

Licensing Act 2003

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Sunday Observance Act 1780 (c. 49)

3 The Sunday Observance Act 1780 ceases to have effect.

Town Police Clauses Act 1847 (c. 89)

4 Section 35 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 (harbouring...

Cambridge Award Act 1856 (c. xvii)

5 The following provisions of the Cambridge Award Act 1856 cease...

Inebriates Act 1898 (c. 60)

6 In the First Schedule to the Inebriates Act 1898 (offences...

Licensing Act 1902 (c. 28)

- 7 The Licensing Act 1902 is amended as follows.
- 8 (1) Section 6 (prohibition of sale of alcohol to person...
- 9 After section 8 (meaning of "public place") insert— Interpretation of...

Celluloid and Cinematograph Film Act 1922 (c. 35)

10 At the end of section 2 of the Celluloid and...

Sunday Entertainments Act 1932 (c. 51)

11 The Sunday Entertainments Act 1932 ceases to have effect.

Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (c. 12)

- 12 The Children and Young Persons Act 1933 is amended as...
- 13 In section 5 (giving alcohol to a child under five)...
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- 15 In section 107 (interpretation), omit the definition of "intoxicating liquor"....

Public Health Act 1936 (c. 49)

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London Building Acts (Amendment) Act 1939 (c. xcvii)

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Civic Restaurants Act 1947 (c. 22)

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London County Council (General Powers) Act 1947 (c. xlvi)

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National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 (c. 97)

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Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection of Civil Interests) Act 1951 (c. 65)

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- 22 In section 14(2)(a) (protection against insecurity of tenure of place...
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Hypnotism Act 1952 (c. 46)

- 25 The Hypnotism Act 1952 is amended as follows.
- 26 (1) Section 1 (inclusion in an entertainment licence of conditions...
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Obscene Publications Act 1959 (c. 66)

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Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (c. 2)

- 29 The Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 is amended as...
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Children and Young Persons Act 1963 (c. 37)

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Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 (c. 41)

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Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1966 (c. xxviii)

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Criminal Appeal Act 1968 (c. 19)

- 38 The Criminal Appeal Act 1968 is amended as follows.
- 39 In section 10 (appeal against sentence to Crown Court), at...
- 40 In section 31 (powers of Court of Appeal under Part...
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- 42 In section 50 (meaning of "sentence"), at the end of...

Theatres Act 1968 (c. 54)

- 43 The Theatres Act 1968 is amended as follows.
- 44 The following provisions cease to have effect in England and...
- 45 In section 15 (warrant to enter theatre where offence suspected)
- 46 Section 17 (existing letters patent) ceases to have effect.
- 47 In section 18(1) (interpretation), in the definition of "licensing authority",...

Gaming Act 1968 (c. 65)

- 48 The Gaming Act 1968 is amended as follows.
- 49 (1) Section 6 (playing games on premises used for sale...
- 50 For section 7(2) (offence to allow child to take part...
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City of London (Various Powers) Act 1968 (c. xxxvii)

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Finance Act 1970 (c. 24)

54 In section 6(2)(b) of the Finance Act 1970 (Angostura bitters)—...

Sunday Theatre Act 1972 (c. 26)

55 The Sunday Theatre Act 1972 ceases to have effect.

Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70)

- 56 The Local Government Act 1972 is amended as follows.
- 57 In section 78(1)(supplementary provision relating to changes in local government...
- 58 In section 101 (arrangements for discharge of functions by local...
- 59 In section 145(4) (provision of entertainment), for "intoxicating liquor" substitute...
- 60 Section 204 (licensed premises) ceases to have effect.
- 61 (1) Schedule 12 (meetings and proceedings of local authorities) is...

Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976 (c. 32)

- 62 Schedule 3 to the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976 (provision...
- 63 (1) Paragraph 1 (interpretation) is amended as follows.
- 64 In paragraph 8 (appeals)— (a) in sub-paragraphs (2) and (3),...
- 65 Omit paragraph 11 (payment of indemnity from central funds).
- 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)

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

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Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43)

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

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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 amended as...
- 83 The following provisions cease to have effect—
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- 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...

106	<i>Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987 (c. 27)</i> After section 33(2) of the Fire Safety and Safety of
107	Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988 (c. 4) In paragraph 40(1) of Schedule 3 to the Norfolk and
108	Housing Act 1988 (c. 50) In Schedule 1 to the Housing Act 1988 (tenancies which
109	Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (c. 8) Section 334 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
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117	London Local Authorities Act 2000 (c. vii) In section 32 of the London Local Authorities Act 2000
118	<i>Private Security Industry Act 2001 (c. 12)</i>(1) Paragraph 8 of Schedule 2 to the Private Security
119 120 121 122 123	Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (c. 16) The Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 is amended as In section 1(1) (offences leading to penalties on the spot), In section 12 (alcohol consumption in designated public place)— In section 13 (designated public places), in subsection (2) for (1) Section 14 (places which are not designated public places)

- 124 In section 15(1)(a) (byelaw prohibiting consumption of alcohol), for "intoxicating...
- 125 In section 16(1) (interpretation of sections 12 to 15)—
- 126 In each of the following provisions, for "unlicensed sale of...
- 127 In section 28 (interpretation of provisions relating to closure of...
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3 (1) Where a person makes an application under paragraph 2,...

Determination of application

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

Notification of determination and issue of new licence

5 (1) Where an application is granted (in whole or in...

The new licence

6 (1) This paragraph applies where a new licence is granted...

Variation of new licence

7 (1) A person who makes an application under paragraph 2...

Existing licence revoked after grant of new licence

8 (1) This paragraph applies where the relevant licensing authority grants...

Appeals

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

False statements

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

Opening hours

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... Part 2 — CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATES

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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,...

Determination of application

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...

The new certificate

18 (1) The new certificate is to be treated as if...

Variation of new certificate

19 (1) A person who makes an application under paragraph 14...

Existing club certificate revoked after grant of new certificate

20 Where the relevant licensing authority grants a new certificate under...

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

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22 (1) A person commits an offence if he knowingly or... Part 3 — PERSONAL LICENCES

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23 (1) Paragraphs 24 to 27 apply where—

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

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25 (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... Part 4 — MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

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

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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...

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Point in time view as at 24/11/2005.

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