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66 In paragraph 18 (fees), for “proper officer” substitute “clerk”.

Rent Act 1977 (c. 42)
67 In section 11 of the Rent Act 1977 (tenancy of...

Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1978 (c. xiii)
68 The Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1978 is amended...
69 Section 3 (human posing to be treated as entertainment) ceases...
70 In section 5(4)(a) (definition of “booking office”)—

Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 (c. 4)

71 The Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 is amended as follows,...
72 In section 4 (interpretation)— (a) in the definition of “justices'...
73 In section 71 (exception to penalty for misdescribing alcohol as...

Licensed Premises (Exclusion of Certain Persons) Act 1980 (c. 32)

74 In section 4(1) of the Licensed Premises (Exclusion of Certain...

Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43)

75 In Part 3 of Schedule 6 to the Magistrates' Courts...

Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c. 65)

76 The Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 is amended...
77 Sections 131 and 132 (licensing in new towns) cease to...
78 In section 133 (miscellaneous provision about new towns), in...
79 In section 146 (disposal of land by urban development corporation)—...

Indecent Displays (Control) Act 1981 (c. 42)

80 In section 1(4) of the Indecent Displays (Control) Act 1981...

New Towns Act 1981 (c. 64)

81 In section 18 of the New Towns Act 1981 (disposal...

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (c. 30)

82 The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 is...
83 The following provisions cease to have effect—
84 In section 10(11) (requirement that apparatus to be installed should...
85 (1) Schedule 3 (control of sex establishments) is amended as...

Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2)

86 The Representation of the People Act 1983 is amended as...
87 In section 185 (interpretation of Part relating to legal proceedings),...
88 In Schedule 7 (transitional and saving provision), omit paragraph 4,...

Video Recordings Act 1984 (c. 39)

89 In section 3(7) of the Video Recordings Act 1984 (exempted...

Building Act 1984 (c. 55)

90 The Building Act 1984 is amended as follows.
91 In section 24(4) (provision of exits in buildings) for paragraph...
92 In section 74(2) (exemption for certain premises from requirement for...
Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (c. 60)
93 In Schedule 1A to the Police and Criminal Evidence Act...

Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1984 (c. xxvii)
94 In section 15(1) of the Greater London Council (General Powers)...

Cinemas Act 1985 (c. 13)
95 The Cinemas Act 1985 ceases to have effect in England...

Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc.) Act 1985 (c. 57)
96 The Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc.) Act 1985 is...
97 In the following provisions, for “intoxicating liquor” substitute “alcohol”—
98 Omit section 2(1A) (application to private rooms of offence of...
99 The following provisions cease to have effect—
100 In section 8 (offences)— (a) in paragraph (b), for “....
101 In section 9 (interpretation)— (a) omit subsection (5), and

Housing Act 1985 (c. 68)
102 The Housing Act 1985 is amended as follows.
103 In section 11 (provision of board facilities by local housing...
104 In Schedule 1 (tenancies which are not secure tenancies), in...

Sex Discrimination Act 1986 (c. 59)
105 Section 5 of the Sex Discrimination Act 1986 (discrimination required...

Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987 (c. 27)
106 After section 33(2) of the Fire Safety and Safety of...

Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988 (c. 4)
107 In paragraph 40(1) of Schedule 3 to the Norfolk and...

Housing Act 1988 (c. 50)
108 In Schedule 1 to the Housing Act 1988 (tenancies which...

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (c. 8)
109 Section 334 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990...

Sunday Trading Act 1994 (c. 20)
110 (1) Schedule 1 to the Sunday Trading Act 1994 (restrictions...

Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (c. 33)
111 In section 63 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order...

Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 (c. 40)
112 Section 21 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994...
London Local Authorities Act 1995 (c. x)

113 In section 14 of the London Local Authorities Act 1995...

Employment Rights Act 1996 (c. 18)

114 In section 232(7) of the Employment Rights Act 1996 (definition...

Confiscation of Alcohol (Young Persons) Act 1997 (c. 33)

115 (1) Section 1 of the Confiscation of Alcohol (Young Persons)...

Police Act 1997 (c. 50)

116 In section 115(5) of the Police Act 1997 (enhanced criminal...

London Local Authorities Act 2000 (c. vii)

117 In section 32 of the London Local Authorities Act 2000...

Private Security Industry Act 2001 (c. 12)

118 (1) Paragraph 8 of Schedule 2 to the Private Security...

Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (c. 16)

120 In section 1(1) (offences leading to penalties on the spot),...

122 ............

123 ............

124 ............

125 ............

126 In each of the following provisions, for “unlicensed sale of...

SCHEDULE 7 — Repeals

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Part 1 — PREMISES LICENCES

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1 (1) In this Part— “canteen licence” has the same meaning...

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9 (1) Where an application under paragraph 2 is rejected (in...

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10 (1) A person commits an offence if he knowingly or...

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11 (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) within such period (of...

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12 (1) Where— (a) during such period as may be specified...

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13 (1) In this Part— “existing club certificate” means a certificate...

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14 (1) This paragraph applies where, in respect of any premises,....

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15 (1) Where a person makes an application under paragraph 14,....

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16 (1) This paragraph applies where an application is made in...

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17 (1) Where an application is granted under paragraph 16, the...

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18 (1) The new certificate is to be treated as if...
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(1) A person who makes an application under paragraph 14...

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(1) Where an application under paragraph 14 is rejected by...

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(1) A person commits an offence if he knowingly or...

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(1) Paragraphs 24 to 27 apply where—

Section 120 disapplied

(24) Section 120 (determination of application for grant) does not apply...

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(1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where— (a) the applicant has been...

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(26) (1) The relevant licensing authority must grant the application if—...

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(28) For the purposes of this Part— “relevant date”, in relation...

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(29) Until such time as section 59 of the 1964 Act...

Meaning of “methylated spirits” (transitory provision)

(30) Until such time as an order is made under subsection...

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(31) Notwithstanding the repeal by this Act of Schedule 12 to...

(32) (1) In Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions)...

(33) Notwithstanding that by virtue of this Act the Cinemas Act...

Interpretation

(34) In this Schedule— “justices' licence” means a justices' licence under...
Changes to legislation:

Licensing Act 2003 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 08 November 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

View outstanding changes

Changes and effects yet to be applied to:

- s. 172A-172E and cross-heading inserted by 2010 c. 17 s. 55(2) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 55 repealed (31.10.2012) without ever being in force by 2011 c. 13, s. 119(4); S.I. 2012/2670, art. 2(a))
- s. 7(2)(aa) inserted by 2010 c. 17 s. 55(3) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 55 repealed (31.10.2012) without ever being in force by 2011 c. 13, s. 119(4); S.I. 2012/2670, art. 2(a))
- s. 7(9) applied by 2017 anaw 2 Sch. 3 para. 21(2)(a)
- s. 10 applied by 2017 anaw 2 Sch. 3 para. 21(2)(b)
- s. 10(4)(c) word omitted by 2011 c. 13 s. 121(3)(a)
- s. 10(4)(d) word omitted (temp.) by 2020 c. 16 s. 11(4)(b)
- s. 16(3) words omitted by 2012 c. 7 Sch. 14 para. 88
- s. 136(5) words inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(5)
- s. 140(2) word omitted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(4)(a)
- s. 141(2) word omitted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(5)(a)
- s. 141(3) words inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(5)(c)
- s. 143(2) word omitted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(6)(a)
- s. 144(2) word omitted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(7)(a)
- s. 147A(1)(b) words substituted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(8)(a)
- s. 147A(7)(c) and word omitted by 2022 c. 32 Sch. 11 para. 27
- s. 153(4) word omitted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(9)(a)
- s. 159 words inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(10)
- s. 161(7) words substituted by S.I. 2015/664 Sch. 4 para. 33(7) (This amendment superseded by the repeal of s. 161)
- s. 165(8) words substituted by S.I. 2015/664 Sch. 4 para. 33(8) (This amendment superseded by the repeal of s. 165)
- s. 194 words inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(11)
- s. 197(4) words inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(12)(b)(i)
- s. 197(4) words inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(12)(b)(ii)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):
- Pt. 5A inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(2)Sch. 17
- s. 2(1A) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(1)
- s. 10(4)(e) and word inserted by 2011 c. 13 s. 121(3)(b)
- s. 140(2)(e) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(4)(b)
- s. 141(2)(e) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(5)(b)
- s. 143(2)(e) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(6)(b)
- s. 144(2)(e) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(7)(b)
- s. 147A(4)(c) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(8)(b)
- s. 153(4)(d) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(9)(b)
- s. 197(3)(cza) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 67(12)(a)
- s. 197A197B inserted by 2011 c. 13 s. 121(2)