



## **PLEASE NOTE**

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## CHAPTER F-8

### FILMS ACT

- 1. In this Act** Definitions
- (a) “Board” means the Amusements Regulation Board established under the *Theatres and Amusements Act* R.S.N.S. 1967, Chap. 304 of the Province of Nova Scotia; Board
- (b) “film” means a cinematograph film including a video film, video tape, video cassette, video disc or any substitute therefor; film
- (c) “Minister” means the Attorney General; Minister
- (d) “video outlet” means a retail establishment that, for consideration, sells, leases, rents, exchanges or distributes films for use in a video cassette recorder, video disc player or similar device. 1987,c.24,s.1; 1993,c.29,s.4; 1997,c.20,s.3; 2000,c.5,s.3. video outlet
- 2. This Act does not apply to** Excepted films
- (a) educational films used for instruction in educational institutions;
- (b) cultural films;
- (c) heritage films;
- (d) religious films;
- (e) children’s cartoons;
- (f) travelogues;
- (g) political films;
- (h) films used for industrial or business promotions;
- (i) films of sporting events;
- (j) films exhibited in a theatre licensed for the exhibition of films;
- (k) films exhibited by a genuine film society that has received a permit therefor from the Minister. 1987,c.24,s.2.
- 3. Repealed by 2004,c.32,s.1. 1987,c.24,s.3; 2004,c.32,s.1.** License
- 4. The operator of a video outlet shall ensure that each of its films is marked with the classification awarded by the Board, by a sticker affixed** Classification marks
- (a) to the container in which the film is kept; and
- (b) to any other container used for display purposes. 1987,c.24,s.4.
- 5. An operator of a video outlet who, sells, leases, rents, exchanges or distributes any film that** Sale, etc. of unclassified film
- (a) has not been classified by the Board; or
- (b) does not bear a sticker evidencing the classification awarded by the Board to that film,
- is guilty of an offence. 1987,c.24,s.5.

Alteration of films	<b>6.</b> Any person who alters any film or causes any film to be altered from its state as classified by the Board is guilty of an offence. 1987,c.24,s.6.
Inspectors	<b>7.</b> (1) The Minister may appoint inspectors.
Powers	(2) An inspector has the authority, during normal business hours, to enter and examine any film displayed in a video outlet and to seize any film in respect of which he has reason to believe an offence under this Act has been committed. 1987,c.24,s.7.
Penalty	<b>8.</b> Any person guilty of an offence is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000. 1987,c.24,s.8.
Regulations	<b>9.</b> The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations. 1987,c.24,s.9.