



Licensing Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 17

PART 3

PREMISES LICENCES

Production of licence, rights of entry, etc.

59 Inspection of premises before grant of licence etc.

- (1) In this section “relevant application” means an application under—
 - (a) section 17 (grant of licence),
 - (b) section 29 (provisional statement),
 - (c) section 34 (variation of licence), or
 - (d) section 51 (review of licence).
- (2) A constable or an authorised person may, at any reasonable time before the determination of a relevant application, enter the premises to which the application relates to assess—
 - (a) in a case within subsection (1)(a), (b) or (c), the likely effect of the grant of the application on the promotion of the licensing objectives, and
 - (b) in a case within subsection (1)(d), the effect of the activities authorised by the premises licence on the promotion of those objectives.
- (3) An authorised person exercising the power conferred by this section must, if so requested, produce evidence of his authority to exercise the power.
- (4) A constable or an authorised person exercising the power conferred by this section in relation to an application within subsection (1)(d) may, if necessary, use reasonable force.
- (5) A person commits an offence if he intentionally obstructs an authorised person exercising a power conferred by this section.

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- (6) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

Commencement Information

- II** S. 59(1)(a)(b)(2)(a)(3)-(6) in force and s. 59(1)(c) in force for certain purposes at 7.2.2005 and at 24.11.2005 otherwise by [S.I. 2004/2360](#), **art. 2** (Sch.); [S.I. 2005/3056](#), **art. 2**, (with Sch.)

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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\(1\)](#)
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- 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\(2\)](#)