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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE GRANTING OF LICENCES TO PERSONS WHO WISH TO OPERATE CIRCUSES AND SIMILAR SHOWS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED OR INCIDENTAL MATTERS.

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Circus and Similar Shows Act.

Interpretation.

2. “Minister” means the Minister responsible for National Security.
(Inserted by Act 7 of 1976)

Prohibition of operating circuses without licence.

3. (1) No person shall conduct or operate any circus, merry-go-round or other show of a like kind without a licence granted and issued subject to the conditions hereinafter provided.
(2) Any person acting in contravention of this section commits an offence against this Act.

Issue of licences.

4. It shall be lawful for the Chief of Police, in the State with the approval of the Minister to issue licences under this Act subject to the conditions mentioned in section 5:
Provided that the Magistrate of District “C” shall issue licences for the island of Nevis.

Conditions of licences.

5. (1) Each licence shall specify—
 - (a) the days of the week and the hours between which the show shall be operated;
 - (b) the period during which the show may be operated; and
 - (c) the site.(2) If the holder of the licence or any person employed by him or her infringes any condition subject to which such licence is granted he or she commits an offence against this Act.

Fee for licence.

6. There shall be paid into the Treasury for every licence issued under this Act a fee of one hundred dollars a day for each day or part of a day during which a show is actually in operation:
Provided nevertheless that the Minister shall, upon it being proved to his or her satisfaction, that any circus or similar show is *bona fide* owned by any person domiciled in the State remit the fees charged under this section.

Penalty.

7. Any person found guilty of an offence against this Act shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars.

(Amended by Acts 7 of 1976 and 9 of 1986)

Cancellation of licences.

8. The Minister may, in the event of the infringement by the holder of a licence of any of the conditions subject to which such licence is granted, or of the conviction of such holder or any person employed by him or her of an offence against this Act, without compensation, cancel such licence.

(Amended by Act 6 of 1976)
