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DEPARTEMENT VAN DIE EERSTE MINISTER

DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER

No. 389.

16 Maart 1977.

Hierby word bekend gemaak dat die Staatspresident sy goedkeuring geheg het aan die onderstaande Wet wat hierby ter algemene inligting gepubliseer word:—

No. 16 van 1977: Wet op die Verbod op die Vertoon van Rolprente op Sondae en Openbare Feesdae, 1977.

No. 389.

16 March 1977.

It is hereby notified that the State President has assented to the following Act which is hereby published for general information:—

No. 16 of 1977: Prohibition of the Exhibition of Films on Sundays and Public Holidays Act, 1977.

Act No. 16, 1977

PROHIBITION OF THE EXHIBITION OF FILMS ON SUNDAYS  
AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ACT, 1977.**ACT**

**To prohibit the exhibition of films on Sundays and certain public holidays in certain circumstances and to provide for matters connected therewith.**

*(English text signed by the State President.)  
(Assented to 8 March 1977.)*

**BE IT ENACTED** by the State President, the Senate and the House of Assembly of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

## Definitions.

1. In this Act, unless the context otherwise indicates—

“film” includes any picture intended for exhibition through the medium of a mechanical device, and any film cassette, magnetic tape cassette or video-plate;

“Sunday” includes any public holiday mentioned in the Second Schedule to the Public Holidays Act, 1952 (Act No. 5 of 1952).

## Prohibition of exhibition of films on Sundays in certain circumstances.

2. (1) No person shall exhibit any film on any Sunday in or at any place to which admission is obtained for any consideration, direct or indirect, or by virtue of membership of any association of persons or by virtue of any contribution towards any fund, unless the Minister of Justice or any officer of the Department of Justice acting under his authority has consented thereto.

(2) Such consent may be granted in general or in a particular case or in cases of a particular nature.

(3) Any person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand five hundred rand or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding twelve months or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

## Repeal of laws.

3. The Act to Secure the Better Observance of the Lord's Day (Act No. 19 of 1895), of the Cape of Good Hope, The Police Offences Ordinance, 1902 (Ordinance No. 21 of 1902), of the Orange Free State and Law No. 28 of 1896 of the Transvaal are hereby repealed in so far as they relate to the exhibition of films on Sundays.

## Short title and commencement.

4. This Act shall be called the Prohibition of the Exhibition of Films on Sundays and Public Holidays Act, 1977, and shall come into operation on a day fixed by the State President by proclamation in the *Gazette*.