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4. *LICENSING OF SHOWS AND CIRCUSES.*

## CHAPTER 214.

## An Act respecting Circuses and Travelling Shows.

**H**IS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as *The Travelling Shows Act*. Short title.  
1 Geo. V. c. 63, s. 1.

2. No menagerie, circus, wild west show, trained animal show or show of any kind whatsoever shall be exhibited at any place in Ontario unless the owner, proprietor, manager, agent or person in charge of such show first obtains a license for that purpose from the Treasurer of Ontario. 1 Geo. V. c. 63, s. 2. Circuses, etc., not to be exhibited without a license.

3. Every applicant for a license shall make and file in the office of the Treasurer a statutory declaration setting forth the number of days upon which the show is to be exhibited in Ontario and the localities in which the performances or exhibitions are to be held, and for such license shall pay in advance to the Treasurer the sums following for every day upon which the show is to be exhibited in Ontario:— License fee.

For every circus, menagerie, wild west show and not more than one side show, if travelling with over twenty cars .....	\$100.00
With twenty cars or less .....	50.00
For every trained animal show .....	15.00
For each additional side show .....	10.00

And for every other show such sum as may be determined by the Treasurer for every day upon which the show is licensed to be exhibited. 1 Geo. V. c. 63, s. 3.

4. If any such show is exhibited as part of an industrial exhibition or agricultural fair the applicant shall pay such license fee as the Treasurer may impose, but not in excess of the fees fixed by section 3 for the particular class of show, and the Treasurer may have regard to any special circum- License fee for certain shows to be fixed by Provincial Treasurer.

stances of the case and may if he deems it advisable impose a nominal fee. 1 Geo. V. c. 63, s. 4.

Power to  
issue and  
revoke  
license.

5.—(1) Upon receiving the statutory declaration hereinbefore mentioned and upon payment of the license fee the Treasurer may, in his discretion, issue a license and may at any time revoke the same upon being satisfied that the show is made the occasion for violation of the law or that gambling or any game of chance has been carried on in connection therewith.

Refund on  
revocation.

(2) In case of the revocation of a license the amount received for the same shall be refunded to the licensee, less the sum paid per day for every day during which exhibitions have been given under such license prior to the revocation thereof. 1 Geo. V. c. 63, s. 5.

Penalty for  
unlicensed  
exhibitions.

6. Any person in charge of a show, or the owner, proprietor, manager or person having control thereof, who exhibits the same or any part thereof without obtaining a license shall incur a penalty of not less than \$200 and not more than \$300 for every day upon which such show or any part thereof has been exhibited at any place in Ontario. 1 Geo. V. c. 63, s. 6.

License, when  
municipal  
corporation  
to issue.

7. No municipal corporation shall issue a license to any show to which section 2 applies until the applicant produces a license from the Treasurer of Ontario authorizing the exhibition in the municipality, and any member or officer of a municipal corporation who is a party to the issue of a license in violation of the provisions of this section shall incur a penalty of \$20. 1 Geo. V. c. 63, s. 7.

Provincial  
and Dominion  
detectives  
and constables  
to have free  
access to  
all shows.

8.—(1) The members of the Ontario Provincial Police Force and the members of the Dominion Police Force shall have access free of all charge to all shows mentioned in section 2, and to every horse race, agricultural, horticultural or industrial exhibition, ball game, theatre or public gathering, and to the grounds, tents and buildings in which such shows, races, exhibitions and gatherings are held, during the hours in which the public are admitted thereto, and any person hindering, preventing or refusing such free access after any such officer has demanded admission and displayed his badge of office shall incur a penalty of not less than \$50 and not more than \$100, or in the discretion of the convicting magistrate may be imprisoned for any term not exceeding three months. 1 Geo. V. c. 63, s. 8.

Penalty.

Prosecu-  
tions.  
Rev. Stat.  
c. 90.

9. The penalties imposed by this Act shall be recovered under *The Ontario Summary Convictions Act*. 1 Geo. V. c. 63, s. 9.

10. All penalties recovered under this Act, and all fees paid for licenses under the provisions of this Act, shall be paid over to the Treasurer of Ontario for the use of the Province. 1 Geo. V. c. 63, s. 10.

Fees and penalties to be paid to Treasurer.

11. The license fees payable under this Act shall be in addition to any fees imposed by municipalities. 1 Geo. V. c. 63, s. 11.

License fees to be in addition to fees of municipalities.