

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI
(No. 6 of 2002)

Assented to by the
Beretitenti on 22/06/2002

AN ACT TO AMEND THE EXHIBITION OF FILMS ORDINANCE (CAP. 31A)

Commencement:
2002

MADE by the Maneaba ni Maungatabu and assented to by the Beretitenti.

Short Title

1. This Act may be cited as the Exhibition of Films (Amendment) Act 2002.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Exhibition of Films Ordinance (in this Act referred to as “the principal Ordinance”) is amended by repealing the definition of “film” and substituting it with the following definition -

““film” means a cinematographic, video film, digital video disk or video compact disk and includes any part of such film and any trailer;”

Amendment of section 5

3. Section 5 of the principal Ordinance is amended in subsection (6) as follows -
 - (a) by repealing “\$200” and substituting “\$500”; and
 - (b) by repealing “3 months” and substituting “6 months”.

Amendment of section 6

4. Section 6 of the principal Ordinance is amended in subsection (1) by repealing “without assigning any reasons” appearing in the second line and substituting “giving reasons for cancelling such a certificate”.

Amendment of section 7

5. Section 7 of the principal Ordinance is amended in subsection (3) as follows -
 - (a) by repealing “\$100” and substituting “\$500”; and

- (b) by repealing “3 months” and substituting “6 months”.

Amendment of section 8

6. Section 8 of the principal Ordinance is amended in subsection (2) as follows -

- (a) by repealing “\$100” and substitution “\$500”; and
- (b) by repealing “3 months’ and substituting “6 months”.

Amendment of section 10

7. Section 10 of the principal Ordinance is amended in paragraph “(c)” as follows -

- (a) by repealing “\$100” and substituting “\$500”; and
- (b) by repealing “3 months” and substituting “6 months”.

EXHIBITION OF FILMS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2002**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

With the advancement of technology in the film industry, new forms of film making have been developed and are now currently featuring in public places, for example video compact disk (vcd) and digital video disk (dvd). The amendment to the Exhibition of Films Ordinance (Cap. 31A) at section 2 re-defines film to extend to such new types of film.

The amendment to section 6 allows for transparency. The Minister is now obliged to give reasons for cancelling a certificate for exhibition of films whereas the previous position has been that the Minister is not obliged to giving any reasons.

The remaining amendments at sections 5(6), 7(3), 8(2) and 10(c) increase the penalty from “\$100” to “\$500” and from “3 months” to “6 months” as a deterrence to those who constantly violate the provisions of the Ordinance.

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