



I assent.

Alfred Savary
Governor.
20 May, 1955.

BRITISH GUIANA.

ORDINANCE No. 16 OF 1955

AN ORDINANCE further to amend the Cinematograph Ordinance.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Cinematograph (Amendment) Ordinance, 1955, and shall be construed and read as one with the Cinematograph Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance, and any Ordinance amending the same.

A.D. 1955.
Short title.
Cap. 105

Amendment of section 2 of the Principal Ordinance.

No. 70 of 1952.

2. Section two of the Principal Ordinance as substituted by section two of the Cinematograph (Amendment No. 2) Ordinance, 1952, is hereby amended by the insertion therein of the following definitions—

“distributor” means a person who carries on the business of importing and distributing cinematograph films or posters in the Colony;
 “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made under this Ordinance.”

Amendment of section 3A of the Principal Ordinance.

No. 70 of 1952.

3. Section three A of the Principal Ordinance as inserted by section four of the Cinematograph (Amendment No. 2) Ordinance, 1952, is hereby amended by the insertion of the following as subsection (8)—

“(8) The Chairman of the Board of Film Censors may, with the approval of the Governor, appoint a secretary to the Board of Film Censors at such remuneration and upon such conditions as he may determine.”

Amendment of section 3B of the Principal Ordinance.

No. 70 of 1952.

4. Section three B of the Principal Ordinance as inserted by section four of the Cinematograph (Amendment No. 2) Ordinance, 1952, is hereby amended —

(a) by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following —
 “(1) The Chairman of the Board of Film Censors shall appoint one or more committees from among the members of the said Board, in this Ordinance referred to as censorship committees, to examine such cinematograph films and posters as are submitted to censorship committees for approval.”

(b) by the insertion of the following new subsections —

“(1A) Each censorship committee shall consist of no less than two members of the Board of Film Censors.

(1B) The Chairman of the Board of Film Censors, or the secretary of that Board, if the Chairman so directs, shall allocate to a censorship committee the cinematograph films and posters to be examined by it.”

Repeal and re-enactment of section 3F of the Principal Ordinance.

No. 70 of 1952.

5. Section three F of the Principal Ordinance as inserted by section four of the Cinematograph (Amendment No. 2) Ordinance, 1952, is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor —

“Appeal. 3F. (1) Any person aggrieved by any decision of a censorship committee may, within the prescribed time and in the prescribed form, appeal to the Board of Film Censors against such decision:

Provided that no member of the censorship committee from whose decision an appeal is brought shall sit or take part in the determination of such appeal.

(2) The decision of the Board of Film Censors on every such appeal shall be final.”

6. Section four of the Principal Ordinance as substituted by the Cinematograph (Amendment) Ordinance, 1945, and amended by the Cinematograph (Amendment No. 2) Ordinance, 1952, is hereby further amended —

Amendment of section 4 of the Principal Ordinance. No. 11 of 1945. No. 70 of 1952.

- (a) by the deletion of all of the words following the semicolon after the word "vault" in paragraph (n) to the end of the section; and
- (b) by the insertion after paragraph (n) of the following paragraphs —
 - "(o) prescribing the forms to be used for any matter or thing to be done under this Ordinance or any regulations made thereunder;
 - (p) prescribing the conditions and the procedure with respect to the submission of cinematograph films and posters for approval and to the grant of such approval and the terms, conditions and restrictions thereof or relating thereto;
 - (q) prescribing any other matter required to be prescribed under the provisions of this Ordinance;
 - (r) providing for the imposition of penalties not exceeding a fine of five hundred dollars or imprisonment for a term of six months for any contravention of, or failure to comply with, any of the regulations made under this Ordinance or decision taken under such regulations and for forfeiture of any film or poster in respect of which the contravention or failure has been made."

7. The sections of the Principal Ordinance as inserted by section four of the Cinematograph (Amendment No. 2) Ordinance, 1952, specified in the first column of the schedule to this Ordinance are hereby amended in the manner and to the extent shown in the second column of the said schedule.

Miscellaneous amendments of the Principal Ordinance. No. 70 of 1952.

SCHEDULE

Section 7.

Amendments of the Cinematograph Ordinance, Chapter 105, as amended from time to time.

Section three

In subsection (1) for the words "the Board of Film Censors" in the third and the fifth lines there shall be substituted the words "a censorship committee".

In subsection (2) for the words "the Board of Film Censors" in the third and in the sixth lines there shall be substituted the words "a censorship committee."

Section three B

In subsection (2) for the words "The Board of Film Censors" there shall be substituted the words "A censorship committee".

In subsection (2) for the word "their" in the third and in the fourth lines there shall be substituted the word "its".

In subsection (4) for the words "The Board of Film Censors" in the first and second lines there shall be substituted the words "A censorship committee".

In subsection (4) for the words "the Board of Film Censors" in the third line there shall be substituted the words "that censorship committee".

In subsection (4) for the word "their" in the fifth line there shall be substituted the word "its".

In subsection (5) for the words "the Board of Film Censors have" in the first line there shall be substituted the words "a censorship committee has".

In subsection (5) for the words "the Board of Film Censors" in the fourth and fifth lines there shall be substituted the words "a censorship committee for its approval".

Section three C

In the marginal note for the words "Board of Film Censors" there shall be substituted the words "censorship committee".

For the words "the Board of Film Censors at their examination" there shall be substituted the words "a censorship committee at its examination".

For the word "their" in the third and in the fourth lines there shall be substituted the word "its".

Section three D

For the "words "the Board of Film Censors" wherever they appear in that section there shall be substituted the words "a censorship committee".

Section three E

For the marginal note there shall be substituted the words "Censorship Committee's certificate".

For the words "the Board of Film Censors" there shall be substituted the words "a censorship committee".

Passed by the Legislative Council this thirteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

L. Spurr
Clerk of the Legislature.

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(Leg. Bill No. 18/1955).