

PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT (CLOSING TIME) ACT

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PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT (CLOSING TIME) ACT

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Places of Public Entertainment (Closing Time) Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act—

“nightclub” has the meaning assigned to it in the Tourism Authority Act;

“place of public entertainment” means any theatre, picture house, cinematograph or dancing hall and includes any premises used temporarily or permanently for the exhibition of any film, the performance of any play, or the holding of any concert, dance or charity bazaar but excludes a nightclub.

[S. 2 amended by s. 132 (4) (a) of Act 32 of 2006 w.e.f. 1 May 2007.]

3. Closing times

(1) (a) Subject to paragraph (b), every place of public entertainment shall be closed at midnight on every day of the week except Saturdays.

(b) The Commissioner of Police may, where he thinks it expedient, and subject to such conditions as he thinks fit to impose, authorise in writing any place of public entertainment to remain open after midnight on any given occasion.

(2) Any owner, lessee or manager of a place of public entertainment who fails to comply with subsection (1) shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 100,000 rupees.

[S. 3 amended by s. 132 (4) (b) of Act 32 of 2006 w.e.f. 1 May 2007.]

4. Regulations

(1) The Commissioner of Police may make such regulations as he thinks fit for the purposes of this Act.

(2) Any person who contravenes any regulations made under this Act shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 10,000 rupees.

[S. 3 amended by s. 132 (4) (c) of Act 32 of 2006 w.e.f. 1 May 2007.]
