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SANITATION OF THEATRES.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to ensure the Proper Cleansing and Sanitation of Theatres. Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Sanitation of Theatres Act, 1915. Short Title.

2. The following words and expressions in this Act shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there is something in subject or context repugnant to such construction, that is to say:— Interpretation.

The word "person" shall include corporation, whether aggregate or sole:

The word "theatre" shall include any place of amusement where pictures are shown, or where any kind of entertainment is carried on to which the public is admitted:

The word "month" shall mean a calendar month:

The term "continuous theatre" shall mean a place of entertainment where such entertainment is "continuous":

20 The word "continuous" shall mean the continuance of an entertainment during such period of the twenty-four hours of each day as the entertainment is carried on, and during which period the programme is constantly repeated:

25 The word "programme" shall mean the set of pictures shown at a theatre as the entertainment provided at that theatre.

3. At all theatres after every performance, or after the showing of a programme at a theatre or continuous theatre, all the floor spaces in those parts of the theatre to which the public is admitted shall be cleansed of all rubbish and refuse, and all available exits and 30 doors shall be kept open so that a current of air may circulate in Theatres to be cleaned, and closed to public for two hours after every performance.

such theatre for a period of two hours from the time of the close of such performance, or after the showing of a programme; and the public shall not be admitted to a theatre during the two hours mentioned herein. The penalty for a breach of this clause shall be not more than *fifty* pounds. 5

Theatres to be disinfected.

4. All theatres shall be scrubbed out not less than twice in each calendar month with a hot solution containing sheep-dip or other insecticide and a disinfecting solution, and the portions of the theatre to be so scrubbed out shall be all the floor spaces in the parts of the theatre to which the public is admitted. The Sanitary 10 Inspector of the district shall approve the insecticide and disinfectant to be used by the person in charge of a theatre; and the penalty for a breach of this clause of the Act shall be not more than *fifty* pounds.

Theatres to be deodorized after each performance.

5. A spray discharging a vapour of a fluid which is a germicide and a deodorant shall be used to spray over all parts of a theatre to 15 which the public is admitted after the programme is shown and before another audience is admitted. The penalty for a breach of this clause of the Act shall be not more than *ten* pounds.

Act to apply to continuous theatres.

6. This Act shall apply to all continuous theatres, but shall not apply to theatres (other than continuous theatres) owned and con- 20 trolled by local bodies or Borough Councils.

Inspector to take action.

7. The provisions of this Act shall be enforced by action being taken by the officer appointed by any local body or Borough Council for the purpose of the inspection of theatres.