

MOTION PICTURES

CHAPTER 171

S. B. No. 281—(Committee on Delayed Bills)

LIMITING LICENSES TO MOTION PICTURE SHOWS

An act to amend and re-enact Section 548a1 of the 1925 Supplement to the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for the year 1913, relating to the licensing of pool halls, dance halls, theatres, moving picture shows, etc.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] Section 548a1 of the 1925 Supplement to the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for the year 1913, is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

“§ 548a1. No pool hall, billiard room, ball alley or pin alley, dance hall, theatre, moving picture show, taxicab or auto livery, or any place where soft drinks are retailed, or where cigars or tobacco are sold, or public hall owned privately and used for public purposes, shall be opened, maintained, operated or conducted within this State unless the owner, proprietor or managing agent thereof shall first secure a license so to do in the manner in this chapter prescribed;

Provided, however, that no new license shall hereafter be issued for the operation of a moving picture show in any city, town or village of this State where one or more moving picture shows are now being operated under license from the State of North Dakota unless it is established to the satisfaction of the licensing authority that the public needs will be more adequately served by the issuance of such additional license, or unless the applicant for such license purchases or leases one of the moving picture shows then in operation.

Provided further, that nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to prevent the renewal of any license for the operation of a moving picture show which has been issued prior to the effective date of this act.

Approved March 18, 1939.