

EARLY CLOSING (AMENDMENT) ACT.

Act No. 49, 1919.

An Act to regulate the times of closing of hair-dressers' and tobacconists' shops and chemists' and druggists' shops, and public and private dispensaries; to prohibit night baking; for the above purposes to amend the Acts relating to early closing, the Saturday Half-holiday Act, 1910, and the Bread Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [Assented to, 23rd December, 1919.]

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BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Early Closing (Amendment) Act, 1919." *Short title.*

Hairdressers and tobacconists.

2. (1) Subsection one of section one of the Early Closing Act, 1899, and subsection one of section three of the Early Closing (Amendment) Act, 1900, are amended by adding at the end of those subsections respectively the following:—

"Provided that in the case of hairdressers' and tobacconists' shops, one o'clock shall be the closing time on Wednesday or Saturday, at the option of the shopkeeper, and seven o'clock shall be the

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the closing time for such shops on other weekdays. But tobacconists' shops which close at one o'clock on Wednesday may remain open until ten o'clock on Saturday, and tobacconists' shops which close at one o'clock on Saturday may remain open until ten o'clock on Friday. Where the businesses of hairdresser and tobacconist are carried on in the same building and the entrance from the street to one shop is through the other, both shops shall close at the same time on Wednesday and Saturday, and the option as to the day on which the closing time shall be one o'clock shall, in case of disagreement, be exercised by the shopkeeper of the tobacconist's shop."

(2) Section two of the Early Closing (Hairdressers' Shops) Act, 1906, is repealed.

(3) In Part III of Schedule One to the Early Closing Act, 1899, omit the words "tobacconists' shops."

(4) The Schedule to the Saturday Half-Holiday Act, 1910, is amended by inserting under "Hairdressers' shops" the words "Tobacconists' shops."

(5) In sections four, five, nine, ten, and eleven of the Early Closing (Hairdressers' Shops) Act, 1906, insert after "hairdresser's" wherever occurring the words "or tobacconist's," and in section eight of the same Act insert after "hairdressers'" the words "or tobacconists'."

(6) In sections eight, nine, and ten of the same Act omit "half-past" wherever occurring before the word "seven."

(7) Section two of the Early Closing Amendment Act, 1910, is amended as follows:—

- (a) After "butchers'" where first occurring insert "and"
- (b) Omit "and hairdressers'"
- (c) Omit "and half-past seven in the evening for hairdressers'."

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3. In the proviso to section thirteen of the Early Closing (Hairdressers' Shops) Act, 1906, omit "one half hour" and insert the words "fifteen minutes."

Chemists

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4. The Early Closing Act, 1899, is amended as follows:—

(a) In section six, after "Saturdays" insert Closing times of chemists' shops.
"except in the case of chemists' shops, druggists' shops, public dispensaries and private dispensaries situate within the metropolitan or Newcastle shopping district, for which the closing times shall be half-past seven o'clock on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, nine o'clock on Fridays, and one o'clock on Saturdays, provided that such shops may reopen between the hours of seven o'clock and nine o'clock on Saturdays. The closing hours in country shopping districts will be half-past seven o'clock post meridian on four week-days and one o'clock post meridian and ten o'clock post meridian respectively upon the days of the week upon which non-scheduled shops close at those hours, with the same option of reopening between seven o'clock post meridian and nine o'clock post meridian on the weekly half-holiday."

(b) In section seven add at the end thereof "which Urgent prescriptions. are stated to be urgently required either by the indorsement on a prescription by a legally qualified medical practitioner or by a statement in writing signed by the purchaser."

Bread.

5. Section ten of the Bread Act, 1901, is amended as follows:—

(a) In paragraph (a) omit "on," insert "between Night baking. the hours of eight o'clock in the evening and six o'clock in the morning on any week-day, or at any time on any";

(b) in paragraph (b) omit "the said day," insert Sunday trading. "Sunday";

(c) At the end of the section add the following new subsection:—

(4) An inspector appointed under the Inspection. Early Closing Act, 1899, on producing the certificate

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certificate of his appointment, may enter at any reasonable hour any premises in which the trade or calling of a baker is carried on and make such inquiries as he thinks necessary to ascertain if the provisions of this section have been complied with. If any person wilfully obstructs such inspector in the exercise by him of the said powers or fails to truly answer any such inquiries made by such inspector he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.
