person or persons to keep, open or use a specified place for specified public entertainment or amusement on any specified Sunday or on Christmas Day or Good Friday in any specified year,

subject to such conditions, limitations or restrictions as are specified.

- (3) The Minister may —
- (a) by notice published in the *Government Gazette* vary or cancel any declaration; or
  - (b) in writing vary or cancel any permit,
- made or issued under subsection (2).

- (4) In subsection (2) —
- “specified”** means specified in the relevant declaration or permit, as the case may require.

*[Section 3 amended by No. 51 of 1992 s. 16(1); No. 50 of 2003 s. 97(2).]*

*[4. Omitted under the Reprints Act 1984 s. 7(4)(f).]*

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**Notes**

- <sup>1</sup> This reprint is a compilation as at 6 August 2004 of the *Sunday Entertainments Act 1979* and includes the amendments made by the other written laws referred to in the following table. The table also contains information about any reprint.

**Compilation table**

<b>Short title</b>	<b>Number and year</b>	<b>Assent</b>	<b>Commencement</b>
<i>Sunday Entertainments Act 1979</i>	17 of 1979	30 Aug 1979	8 Feb 1980 (see s. 1(2) and <i>Gazette</i> 1 Feb 1980 p. 283)
<i>Criminal Law Amendment Act (No. 2) 1992</i> s. 16(1)	51 of 1992	9 Dec 1992	6 Jan 1993
<i>Sentencing Legislation Amendment and Repeal Act 2003</i> s. 97	50 of 2003	9 Jul 2003	15 May 2004 (see s. 2 and <i>Gazette</i> 14 May 2004 p. 1445)
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- <sup>2</sup> The provision in this Act repealing this section has been omitted under the *Reprints Act 1984* s. 7(4)(f).