No. 38 of 1963

An Act to amend the Licensing Act, 1932-1960.

[Assented to 28th November, 1963.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the “Licensing Act Amendment Act, 1963”.

   (2) The Licensing Act, 1932-1960, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the “Licensing Act, 1932-1963”.

   (3) The Licensing Act, 1932-1960, is hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”.

2. (1) This Act, other than section 26, shall come into force on the day upon which this Act is assented to by the Governor.

   (2) Section 26 of this Act shall come into force on the day fixed by the Governor by proclamation.

3. This Act is incorporated with the principal Act and that Act and this Act shall be read as one Act.

4. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the word “publicans” in the line commencing “DIVISION III.”

5. The definitions of “mead”, “wine”, “cider”, and “perry” in section 4 of the principal Act are struck out.
6. Section 14a of the principal Act is amended—
   (a) by striking out the words “and a fee of ten pounds shall be payable for any such permit” in subsection (2) thereof;
   (b) by inserting therein after subsection (2) thereof the following subsections:

   (2a) A fee which shall be fixed by the court shall be payable for every such permit and such fee shall be equal to the sum of three per centum of the gross amount paid or payable for all liquor which during the twelve months ended on the last day of June preceding the application for the grant or renewal of the permit was purchased for the premises in respect of which such grant or renewal is sought: Provided that all fees payable for permits under this section shall be computed and payable to the nearest pound: Provided further that a fee of at least ten pounds shall be so payable.

   In this subsection the expression “gross amount” has the same meaning as it has in subsection (1) of section 30.

   (2b) The provisions of section 32 (other than subsections (3), (4) and (5) thereof) of this Act shall apply in respect of applications for permits under this section as if the applicant were an applicant for the grant or renewal of a licence;

   (c) by striking out the word “ten” in subsection (4) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the words “a quarter to eleven”.

7. Subsection (2) of section 16 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the words “twenty pounds” therein and inserting in lieu thereof the words “as provided in Division III of Part IV of this Act”.

8. Subsection (2) of section 17 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the words “twenty pounds” therein and inserting in lieu thereof “as provided in Division III of Part IV of this Act”.

9. Subsection (2) of section 18 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the words “ten pounds” therein and inserting in lieu thereof “as provided in Division III of Part IV of this Act”.

10. Subsection (2) of section 20 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the words "twenty pounds" therein and inserting in lieu thereof "as provided in Division III of Part IV of this Act".

11. Subsection (2) of section 22 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the words "twenty pounds" therein and inserting in lieu thereof "as provided in Division III of Part IV of this Act".

12. Subsection (2) of section 23 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the words "twenty pounds" therein and inserting in lieu thereof "as provided in Division III of Part IV of this Act".

13. Subsection (2) of section 24 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the passage "five pounds; but" therein and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "as provided in Division III of Part IV of this Act; provided that".

14. The heading "DIVISION III.—FEES FOR PUBLICAN'S LICENCES." and sections 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 of the principal Act are struck out and the following heading and sections are inserted in the principal Act in lieu thereof:

DIVISION III.—FEES FOR LICENCES.

30. (1) The fees to be paid for licences respectively shall subject to subsections (2) and (3) of this section be as follows:

(a) for any of such licences, other than those for which other provision is made in this section, the fee shall be equal to the sum of three per centum of the gross amount paid or payable for all liquor including liquor disposed of pursuant to any certificate of approval granted under sections 71 and 75 which during the twelve months ended on the last day of June preceding the date of the application for the grant or renewal of the licence was purchased for the premises in respect of which such grant or renewal is sought;

(b) for a storekeeper's licence—a fee which is equal to the sum of three per centum of the gross amount paid or payable by the licensee for all liquor which, during the twelve months ended on the
last day of June preceding the date of the application for the grant or renewal of the storekeeper’s licence, was sold or disposed of under such licence to persons other than persons licensed or otherwise permitted under this Act to sell liquor;

(c) for a wine licence or for a storekeeper’s Australian wine licence—a fee equal to the sum of three per centum of the gross amount paid or payable by the licensee for all liquor including liquor disposed of pursuant to any certificates of approval granted under sections 71 and 75 which, during the twelve months ended on the last day of June preceding the date of the application for the grant or renewal of such licence, was purchased by the licensee and was not disposed of under such licence to any other person licensed or otherwise permitted under this Act to sell liquor;

(d) for a packet licence—twenty pounds;

(e) for a brewer’s Australian ale licence—fee equal to the sum of three per centum of the gross amount paid or payable to the licensee for all liquor which, during the twelve months ended on the last day of June preceding the date of the application for the grant or renewal of such licence was sold or disposed of under such licence to persons other than persons licensed or otherwise permitted under this Act to sell liquor;

(f) for a distiller’s storekeeper’s licence—a fee equal to the sum of three per centum of the gross amount paid or payable by the licensee for all liquor which, during the twelve months ended on the last day of June preceding the date of the application for the grant or renewal of such licence, was sold or disposed of under such licence to persons other than persons licensed or otherwise permitted under this Act to sell liquor;

(g) for a billiard table licence—five pounds;

In this subsection “gross amount” means amount paid or payable for liquor including any duties other than sales tax thereon but excluding packing delivery and freight charges.
(2) Where any fee for any licence computed in accordance with the provisions of subsection (1) of this section is less than ten pounds the fee for such licence shall be ten pounds.

(3) All fees to be paid for licences under this Act shall be computed and payable to the nearest pound.

(4) A person firm or body corporate if carrying on the business of a distiller storekeeper or storekeeper in one house or place of business shall be liable to pay the fees for a distiller's storekeeper's or storekeeper's licence (as the case may be) in respect of that house or place only; but if carrying on such business in more than one house or place of business shall be liable to pay the fees for a distiller's storekeeper's or storekeeper's licence (as the case may be) in respect of each such house or place.

(5) The said fees shall be payable annually or may be paid (except in the case of packet licences and billiard table licences) in equal quarterly instalments as provided by sections 52, 105 and 106 of this Act.

31. (1) The Licensing Court shall finally and conclusively fix the amount of any fee payable on a percentage basis under this Act: Provided that the court may in its absolute discretion, upon application by the superintendent of licensed premises or the holder of a licence, at any time within twelve months of the renewal of the licence, reassess such amount in which case the amount so reassessed shall be final and conclusive.

(2) The court shall fix such sum as it thinks reasonable in any case—

(a) where no information is produced to the court, or the information produced is incomplete or insufficient to enable the court to determine the gross amount paid or payable for liquor purchased or sold or disposed of (as the case may be); or

(b) where information covering a period of twelve months cannot be produced.

(3) For the purpose of enabling the Licensing Court to fix fees payable on a percentage basis the court may by order in writing require any spirit merchant or brewer or person firm or body corporate to state in such form as the court may require the name and address of every person holding a licence under this Act and of every person holding a permit under section 14a or section 197a of this Act.
Act and of every registered club to whom or to which such spirit merchant brewer person body corporate or firm sold or supplied liquor during the twelve months ended on the preceding thirtieth day of June.

(4) Such statement shall show the quantity and nature of liquor so sold or supplied in each case the price paid or payable therefor and such other particulars as the court may require.

(5) Every spirit merchant brewer person or body corporate and every member of a firm who or which within fourteen days after such order does not furnish such statement shall be liable to a penalty of not less than ten nor more than one hundred pounds.

(6) When the Licensing Court grants a licence or registration of a club or a renewal of a licence or registration of a club for which a fee is payable on a percentage basis, the court shall cause to be inserted on the licence or registration the amount of the percentage fee payable.

32. (1) Every applicant for the grant of a new licence or the registration of a club shall prior to the hearing of the application furnish such particulars as the Licensing Court may require to enable it to estimate what, if the application were for a renewal of licence or registration (as the case may be) would have been the probable extent of the annual purchases of liquor for the premises in respect of which such grant is sought.

(2) Save as otherwise expressly provided every intending applicant for the renewal of a licence for which a fee is payable on a percentage basis and every intending applicant for the renewal of a certificate of the registration of a club shall on or before the fifteenth day of December one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three and thereafter on or before the first day of October in each year forward to the clerk of the Licensing Court a statutory declaration by such intending applicant (or where such intending applicant is a body corporate or club by the secretary thereof) setting forth with regard to the twelve months ended on the last preceding thirtieth day of June as nearly as practicable or if liquor has not been purchased during the whole of such period then with regard to any shorter period preceding the said thirtieth day of June during which liquor was purchased—

(a) the quantity of liquor purchased for the premises in respect of which the application is made and the quantity of liquor purchased for sale pursuant to any certificates of approval granted under sections 71 and 75 and the gross amount paid or payable therefor; and
(b) the names and addresses of the persons firms or bodies corporate who sold such liquor.

In this subsection the expression “gross amount” has the same meaning as it has in subsection (1) of section 30.

(3) In the case of an application for the transfer of a licence by a person other than a person specified in subsection (5) of this section a like declaration relating to liquor purchased up to the date of the application shall at the time of the application be furnished as aforesaid by the applicant.

(4) In the case of an application for the renewal of a storekeeper’s licence a wine licence a storekeeper’s Australian wine licence a brewer’s Australian ale licence a distiller’s storekeeper’s licence or a railway licence a like declaration shall be furnished as aforesaid setting forth the liquor sold or supplied during the said period of twelve months by every holder of the licence to persons other than persons licensed or otherwise permitted under this Act to sell liquor.

(5) Within seven days after the happening of any of the events mentioned in subsection (1) of section 57, the holder of any licence in respect of which such event happens or a person deemed to be a licensed person under section 57 (or in the case of any of the events mentioned in subdivision I, II, III and IV the persons specified in the second column of the said subsection opposite to the event) shall furnish as aforesaid a like declaration setting forth the liquor purchased during the current licensing year in respect of the licensed premises up to the date of such event.

(6) Any person who is required by any provision of this section to forward or furnish to the clerk of the Licensing Court any statutory declaration and who fails so to forward or furnish on or before the due date or within the proper time a declaration in accordance with the requirements of this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a penalty of not less than ten pounds and not more than one hundred pounds.

15. Section 52 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the words “in the case of a publican’s licence” (twice occurring) therein and inserting in lieu thereof the words “except in the case of a packet licence, a billiard table licence or a certificate of registration of a club” in each case.

16. Section 65 of the principal Act is amended—
(a) by inserting after the word “application” in paragraph (a) of subsection (2) thereof the words “and the amount of any fee fixed pursuant to section 31”;
(b) by striking out the words "in the case of a publican's licence" in paragraph (a) of subsection (5) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the words "except in the case of a packet licence or a billiard table licence";

(c) by inserting at the end of the said paragraph (a) of the said subsection (5) thereof the words "or in the case of a special licence granted under section 28 the proportionate amount of the fee payable pursuant to section 29".

(d) by striking out paragraph (b) of the said subsection (5) thereof.

17. Subsection (3) of section 67 of the principal Act is amended by inserting after the word "evidence" (second occurring) therein the words "including evidence relating to the fixing of the amount of any fees payable on a percentage basis".

18. Subsection (3) of section 70 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the words "no further fee" therein and inserting in lieu thereof the words "the remaining instalments only of the licence fee".

19. Section 105 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out the words "by the assessed value" therein;

(b) by adding at the end thereof the following subsection (the preceding portion of the section being designated as subsection (1) thereof):

(2) Subject to the provisions of section 106 of this Act the annual fee may be paid in equal quarterly instalments.

20. Section 106 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section is enacted in lieu thereof:

106. (1) Until the annual fee, or the first quarterly instalment of the annual fee, for the certificate of registration for a club is paid to the Treasurer or to his deputy or to an officer appointed by him to receive the payment, and the certificate is actually issued to the secretary, steward or manager whose name appears thereon, the club shall be deemed not to be registered and the secretary steward or manager, as the case may be, shall be deemed to be an unlicensed person, for the purposes of this Act.
(2) Where the annual fee or the first quarterly instalment thereof is not paid within two calendar months after the date of the meeting at which the certificate of registration was granted by the court, the clerk may give notice in writing of such non-payment to the members of the committee of management of the club as set out in the statutory declaration delivered pursuant to section 95 or section 96 (as the case may be), and if the annual fee or instalment is not paid within fourteen days after the giving of such notice, the grant of the certificate shall be void and of no effect.

(3) The subsequent quarterly instalments shall be paid punctually three, six and nine calendar months, respectively after the date of the meeting referred to in subsection (2) of this section, and if default is made in paying any such instalment on the due date and the default continues for two calendar months, the clerk may give notice in writing of such default to the members of the committee of management as set out in the statutory declaration delivered pursuant to section 95 or section 96 (as the case may be) of the club, and if the default continues for fourteen days after the giving of such notice, the registration and the certificate of registration shall thereby, by operation of this subsection, be cancelled and void for all purposes.

21. Section 123 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the words “ten pounds” therein and inserting in lieu thereof the words “as provided in Division III of Part IV of this Act”.

22. Subsection (3) of section 134 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the word “five” therein and inserting in lieu thereof the word “one”.

23. Section 197a of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out the words “a special magistrate” in subsection (1) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the words “the court”; 

(b) by inserting after the word “supply” in the said subsection (1) thereof the words “mead, perry and”

(c) by striking out the word “dry” (thrice occurring) in the said subsection (1) thereof;

(d) by inserting in the said subsection (1) thereof before the word “manufactured” the words “produced and”;

(e) by striking out all the words in the said subsection (1) thereof after the word “Australia”;
(f) by striking out the words “special magistrate” (twice occurring) in subsection (2) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the word “court” in each case;

(g) by striking out the word “his” in the said subsection (2) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the word “its”;

(h) by striking out subsection (3) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following subsections:

(3) A fee shall be payable for every such permit and such fee shall be equal to the sum of three per centum of the gross amount paid or payable for all liquor which during the twelve months ended on the last day of June preceding the application for the grant or renewal of the permit was purchased for the premises in respect of which such grant or renewal is sought: Provided that all fees payable for permits under this section shall be computed and payable to the nearest pound: Provided further that a fee of at least ten pounds shall be so payable.

In this subsection the expression “gross amount” has the same meaning as it has in subsection (1) of section 30.

(3a) The provisions of section 32 (other than subsections (3), (4) and (5) thereof) of this Act shall apply in respect of applications for permits or renewals of permits under this section as if the applicant were an applicant for the grant or renewal of a licence;

(i) by striking out the words “for twelve months from the issue” in subsection (4) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the words “until the thirty-first day of January next after”;

(j) by inserting therein after subsection (4) thereof the following subsections:

(4a) An application for a permit under this section and an application for the renewal of a permit shall be made in such form as the court may require;

(4b) The court may sit at any time fixed by a Licensing Court Magistrate to hear and determine applications for the grant of permits. The court shall sit during the month of January in each year to deal with applications for the renewal of permits.
The court shall, on the hearing of an application for the grant or renewal of a permit, finally and conclusively fix the amount of the annual fee to be paid. Notwithstanding any order of the court granting a permit or the renewal of a permit, no permit shall be issued until the fee so fixed has been paid;

Where a permit is cancelled for any reason and application is made for a permit in respect of the same premises during that year the fee for such new permit for the remainder of that year shall be ten pounds.

Every permit granted under this section prior to and in force at the commencement of the Licensing Act Amendment Act, 1963, shall expire on the 31st day of January, 1964. The holder of every such permit shall be entitled to a refund of a proportion of the fee paid therefor corresponding to the remaining number of weeks for which the same would, but for this subsection, have continued in force.

(k) by striking out the word “ten” in paragraph (b) of subsection (5) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the words “a quarter to eleven”;

(l) by inserting at the end of the said subsection (5) thereof the passage “and on Christmas Day between the hours of one o’clock in the afternoon and half past three o’clock in the afternoon and between the hours of six o’clock in the evening and a quarter to eleven o’clock in the evening”;

(m) by striking out the passage “a special magistrate the special magistrate” in subsection (6) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “the court the court”;

(n) by striking out the words “special magistrate” in subsection (7) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the word “court”.

Section 198 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out the word “ten” in subsection (1) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the words “a quarter to eleven”;

(b) by striking out the word “one” (twice occurring) in subsection (3) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the words “half past twelve” in each case;
(c) by striking out the word “ten” (four times occurring) in subsection (3) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the words “a quarter to eleven” in each case;

(d) by striking out the words “one guinea” in subsection (5) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the words “one pound”;

25. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 198a of the principal Act is amended by striking out the words “whose ordinary residence is outside the State of South Australia” therein.

26. The following section is inserted in the principal Act after section 198a thereof:

198b. (1) If on premises for which a publican’s licence is in force or on the premises of any registered club light meals are regularly supplied in the evening to the public or to members of the club (as the case may be) the holder of the publican’s licence, or, as the case may be, the secretary of the club may, if there is in force in respect of the premises concerned a permit under section 198, apply for a permit authorizing the sale supply and consumption of liquor on the said premises as hereinafter provided.

(2) Every such application shall be made to the special magistrate constituting the court for the district in which the premises are situated, and on the application the special magistrate may, in his discretion, grant or refuse the permit, and his decision shall be final and conclusive, and shall not be questioned in or amended by any court whatsoever.

(3) A permit granted under this section shall render lawful the sale, supply, and consumption of liquor on the premises mentioned therein in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

(a) The liquor may be sold supplied and consumed between the hours of six o’clock and a quarter to eleven in the evening on any day except Sunday, Good Friday and Christmas Day;

(b) The liquor shall not be sold supplied or consumed except in that room or rooms of the premises specified in the permit and on the plan of the premises deposited with the Court and no dining room or bar room shall be so specified;
(c) The liquor shall not be sold or supplied to or consumed by any person other than a person bona fide taking a light meal in the said room or rooms at the time of the sale disposal or supply;

(d) Between the hours of six o'clock and a quarter to eleven o'clock in the evening all doors by which access can be had to the said room or rooms shall be kept unlocked;

(e) Such other terms and conditions as the court may specify in the permit.

(4) A permit under this section shall unless revoked remain in force so long as the person to whom it is granted remains the licensee of the licensed premises mentioned therein and continues to be a holder of a permit under section 198.

(5) For every permit under this section there shall be paid a fee of one pound.

(6) The court, if satisfied on complaint made by a licensing inspector, or a member of the police force, that any term or condition of a permit under this section has been broken, or that the permit has been abused in any way may revoke the permit.

(7) Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit the sale or supply of liquor on any licensed or unlicensed premises, or in any registered club to any person to whom it is by this Act unlawful to supply liquor.

(8) In this section “light meal” means a meal of any kind for which the charge shall be—

(a) in the case of any premises other than premises outside an area within the meaning of the Local Government Act, 1934-1961, for which a publican’s licence is in force, not less than seven shillings and sixpence;

(b) in the case of premises outside an area within the meaning of the said Act for which a publican’s licence is in force, not less than two shillings and sixpence.

(9) A light meal within the meaning of this section shall not be deemed to be a meal for the purposes of section 200.

(10) The holder of a permit under this section if requested to supply any person with a light meal between the hours of six o’clock and a quarter to eleven o’clock in the evening on any day except Sunday, Good Friday or Christmas Day
shall comply with such request whether or not the person making the request desires to be supplied with or consume liquor.

Penalty: Not exceeding twenty-five pounds.

(11) Any person, other than an excepted person, who upon any premises in respect of which a permit under this section has been granted obtains or attempts to obtain liquor during the hours for which the permit is in operation by falsely representing that he intends at the same time to partake of a light meal upon the said premises, shall be guilty of an offence, and liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

(12) No offence shall be deemed to be committed by any person by reason of the consumption by him during the hours specified in a permit in force under this section or within thirty minutes thereafter of any liquor sold or supplied during the hours specified in such permit.

27. Paragraph (l) of section 199b of the principal Act is amended by striking out the word “subsection” therein and inserting in lieu thereof the word “subparagraph”.

28. Subsection (2) of section 203 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out the words “one o’clock” (twice occurring) therein and inserting in lieu thereof the words “half past twelve o’clock” in each case;

(b) by striking out the words “ten o’clock” (twice occurring) therein and inserting in lieu thereof the words “a quarter past eleven o’clock” in each case;

(c) by inserting before the word “eleven” therein the words “a quarter past”.

29. Section 209 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out the words “one o’clock” (twice occurring) in subsection (1) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the words “half past twelve o’clock” in each case;

(b) by striking out the words “ten o’clock” (twice occurring) in the said subsection (1) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the words “a quarter past eleven o’clock” in each case;

(c) by inserting before the word “eleven” in subsection (2) thereof the words “a quarter past.”
30. Section 210 of the principal Act is amended by inserting therein before the word "eleven" the words "a quarter past".

31. Section 213 of the principal Act is amended by inserting therein after paragraph (f) thereof the following paragraph—

(g) whenever directed by the Licensing Court so to do either generally or in a specific case to inspect and examine any books, records, documents or accounts relating to quantities of liquor purchased for or in respect of any licensed premises or for sale pursuant to any permits granted under section 14a or 197a or any certificates of approval granted under sections 71 and 75 and the amounts paid or payable therefor.

32. Regulations 1, 2 and 3 of the regulations made under the Fees Regulation Act, 1927, on the twentieth day of September one thousand nine hundred and fifty six and published in the Gazette of the same date at pages 629 and 630 are repealed. The fee payable in respect of a certificate under section 71 shall as from and after the commencement of the Licensing Act Amendment Act, 1963, be the fee specified in the said section.

33. The following subsection is inserted in section 273 of the principal Act after subsection (1) thereof:—

(1a) The power to make regulations under subsection (1) of this section shall, without limiting the generality of the provisions of that subsection, include power to make regulations prescribing the measurements and capacities of glasses or other containers in which liquor shall be sold or supplied for consumption on the premises in which such liquor is sold or supplied and the names and descriptions of such glasses or containers and for the marking and identification of such glasses and containers and for prohibiting the sale or supply of liquor for consumption as aforesaid otherwise than in such glasses or containers as may be prescribed.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

EDRIC BASTYAN, Governor.