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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2000 No. 3372**

**DEREGULATION, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Deregulation (Sunday Dancing) Order 2000**

*Made* - - - - - *21st December 2000*

*Coming into force* - - - - - *28th December 2000*

Whereas:

- (a) the Secretary of State is of the opinion that certain provisions of the Sunday Observance Act 1780(1) which are the subject of this Order impose burdens affecting persons in the carrying on of a trade, business, profession or otherwise and that by amending or repealing the provisions concerned it is possible to remove or reduce the burdens without removing any necessary protection;
- (b) he has consulted such organisations as appear to him to be representative of interests substantially affected by his proposals and such other persons as he considers appropriate;
- (c) it appears to the Secretary of State that it is appropriate, following that consultation, to proceed with the making of this Order;
- (d) a document setting out the Secretary of State's proposals has been laid before Parliament as required by section 3 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994(2) and the period for parliamentary consideration under section 4 of that Act has expired;
- (e) the Secretary of State has had regard to the representations made during that period;
- (f) a draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament with a statement giving details of those representations and the changes to the Secretary of State's proposals in the light of those representations; and
- (g) a draft of this Order has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 1 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation, commencement and extent**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Deregulation (Sunday Dancing) Order 2000.

(2) This Order shall come into force at the end of one week beginning with the day on which it is made.

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(1) 1780 c. 49.  
(2) 1994 c. 40.

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(3) This Order does not extend to Scotland or Northern Ireland.

**Dancing on Sundays**

2. The entertainments and amusements to which the Sunday Observance Act 1780 applies do not include dancing by members of the public or any musical or other accompaniment to such dancing.

Home Office  
21st December 2000

*Mike O'Brien*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order is made under section 1 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994. Article 2 reduces burdens on business by removing entertainments consisting of dancing by members of the public (and any accompaniment) from the prohibitions contained in the Sunday Observance Act 1780.