THE CINEMATOGRAPH (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1962

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Passed by the National Parliament this twenty-eighth day of August 1982.

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill passed by Parliament and found by me to be a true and correct copy of the said Bill.

Festus Fa'amata
Clerk to the National Parliament

Assented to in Her Majesty's name and on Her Majesty's behalf this 9th day of August 1982.

B. Devesi
Governor-General

Date of commencement: date of publication in the Gazette

AN ACT to amend the Cinematograph Act.

ENACTED by the National Parliament of Solomon Islands.
1. This Act may be cited as the Cinematograph (Amendment) Act 1982.


3. Section 2 of the Cinematograph Act is amended -
   (a) by adding the following definition -
   "Board" means Board established under section 3;
   (b) in the definition of "cinematograph exhibition", by inserting immediately after the word "apparatus" the words "including television apparatus";
   (c) by deleting the definition of "cinematograph theatre" and inserting the following definition in its place -
   "cinematograph theatre" means any building, tent or other erection of whatever nature (other than a private home) or any place or land in or on which a cinematograph exhibition is presented for the purpose of entertainment of members of a club, society, association, or educational institution or to the public either gratuitously or for reward;.

4. Section 3 of the principal Act is repealed and replaced by the following section -
   "Board of Censors. There shall be established a Board of Censors, which shall consist of a Chief Censor and not more than 20 other members appointed by the Minister.

   (2) The members of the Board appointed under subsection (1) shall include a nominee of the Ministry responsible for Education and Training, a nominee of the Solomon Islands Christian Association, a nominee of the Comptroller of Customs and Excise and a nominee of the Commissioner of Police.

   (3) The Chief Censor and other members of the Board shall be appointed for a period of 2 years.

   (4) At all meetings of the Board the Chief Censor or in his absence such member as the other members present may select, shall preside and act as the Chairman of the Board.

   (5) The Board shall cause proper records of its proceedings to be kept.
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(6) Every document issued by the Board shall be signed by the Chairman or the Secretary.

(7) The Minister may give the Board direction as to the policy to be adopted in the exercise of the powers conferred and the duties imposed on the Board under this Act and the Board shall comply with such directions.

(8) Subject to this Act, the Board may regulate its own procedure."

5. Section 6 of the principal Act is amended by adding the following subsections -

"(4) Any film in respect of which the Board has refused to grant a film permit shall be exported immediately from Solomon Islands and any such film which remains in Solomon Islands beyond a period that is reasonable to allow for arrangements for its exportation to be made shall be liable to seizure by the Board.

(5) A film seized under subsection (4) shall be taken before a Magistrate's Court as soon as may be practicable and the court may order the destruction of the film or make such other order as it thinks fit.

(6) Any person who exhibits or attempts to exhibit by any means in whatever place in Solomon Islands any film in respect of which a film permit has been refused by the Board, shall commit an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine of $200 or to imprisonment for 1 year or to both the fine and imprisonment."

6. Section 8 of the principal Act is amended by adding the following subsection -

"(7) Any person who presents, or causes or permits to be presented any cinematograph exhibition in a cinematograph theatre otherwise than in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in a film permit granted by the Board under subsection (4) in relation to a film so exhibited, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of $200 or to imprisonment for one year or to both the fine and imprisonment."