



Theatres Act 1968

1968 CHAPTER 54

Licensing of premises for public performance of plays

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- [^{F1}][^{F2}(1) Subject to the following provisions of this Act, no premises, whether or not licensed for the sale of intoxicating or exciseable liquor, shall be used for the public performance of any play except under and in accordance with the terms of a licence granted under this Act by the licensing authority.
- (2) A licence shall not be required for any premises under any enactment other than this Act by reason only of the public performance at those premises of a play.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2) above any music played at any premises by way of introduction to, in any interval between parts of, or by way of conclusion of a performance of a play or in the interval between two such performances shall be treated as forming part of the performance or performances, as the case may be, if the total time taken by music so played on any day amounts to less than one quarter of the time taken by the performance or performances of the play or plays given at the premises on that day.
- [^{F3}(3A) Where Part 3 of the [Fire \(Scotland\) Act 2005 \(asp 5\)](#) applies in relation to premises, no term which relates to any matter in relation to which requirements or prohibitions are or could be imposed by virtue of that Part shall be included in a licence granted under this Act in respect of those premises.]
- (4) Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect with respect to licences under this Act.]]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 12-14 repealed (S.) (27.1.2021) by [Air Weapons and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(asp 10\)](#), [ss. 74\(3\)](#), [88\(2\)](#); [S.S.I. 2019/99](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#) (with [art. 3](#))
- F2** Ss. 12-14 cease to have effect (E.W.) (24.11.2005) by virtue of [Licensing Act 2003 \(c. 17\)](#), [s. 201\(2\)](#), [Sch. 6 para. 44\(b\)](#) (with [ss. 2\(3\)](#), [15\(2\)](#), [195](#)); [S.I. 2005/3056](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#)
- F3** S. 12(3A) inserted (S.) (1.10.2006) by [Fire \(Scotland\) Act 2005 \(Consequential Modifications and Savings\) Order 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/475\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 1 para. 4\(2\)](#)

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for the Theatres Act 1968, Section 12. (See end of Document for details)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 12: functions of local authority not to be responsibility of an executive of the authority (E.)
(16.11.2000) by virtue of [S.I. 2000/2853](#), reg. 2(1), [Sch. 1](#) Table B13

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