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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 Repealed by 2004,c.32,s.1. 1987,c.24,s.3; 2004,c.32,s.1.** License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	6. 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	7. (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	8. Any person guilty of an offence is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000. 1987,c.24,s.8.
Regulations	9. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations. 1987,c.24,s.9.