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# Amusement License

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## Private Acts of 1919 Chapter 717

**SECTION 1.** That in all towns and cities not incorporated in all counties of this State having a population of not less than 13,600 nor more than 13,620 according to the Federal Census of 1910, or any subsequent census, it shall be a misdemeanor and a violation of law for any person, firm or corporation to maintain, operate or keep open any pool hall, billiard hall, tenpin alley, dance hall, dance room or moving picture show, for the purpose of carrying on any games, dances, or other amusements commonly had at such places without first getting from the Clerk of the County Court of such counties a license, in lieu of all other licenses to carry on said business; and the Clerk of said court shall charge and collect a license of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) a year for such privilege; the same to go to the public school fund of said county; Provided, That the Clerk shall not issue any such license, unless in addition to the amount paid the applicant shall have a written request to the Clerk to issue said license signed by at least twentyfive (25) reputable citizens and taxpayers of said city or town asking for said license, and agreeing to indemnify the citizens of said town against all loss and inconveniences resulting from the operation of said pool room, billiard hall, dance hall, ten-pin alley, or moving picture show; and *provided further*, that before the Clerk of the County Court shall issue such license he shall be satisfied that the person to whom such license is issued is a person of good moral character and above the age of twenty-one (21) years.

**SEC. 2.** That the violation of the first Section of this Act is hereby declared a misdemeanor and on conviction the party so convicted shall pay a fine of not less than \$10.00, nor more than \$50.00, in the discretion of the court trying the case; and in the case of a second conviction for the same or similar offense in violation of this Act the license under which such place of amusement is operating shall be declared forfeited and canceled, in addition to the fine which may be imposed.

**SEC. 3.** That it is by this Act made the duty of the Sheriffs in said counties to appoint special deputies, if necessary, to enforce the provisions of this Act by arresting, and bringing to trial all violators of this Act.

**SEC. 4.** That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

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