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CHAPTER 296.

The Minors' Protection Act.

1.—(1) The keeper of a licensed billiard, pool or bagatelle room, kept directly or indirectly for hire or gain, shall not admit a child under the age of eighteen years thereto, or allow him to remain therein, without the consent of his parent or guardian. Penalty for admitting minor under eighteen.

(2) This section shall not apply to a child who is a member of the family of the keeper or his servant, or does not go to the billiard, pool or bagatelle room for the purpose of loitering or to play billiards, pool or bagatelle therein, nor where the keeper had reasonable cause to believe that such consent had been given by the parent or guardian, or that such child was not under the age of eighteen. R.S.O. 1927, c. 259, s. 1. When Act not to apply.

2.—(1) No person shall either directly or indirectly sell or give or furnish to a child under eighteen years of age cigarettes, cigars or tobacco in any form. Supplying tobacco to persons under 18.

(2) This section shall not apply to a sale to a child for his parent or guardian under a written request or order of the parent or guardian. R.S.O. 1927, c. 259, s. 2. Where minor purchases for parent or guardian.

3.—(1) Every person who contravenes the provisions of this Act shall incur a penalty of not less than \$2 nor more than \$50 recoverable under *The Summary Convictions Act*. Penalty. Rev. Stat. c. 136.

(2) A person who appears to the magistrate to be under the age named shall be deemed to be under that age unless it is proved that he is in fact over that age. R.S.O. 1927, c. 259, s. 3. Presumption as to age.

(NOTE.—See provisions of *The Theatres and Cinematographs Act*, Rev. Stat. c. 319, as to admission of children.)