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## CHAPTER 218

## The Lord's Day (Ontario) Act

**1.** Where a by-law passed under section 2 is in force and subject to its provisions, it shall be lawful for any person between half-past one and six o'clock in the afternoon of the Lord's Day to provide, engage in, or be present at any public game or sport that is specified in such by-law and which but for this Act would be unlawful under section 6 of the *Lord's Day Act* (Canada), or to do or engage any other person to do any work, business or labour in connection with any such public game or sport which but for this Act would be unlawful under section 4 of the *Lord's Day Act* (Canada). 1950, c. 40, s. 1.

Sunday sports may be made lawful.  
R.S.C., 1927, c. 123.

**2.—(1)** Subject to section 3, the council of any city, town, village or township may pass a by-law declaring section 1 to be in force in the municipality or in such part or parts thereof as may be specified in the by-law, and upon such by-law coming into force, section 1 shall apply in the municipality or in the specified part or parts, as the case may be.

Implementing by-law authorized.

**(2)** The application of section 1 shall be limited to such public games or sports as are specified in the by-law.

Sports to be specified.

**(3)** The by-law shall not specify horse-racing as a public game or sport.

Horse-racing.

**(4)** Where section 1 applies in specified parts of a municipality the limitation authorized by subsection 2 may differ in different parts.

Different sports in different parts.

**(5)** The by-law may reduce the period of time between half-past one and six o'clock mentioned in section 1.

Reduction of hours.

**(6)** The by-law shall provide for the regulation and control of the public games and sports specified in it and may provide for the regulation and control of any matter or thing in connection with such public games and sports. 1950, c. 40, s. 2.

Regulation and control.

**3.—(1)** No by-law under section 2 shall be passed until the following question has been submitted to the electors:

Condition precedent to passing of by-law.

Are you in favour of public games and sports on the Lord's Day to be regulated by municipal by-law under the authority of *The Lord's Day (Ontario) Act*?

Initiation of by-law by council.

(2) The council may submit the question set out in subsection 1 to the electors at any time.

Initiation of by-law by petition.

(3) Upon the presentation of a petition requesting that a by-law under this Act be passed, signed by at least 10 per cent of the electors of the municipality, the council shall before or at the next municipal election submit the question set out in subsection 1 to the electors, but if a petition is presented in the month of November or December in any year it shall be deemed to be presented in the month of February next following. 1950, c. 40, s. 3 (1-3).

Condition precedent to repeal of by-law.

4.—(1) No by-law passed under section 2 shall be repealed until the following question has been submitted to the electors:

Are you in favour of the repeal of the by-law passed under the authority of *The Lord's Day (Ontario) Act* that regulates public games and sports on the Lord's Day?

Initiation of repealing by-law by council.

(2) The council may submit the question set out in subsection 1 to the electors at any time.

Initiation of repealing by-law by petition.

(3) Upon the presentation of a petition requesting that the by-law passed under section 2 be repealed, signed by at least 10 per cent of the electors of the municipality, the council shall before or at the next municipal election submit the question set out in subsection 1 to the electors, but if a petition is presented in the month of November or December in any year it shall be deemed to be presented in the month of February next following. 1950, c. 40, s. 4.

Presentation and sufficiency of petition.

5. Any petition mentioned in section 3 or 4 shall be deemed to be presented when it is lodged with the clerk of the municipality and the sufficiency of the petition shall be determined by him and his certificate as to its sufficiency shall be conclusive for all purposes. 1950, c. 40, s. 5.

Where daylight saving time in effect.

6. If and so long as the time commonly observed in a municipality in which a by-law passed under section 2 is in force is one hour in advance of standard time, the times mentioned in section 1 or in such by-laws shall be reckoned in accordance with the time so commonly observed and not standard time. 1950, c. 40, s. 6.