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## No. 1572.

An Act to amend the Early Closing Acts, 1911 and 1912, and for other purposes.

*[Assented to, November 21st, 1923.]*

**B**E 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 " Early Closing Act Amend- Short titles.  
ment Act, 1923."

(2) The Early Closing Acts, 1911 and 1912, and this Act may be No. 1062 of 1911.  
cited together as the " Early Closing Acts, 1911 to 1923." No. 1104 of 1912.

(3) The Early Closing Act, 1911, is hereinafter called " the principal Act."

2. This Act is incorporated with the Early Closing Acts, 1911 and 1912, and those Acts and this Act shall be read as one Act. Incorporation with other Acts.

### *Amendments.*

3. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out the definition of " Exempted goods " therein and substituting in lieu thereof the following definition :—

" Exempted goods " means any of the goods which are declared to be exempted goods by the First Schedule to the Early Closing Act Amendment Act, 1923, and which have not, for the time being, ceased to be exempted goods ;

Amendment of principal Act, s. 4—  
Exempted goods to be exempted goods as regards all classes of exempted shops.

(b) by

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Proclamation in  
*Gazette* sufficient.

(b) by striking out the definition of "Proclamation" therein ;  
and

Act to apply to  
business of  
auctioneers.

(c) by inserting after the words "by retail" in subdivision (a)  
of the definition of "shop" therein the words "or by  
auction," and after the word "undertaker" in subdivision  
(b) of the same definition the words "or of an auctioneer."

Amendment of  
principal Act, s. 5—

4. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by striking out  
subsection (2) thereof, and substituting in lieu thereof the following  
subsections :—

Only exempted  
goods to be sold  
after hours.

(2) If in, about, or from any shop any goods, not being  
exempted goods, are sold or offered or exposed for sale on any  
weekday after the closing time fixed by Division I. of Part V.  
of this Act, as amended by the Early Closing Act Amendment  
Act, 1923, for shops other than tobacconists' shops, or on  
Sunday, the shopkeeper of such shop shall be guilty of an offence  
against this Act.

Penalty : For first offence, Ten Pounds ; for any subsequent  
offence, Twenty-five Pounds.

(3) In the case of any shop, the last preceding subsection  
shall be construed relatively to the Shopping District in which  
such shop is situate.

If shop open, goods  
exposed to view  
deemed to be  
exposed for sale.

(4) In any proceedings for an offence against this section,  
evidence—

(a) that the shop was open ; and

(b) that goods were exposed to view in the shop or in a  
window thereof, or were in a cupboard, showcase, or  
other container which was not locked, or were covered  
or screened merely with a cloth, paper, or other  
similar material,

shall be evidence that such goods were exposed for sale, unless  
evidence to the contrary to the satisfaction of the Court is  
given.

Amendment of  
principal Act,  
s. 12—

5. Section 12 of the principal Act is amended—

Minimum area of  
Shopping District  
altered to thirty-six  
square miles.

(a) by striking out the words "one square mile" in the second  
line of subdivision III. of subsection (1) thereof, and  
inserting in lieu of such words the words "thirty-six  
square miles" ; and

District not altered  
if boundaries  
substantially the  
same.

(b) by adding at the end of subsection (3) thereof the words  
"or a proposed Shopping District with substantially  
the same boundaries."

Amendment of  
principal Act, s. 6—

6. Section 14 of the principal Act is amended—

Minister to publish  
in newspapers date  
for counter-petition.

(a) by striking out in the second and third lines thereof the  
words "and in two newspapers circulating in the proposed  
District" ;  
(b) by

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- (b) by striking out the words " being not less than one month from the date of the latest of such publications " in subdivision (b) thereof and substituting in lieu of the words so struck out the words " being not less than four weeks from the date of the publication of such notice " ; and
- (c) by adding at the end thereof (but not as part of subdivision (b) thereof) the passage " and shall forthwith upon the publication in the *Gazette* of the said certificate and notice, publish in two newspapers circulating in the proposed District an advertisement, in the prescribed form, calling attention to the publication in the *Gazette* of the said certificate and notice, and specifying the time fixed by such notice within which a counter-petition may be presented as mentioned in such notice."

7. Part II. of the principal Act is amended by inserting after section 22 the following sections :—

22A. (1) In any case where, in the opinion of the Minister, it is desirable that any area adjoining a Shopping District should be annexed to such Shopping District, the Minister—

- (a) shall publish in the *Gazette* a notice, in the prescribed form, of such his opinion, fixing a time, being not less than six weeks from the date of the publication of such notice, within which a petition praying that the area concerned be not annexed to the District may be presented to the Minister ; and
- (b) shall, forthwith upon the publication in the *Gazette* of the said notice, publish in two newspapers circulating in the area concerned an advertisement, in the prescribed form, calling attention to the publication in the *Gazette* of the said notice and specifying the time fixed by such notice within which a petition may be presented as mentioned in such notice.

(2) Unless, within the time fixed under subsection (1) hereof, there is duly presented to the Minister a petition as mentioned in that subsection, in the prescribed form, and signed by a majority of the electors residing in the area concerned, the Governor may, by proclamation, annex such area to the Shopping District mentioned in the notice published by the Minister in the *Gazette*, and thereupon such area shall be annexed to and form part of such Shopping District.

(3) If, within the time fixed under subsection (1) hereof, there is duly presented to the Minister a petition as mentioned in that subsection, in the prescribed form, and signed by a majority of the electors residing in the area concerned, then subsection (2) hereof shall not apply.

(4) The Minister shall refer any petition presented under this section, if such petition is in the prescribed form, to the Returning Officer for the State. The said Returning Officer shall certify in writing

Amendment of  
principal Act,  
Part II—

Minister may, in  
absence of petition  
to contrary, annex  
outlying area to  
adjoining Shopping  
District.

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writing to the Minister whether or not the petition has been signed by a majority of the electors residing in the area concerned, and the Minister shall publish such certificate in the *Gazette*.

When outlying area annexed, compulsory half-holiday may be changed.

22B. (1) A petition may be presented to the Minister, praying that the compulsory half-holiday for shops in a Shopping District to which an adjoining area has been annexed under section 22A of this Act be changed to the weekday specified in such petition.

(2) A petition under this section may be presented at any time within six months after the making of the proclamation annexing such adjoining area to the Shopping District.

(3) Such petition—

(a) shall be in the prescribed form; and

(b) shall be signed by a majority of the electors residing in such Shopping District.

(4) Upon the presentation of a petition under subsection (1) hereof the Minister shall refer such petition to the Returning Officer for the State.

(5) If the Returning Officer is satisfied that the petition has been duly signed as required by subsection (3) hereof he shall certify to the Minister in writing that it has been so signed.

(6) If the Returning Officer certifies as mentioned in subsection (5) hereof the Minister shall by notice in the prescribed form and published in the *Gazette* and in two newspapers circulating in the Shopping District, declare that from the time specified in the notice the compulsory half-holiday shall be changed as prayed by the petition.

(7) Nothing in this section shall affect the right of any person to present a petition under section 23 of this Act.

Amendment of principal Act, s. 23—  
No petition for change of half-holiday within three years of petition under sec. 22B.

8. Section 23 of the principal Act is amended by adding after the words "this section" in the last line thereof "or under section 22B of this Act".

Amendment of principal Act, s. 34—

Fees for registration and renewal of registration to be paid.

9. Section 34 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting at the end of subsection (1) thereof the words "and shall, so long as he continues to occupy such shop, apply annually as hereinafter provided for renewal of the registration of such shop";

(b) by inserting at the end of subsection (2) thereof (but not so as to be portion of paragraph III. of subdivision (b) thereof) the words "and shall be accompanied by the fee required by this Act"; and

(c) by adding after subsection (2) thereof the following subsection:—

(3) Application for renewal of registration shall be made—

(a) in the prescribed manner; and

(b) not

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(b) not later than the thirty-first day of July in each year ;

and shall be accompanied by the fee required by this Act.

**10.** Section 35 of the principal Act is amended—

Amendment of principal Act, s. 35.

(a) by inserting after the word “ registration ” in the first line thereof the words “ or renewal of registration ” :

(b) by inserting at the end thereof the words “ Provided that the Registrar shall not effect the registration or the renewal of the registration of any shop until the fees required by this Act are paid.”

Fees to be paid before registration effected.

**11.** Part IV. of the principal Act is amended by inserting after section 35 thereof the following section :—

Amendment of principal Act, Part IV.—

35A. The fees payable in respect of registration and annual renewal of registration shall be those prescribed by the Second Schedule to the Early Closing Act Amendment Act, 1923.

Fees for registration and renewal of registration.

**12.** Section 36 of the principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following subsection (the preceding portion thereof being read as subsection (1) thereof) :—

Amendment of principal Act, s. 36—

(2) No person shall occupy or use any shop after the expiration of the time for renewal of the registration of such shop, unless the registration is duly renewed under this Act.

Shops not to be occupied unless registration renewed.

Penalty: Two Pounds for every day during which the shop is occupied or used without renewal as aforesaid after the time for such renewal.

**13.** Section 37 of the principal Act is amended—

Amendment of principal Act, s. 37—

(a) by inserting after the word “ shops ” in the first line thereof the passage “ (except tobacconists’ shops) ; ” and

Closing time for tobacconists’ shops fixed by Act.

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

(2) The closing times in every week for tobacconists’ shops shall be as follows :—

(a) In a Saturday Closing District—

Eight o’clock on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday:

Nine o’clock on Friday.

(b) In a Shopping District other than a Saturday Closing District—

Nine o’clock on Saturday :

Eight o’clock on every other weekday.

**14.** Section

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Amendment of  
principal Act, s. 38—

Alteration of  
closing times when  
public holidays  
occur. One alter-  
native for shop-  
keeper instead of  
two.

**14.** Section 38 of the principal Act is amended so as to read as follows :—

**38.** (1) Subject to subsection (2) hereof, whenever a public holiday occurs the following alterations in the closing times shall apply in the case of every shopkeeper who, on such holiday, keeps his shop closed and fastened against the admission of the public, and does not require or permit or suffer any shop assistant to work for him either in or about such shop or elsewhere, or to remain in or about the business portion of such shop, namely :—

A. In a Saturday Closing District—

I. When such holiday is kept on a Monday—

(a) The compulsory half-holiday need not be kept or allowed in the preceding week ; and

(b) The closing times in such preceding week shall be six o'clock on the Saturday, but on other days shall remain as provided by section 37 ;

II. When such holiday is kept on a weekday other than a Monday the compulsory half-holiday need not be kept or allowed in the week in which such holiday is kept ;

III. When such holiday is kept on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, the closing times in such week shall be six o'clock on the Saturday, but on other days shall remain as provided by section 37 ; and

IV. When such holiday is kept on a Friday, the closing times in such week shall be nine o'clock on the Thursday and six o'clock on the Saturday, but on other days shall remain as provided by section 37.

B. In a Shopping District other than a Saturday Closing District—

I. The compulsory half-holiday need not be kept or allowed in the week in which such holiday is kept ;

II. When such holiday is kept on a Saturday, the closing times in such week shall be six o'clock on the usual day for the compulsory half-holiday, and nine o'clock on the Friday, but on other days shall remain as provided by section 37 ; and

III. When such holiday is kept on a day other than a Saturday but not on the usual day for the compulsory half-holiday, the closing times in such week shall be six o'clock on the usual day for the compulsory half-holiday, but on other days shall remain as provided by section 37. (2) With

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(2) With respect to tobacconists' shops, subsection (1) hereof shall be read as if the words "eight o'clock" were substituted for the words "six o'clock" wherever such last-mentioned words are mentioned therein.

**15.** Section 40 of the principal Act is amended by inserting after the word "time" in the second line thereof the words "or on Sunday".

Amendment of principal Act, s. 40—  
Sales on Sunday expressly prohibited.

**16.** Division II. of Part V. of the principal Act is amended by inserting after section 41 thereof the following section:—

Amendment of principal Act, Part V., Division II.—

41A. (1) The Minister, or any officer authorised by the Minister to grant suspensions under this section, may on the application of any shopkeeper in the Metropolitan Shopping District, suspend the operation of section 41 for one Saturday in any year in respect of such shopkeeper's shop: Provided that—

Suspension of s. 41 of this Act.

- (a) No suspension under this section shall be granted unless the Minister, or such officer as aforesaid, is satisfied that the suspension is required only for the purpose of permitting shop assistants to engage or assist in stock-taking;
- (b) Every suspension granted under this section shall be void unless the shop in respect of which the same is granted is kept closed on the morning of the Saturday for which the suspension is issued;
- (c) Every such suspension shall be subject to such conditions, if any, as the Minister or officer granting the same imposes, either by the notice of suspension or by subsequent notice signed by him; and
- (d) Every such suspension shall be, and be deemed always to have been, void unless the shopkeeper of the shop in respect of which the suspension is granted pays any shop assistants employed by him after the closing time at a rate not less than one and a half times the ordinary rates of wages paid to such shop assistants: Provided that no shop assistant so employed after the closing time shall receive less than Five Shillings as payment for such employment on any day.

(2) A fee of Two Shillings and Sixpence for every suspension under this section shall be paid to the Minister or officer granting the same.

**17.** Section 45 of the principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following subsection:—

Amendment of principal Act, s. 45—

(6) When any suspension is granted under this section as regards any particular shop or shops or as regards any particular person or persons, a fee of Two Shillings and Sixpence for every such suspension shall be paid to the Minister or officer granting the same.

Fee for suspension of Act to enable particular shops or persons to work overtime.

**18.** Section

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Amendment of principal Act, s. 46—  
Penalty on customer for being in non-exempted shop on Sunday.

**18.** Section 46 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the words “on any day enter any shop after the closing time” therein and substituting in lieu thereof the words “enter any shop on any weekday after closing time or on Sunday.”

Amendment of principal Act, s. 47—  
Consequential amendment.

**19.** Section 47 of the principal Act is amended by striking out subsection (4) thereof.

Amendment of principal Act, s. 48.

**20.** Section 48 of the principal Act is amended by adding after the words “exempted shops” in the second line thereof the words “and tobacconists shops.”

Amendment of principal Act, s. 56—  
Shopkeepers in petitioning for shops to cease to be exempt may pray that goods pertaining to their business cease to be exempt.

**21.** Section 56 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting at the end of subdivision (b) of subsection (1) thereof the word “and”; and

(b) by inserting after subdivision (b) of subsection (1) thereof the following subdivision:—

(c) That the goods specified in such petition shall cease to be exempted goods;

and

(c) by inserting after the word “weekdays” in subsection (2) thereof the words “and the goods which strictly pertain to the principal business carried on in the shops.”

Amendment of principal Act, s. 58—

**22.** Section 58 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by adding at the end of subdivision (b) thereof the word “and”; and

(b) by adding at the end thereof the following subdivision:—

(c) That, from the said date fixed by such notice, the goods specified in such notice shall cease to be exempted goods, which goods shall be such of the goods specified in the petition as the Minister is satisfied strictly pertain to the principal business carried on in shops of the class specified in the petition.

Amendment of principal Act, s. 62—  
Effect of declaring goods to cease to be exempted goods.

**23.** Section 62 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by adding at the end of subdivision (b) thereof the word “and”;

(b) by adding at the end thereof the following subdivision:—

(c) The goods specified in such notice shall cease to be exempted goods within the meaning and for the purposes of this Act, at all times when shops of the class mentioned in such notice, which are situated in the Shopping District, are required to be kept closed and fastened against the admission of the public.

**24.** Division



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24. Division IV. of Part V. of the principal Act is amended by inserting after section 62 thereof the following section:—

Amendment of principal Act, Part V., Division IV.—

62A. (1) Where any class of shops which are situated in any Shopping District have ceased to be exempted before the passing of this Act, the Minister may, by notice in the prescribed form published in the *Gazette* and in two newspapers circulating in the Shopping District, declare the goods which strictly pertain to the principal business carried on in such shops, and that, from a date fixed by such notice, such goods shall cease to be exempted goods.

Provision with respect to shops ceasing to be exempted before passing of this Act.

(2) Upon the publication of such notice, such declaration shall, *mutatis mutandis*, have the same force and effect as if it had been made in the notice under section 58 or section 61 of the principal Act with respect to such class of shops.

25. Section 66 of the principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following subsection:—

Amendment of principal Act, s. 66—

(3) In any proceedings for an offence against section 40 or section 47 the presence at the time of the alleged offence in or on any building or premises, of which the shop mentioned in the complaint forms a part, of any person (other than the shopkeeper of such shop or a member of his family) who has in his possession any goods of a class usually sold in, about, or from such shop, under such circumstances as to raise in the mind of the Court a reasonable suspicion that such goods were sold or delivered in or on such building or premises shall be sufficient evidence of the offence alleged in such complaint so as to support a conviction unless the Court is satisfied that such goods were not sold or delivered in or on such building or premises in contravention of the provisions of this Act.

Presence in shop of customer with goods evidence of sale in some cases.

26. The First Schedule to the principal Act is amended by striking out the line—

Amendment of principal Act, First Schedule—

“ 13. Tobacconists' shops.”

Tobacconists' shops not to be exempt.

*New Provisions.*

27. Subject to subsection (2) of section 5 of the principal Act, on any weekday from the closing time for shops other than exempted shops until the closing time for tobacconists' shops, the goods mentioned in the Third Schedule shall be deemed to be exempted goods within the meaning of and for the purposes of the principal Act.

Special provision for tobacconists' goods between six o'clock and eight o'clock.

28. (1) The Chief Inspector, on being satisfied that a proper case exists for the exercise of the power hereby conferred upon him, may grant a licence permitting any goods to be sold, offered or exposed for sale by auction at any time after the closing time fixed by Division I. of Part V. of the principal Act, as amended by this Act, for shops other than tobacconists' shops.

Auctioneer may obtain licence to sell after hours in country districts.

(2) Every

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(2) Every licence so granted shall be subject to such conditions as are set out therein, and shall specify the time or times, the day or days, and the goods, in respect of which it is granted. Such goods may be so specified either generally or particularly.

(3) A fee of Two Shillings and Sixpence shall be paid for every such licence.

(4) Any such licence shall render lawful anything done or omitted in accordance with the terms thereof: Provided that if anything is done or omitted in excess of such terms or in any way contrary to any condition thereof, such licence shall immediately become, and continue to be, of no effect.

(5) The holder of a licence granted under this section shall produce the same for examination whenever demanded by an inspector or any member of the Police Force, and any person acting or purporting to act under a licence so granted, who fails to produce such licence when demanded as aforesaid, shall be deemed to be unlicensed.

(6) The provisions of this section shall not apply within the Metropolitan Shopping District.

Licences to sell  
petrol and oil after  
hours.

29. (1) The Minister may, upon the application of any shopkeeper, grant a licence to such shopkeeper permitting him to sell motor spirit and lubricants for motor vehicles on weekdays after the closing time and on Sunday.

(2) Such licence shall specify the shop in respect of which it is granted and shall be subject to such restrictions as to the hours and place of sale, and the employment of shop assistants in connection with such sale, and to such other conditions as to payment of fees and otherwise as are prescribed for licences under this section, and shall in all cases upon failure to observe or breach of any of the restrictions or conditions thereof forthwith be and be deemed always to have been void.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or the Early Closing Acts, 1911 and 1912, it shall be lawful for the holder of any such licence to offer and expose for sale and to sell such motor spirit and lubricants at the hours mentioned in such licence, and to keep his shop open at such hours, and to employ shop assistants at such hours, according to the tenor of such licence.

(4) If the Minister considers that any licence granted under this section has been abused in any way or to any extent, he may in the exercise of his absolute and uncontrolled discretion, by notice signed by him and delivered personally to or served by post on the holder thereof cancel such licence and thereupon such licence shall be absolutely void.

(5) The provisions of sections 41, 42, and 44 of the principal Act shall not apply to any shop in respect of which a licence under this section is granted: But section 48 of the principal Act shall apply to every such shop as if the same were an exempted shop.

(6) Any

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(6) Any person alleged in any complaint to be the holder of a licence under this section shall for all purposes connected with and in all proceedings under or upon such complaint be deemed to be the holder of such licence unless he, at the hearing of such complaint, satisfies the Special Magistrate or Justices to the contrary.

30. The provisions of the principal Act or any Act incorporated therewith shall not apply in respect of any shop erected and carried on at any industrial exhibition, agricultural, horticultural, or other similar show, so long as no goods other than goods of the prescribed kind are sold at such shop.

Act not to apply in certain cases.

31. There shall be payable to the Minister on the presentation of every petition or counter-petition under the principal Act or this Act the fee of One Pound, and no such petition or counter-petition shall be deemed duly presented nor shall it be acted upon unless and until such fee is paid to the Minister.

Fee for petition and counter-petition to be One Pound.

32. No member of the Police Force or inspector who purchases any goods, and no person who purchases any goods at the request of a member of the Police Force or an inspector, shall be deemed an accomplice or guilty of an offence against this Act where any complaint has been laid for such offence, nor shall the evidence of such member of the Police Force or inspector or of such person be deemed, on the hearing of such complaint, to be the evidence of an accomplice.

Inspectors and members of Police Force, &c., not accomplices.

Cf. Licensing Act, 1917, s. 282.

33. The Special Magistrate or Justices sitting at or on the hearing of any complaint under this Act may, if in the circumstances of the case they deem it proper, convict the person accused upon the uncorroborated evidence of an accomplice; nor shall he or they acquit the person accused merely on the ground that the only evidence against him is the uncorroborated evidence of an accomplice, unless, in the circumstances of the case, he or they suspect the truth of such evidence; and there shall be no appeal from any conviction merely on the ground that the only evidence against the accused was the uncorroborated evidence of an accomplice.

Magistrates may act on evidence of accomplices without corroboration.

Cf. Licensing Act, 1917, s. 283.

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

TOM BRIDGES, Governor.

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## THE SCHEDULES.

## THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

1062, 1911, s. 4.  
This Act, s. 3.

THE FOLLOWING GOODS ARE HEREBY DECLARED TO BE EXEMPTED GOODS:—

1. Cooked food, butter and cheese in quantities not exceeding two ounces of either in any one purchase, tea coffee, or cocoa, in solution, cooked meat (not being tinned meat in unopened tins), bread, rolls, cake, tarts, pies, fresh fish, smoked fish, and cooked fish (not being tinned fish in unopened tins), oysters, spirituous and fermented liquors as allowed by licence under the Licensing Act, 1917, and not otherwise, and non-alcoholic drinks.
2. Confectionery, sweetmeats, biscuits.
3. Non-alcoholic drinks, milk, cream, ice, and ice cream.
4. Fruit (other than preserved fruit in unopened tins or in airtight packages).
5. Flowers and living plants.
6. Vegetables of every description (other than vegetables in unopened tins or in airtight packages).
7. Wines as allowed by licence under the Licensing Act, 1917, and not otherwise.
8. Drugs, medicines, medical and surgical instruments and appliances, including veterinary medicines, implements, and appliances, perfumery, anti-septics, tooth, hair, and skin brushes, sponges, face powders and puffs, infants' foods, hair oils, hair washes, and shaving soaps.
9. Printed books, newspapers, magazines, and journals.
10. Coffins and coffin furniture.

## THE SECOND SCHEDULE.

This Act, s. 11.

A. The fees for registration under Part IV. of the principal Act as amended by this Act, shall be as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
1. Where no assistants are employed .....	0	5	0
2. Where at least 1 and not more than 6 assistants are employed .....	0	10	0
3. Where more than 6 and not more than 12 assistants are employed .....	1	0	0
4. Where more than 12 and not more than 25 assistants are employed .....	1	10	0
5. Where more than 25 and not more than 50 assistants are employed .....	2	0	0
6. Where more than 50 assistants are employed ....	2	10	0

Provided that in the case of a shop registered between the 31st day of January and the 31st day of July in any year, the fees shall be at half the above rates.

B. The fees for renewal of registration shall be at the same rates as above, payable annually.

In computing the number of assistants for the purpose of this schedule, no regard shall be paid to the wife, or any son or daughter of the shopkeeper, employed in the shop.

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THE THIRD SCHEDULE.

This Act, s. 27.

GOODS DEEMED TO BE EXEMPTED GOODS FROM THE CLOSING TIME FOR SHOPS  
OTHER THAN EXEMPTED SHOPS UNTIL THE CLOSING TIME FOR TOBACCONISTS'  
SHOPS:—

1. Tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, cigarette papers, snuff, tobacco pipes, cigar and cigarette holders and cases, matches, matchboxes, and tobacco pouches.