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TOURIST TRAFFIC ACT 1957

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Introduction

This Revised Act presents the text of the Act as it has been amended since enactment, and preserves the format in which it was passed.

Related legislation

Tourist Traffic Acts 1939 to 2016: this Act is one of a group of Acts included in this collective citation, to be construed together as one (National Tourism Development Authority (Amendment) Act 2016 (14/2016), s. 2(2)). The Acts in the group are:

- Tourist Traffic Act 1939 (24/1939)
- Tourist Traffic Act 1952 (15/1952)
- Tourist Traffic Act 1957 (27/1957)
- National Tourism Development Authority Act 2003 (10/2003)
- National Tourism Development Authority (Amendment) Act 2011 (33/2011)
- National Tourism Development Authority (Amendment) Act 2016 (14/2016)

Acts previously included in the group but now repealed are:

- Tourist Traffic Act 1959 (27/1959)
- Tourist Traffic Act 1963 (22/1963)
- Tourist Traffic Act 1968 (29/1968)
- Tourist Traffic Act 1972 (28/1972)
- Tourist Traffic Act 1979 (22/1979)

Annotations

This Revised Act is annotated and includes textual and non-textual amendments, statutory instruments made pursuant to the Act and previous affecting provisions.

An explanation of how to read annotations is available at
Material not updated in this revision

Where other legislation is amended by this Act, those amendments may have been superseded by other amendments in other legislation, or the amended legislation may have been repealed or revoked. This information is not represented in this revision but will be reflected in a revision of the amended legislation if one is available.

Where legislation or a fragment of legislation is referred to in annotations, changes to this legislation or fragment may not be reflected in this revision but will be reflected in a revision of the legislation referred to if one is available.

A list of legislative changes to any Act, and to statutory instruments from 1972, may be found linked from the page of the Act or statutory instrument at www.irishstatutebook.ie.

Acts which affect or previously affected this revision

- National Tourism Development Authority (Amendment) Act 2011 (33/2011)
- National Tourism Development Authority Act 2003(10/2003)
- Tourist Traffic Act 1979 (22/1979)
- Tourist Traffic Act 1968 (29/1968)
- Tourist Traffic Act 1959 (27/1959)

All Acts up to and including Greyhound Racing Act 2019 (15/2019), enacted 28 May 2019, were considered in the preparation of this revision.

Statutory instruments which affect or previously affected this revision

- Tourism and Sport (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order 2011 (S.I. No. 140 of 2011)
- Tourism (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order 1993 (S.I. No. 15 of 1993)
- Tourism (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order 1987 (S.I. No. 95 of 1987)
- Tourism (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order 1986 (S.I. No. 42 of 1986)
- Tourism (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order 1980 (S.I. No. 8 of 1980)

All statutory instruments up to and including European Communities (Sheep Identification) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (S.I. No. 243 of 2019), made 28 May 2019, were considered in the preparation of this revision.
Section 1. Construction.
Section 2. Extension of time limit on giving of guarantees under Part III of Act of 1952.
Section 3. Grants by the Board for interest charges on certain loans.
Section 4. Grants to local authorities and local development companies.
Section 5. Motor hotels.
Section 6. Fee in the case of amended application for registration.
Section 7. Application for registration after refusal or cancellation of registration.
Section 8. Extension of references to premises.
Section 9. Publication of lists of unregistered premises.
Section 10. Miscellaneous amendments of Act of 1939.
Section 11. Short title and collective citation.

ACTS REFERRED TO

Tourist Traffic Act, 1939 No. 24 of 1939
Tourist Traffic Act, 1952 No. 15 of 1952
AN ACT TO AMEND THE TOURIST TRAFFIC ACTS, 1939 TO 1955. [17th December, 1957.]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS:—

Annotations

Modifications (not altering text):

C1 Functions transferred and references to “Department of Tourism, Culture and Sport” and “Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport” construed (1.04.2011) by Tourism and Sport (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order 2011 (S.I. No. 140 of 2011), arts. 2 and 3, in effect as per art. 1(2).

2. (1) The administration and business in connection with the exercise, performance or execution of any functions transferred by Article 3 are transferred to the Department of Transport.

   (2) References to the Department of Tourism, Culture and Sport contained in any Act or any instrument made under such Act and relating to any administration and business transferred by paragraph (1) shall, from the commencement of this Order, be read as references to the Department of Transport.

3. (1) The functions vested in the Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport by or under—

   (a) the Tourist Traffic Acts 1939 to 2003,

   ... are transferred to the Minister for Transport.

   (2) References to the Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport contained in any Act or instrument made under such Act and relating to any functions transferred by this Article shall, from the commencement of this Order, be read as references to the Minister for Transport.


Interpretation.

1.—...

(2) For the purposes of the Tourist Traffic Acts, 1939 to 1983, “holiday apartment” shall include a tourist apartment, an apartotel and a holiday flat.

Interpretation.

1.—...

(2) For the purposes of the Tourist Traffic Acts, 1939 to 1970, “holiday cottage” shall include a holiday house, a holiday home and a holiday villa.

Editorial Notes:

E1 Previous affecting provision: functions transferred and references to “Department of Tourism, Transport and Communications” and “Minister for Tourism, Transport and Communications” construed (20.01.1993) by Tourism (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order 1993 (S.I. No. 15 of 1993), arts. 3 and 4, commenced on enactment; superseded as per C-note above.

E2 Previous affecting provision: functions transferred and references to “Department of the Marine” and “Minister for the Marine” construed (31.03.1987) by Tourism (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order 1987 (S.I. No. 95 of 1987), arts. 3 and 4, in effect as per art. 1(2); superseded as per C-note above.

E3 Previous affecting provision: functions transferred and references to “Department of Industry, Trade, Commerce and Tourism” and “Minister for Industry, Trade, Commerce and Tourism” construed (18.02.1986) by Tourism (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order 1986 (S.I. No. 42 of 1986), arts. 3 and 4, in effect as per art. 1(2); superseded as per C-note above.

E4 Previous affecting provision: functions transferred and references to “Department of Tourism and Transport” and “Minister for Tourism and Transport” construed (24.01.1980) by Tourism (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order 1980 (S.I. No. 8 of 1980), arts. 3 and 4, in effect as per art. 1(2); superseded as per C-note above.

E5 Previous affecting provision: functions transferred and references to “Department of Industry and Commerce” and “Minister for Industry and Commerce” construed (31.10.1961) by Transport, Fuel and Power (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) (No. 2) Order 1961 (S.I. No. 246 of 1961), arts. 3 and 4, commenced on enactment; superseded as per C-note above.

Construction. 1.—(1) In this Act—

“the Act of 1939” means the Tourist Traffic Act, 1939 (No. 24 of 1939);

“the Act of 1952” means the Tourist Traffic Act, 1952 (No. 15 of 1952);

“the Board” means Bord Fáilte Éireann;

“the Minister” means the Minister for Industry and Commerce.

(2) The Tourist Traffic Acts, 1939 to 1955, and this Act shall be construed as one.

Extension of time limit on giving of guarantees under Part III of Act of 1952.

Annotations

Amendments:

3.—(1) F2[...]

Annotations

Amendments:


Editorial Notes:

E6 Previous affecting provision: subs. (2) repealed (16.08.1961) by Tourist Traffic Act 1961 (37/1961), s. 5, commenced on enactment; original provision and amendment repealed as per F-note above.

4.—F3[...]

Annotations

Amendments:


5.—(1) The Act of 1939 is hereby amended as follows:

(i) by the addition to subsection (1) of section 24 (which relates to the registers to be maintained by the Board) of the following paragraph:

“(f) a register to be called and known and in this Act referred to as the register of motor hotels.”;

(ii) by the addition to section 25 (which relates to the eligibility of premises for registration) of the following paragraph:

“(f) the general character, the type of accommodation and service provided, and the other qualifications which shall be requisite in respect of any premises in order that such premises may be eligible for registration in the register of motor hotels.”;

(iii) by the insertion after section 37 of the following section:

“37A.—(1) It shall not be lawful for the proprietor or occupier of any premises to describe or hold out or permit any person to describe or hold out such premises—

(a) as a motor hotel,
(b) as a motel,
(c) as a coach hotel,
(d) as a motor inn,
(e) as a motor court,
(f) as a tourist court, or

(g) as being of any other description prescribed for the purposes of this section,

unless such premises are registered in the register of motor hotels and such proprietor or occupier is registered in that register as the registered proprietor of such premises.

(2) Any person who acts in contravention of this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds together with, in the case of a continuing offence, a further fine not exceeding two pounds for every day during which the offence is continued.

(3) This section shall come into operation on such day as may be appointed in that behalf by order of the Minister.”;

(iv) by the insertion in subsection (1) of section 45 (which relates to the publication by the Board of an annual list of registered premises) after “youth hostels” of “premises registered in the register of motor hotels”.

(2) Section 5 of the Act of 1952 is hereby amended by the insertion in paragraph (a) of subsection (2) after “holiday hostels,” of “motor hotels”.

Annotations

Editorial Notes:

E7 Subs. (2) would appear to be spent as s. 5(2)(a) of the Tourist Traffic Act 1952 (15/1952) was repealed (28.05.2003) by National Tourism Development Authority Act 2003 (10/2003), s. 5 and sch. 1, S.I. No. 205 of 2003.

6.—Where—

(a) an application for registration is made to the Board under section 26 of the Act of 1939, and

(b) before a decision on the application has been reached by the Board, the application is amended so as to be for registration in a different register,

the fee paid in connection with the original application shall be applied by the Board towards the amount of the fee required under paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of the said section 26 to accompany an application for registration in such different register.

Annotations

Modifications (not altering text):

C4 Transfer of certain Board functions under section enabled (28.05.2003, establishment day) by National Tourism Development Authority Act 2003 (10/2003), s. 12(1)-(5) and sch. 2, subject to transitional provision in s. 38, effectively commenced by Establishment Day Order S.I. No. 204 of 2003. Sch. 2 refers to functions performable by contractor.

Agreements for performance of functions of Authority by persons other than Authority.

12.—(1) The Authority may enter into an agreement with another person (in this section referred to as a “contractor”) for the performance by that person of the functions of the Authority under the provisions specified in Schedule 2.

...
Application for registration after refusal or cancellation of registration.

**7.—Where—**

(a) an application for registration is refused by the Board under paragraph (b) or paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section 27 of the Act of 1939,

(b) an application for the renewal of registration is refused by the Board under paragraph (b) or paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section 30 of the Act of 1939, or

(c) a registration is cancelled by the Board under paragraph (b) or paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section 32 of the Act of 1952,

no application for registration of the premises in the same register by the Board may be made during the period of nine months commencing on the day of the refusal or cancellation.

Annotations

Modifications (not altering text):

C5 Transfer of certain Board functions under section enabled (28.05.2003, establishment day) by National Tourism Development Authority Act 2003 (10/2003), s. 12(1)-(5) and sch. 2, subject to transitional provision in s. 38, effectively commenced by Establishment Day Order S.I. No. 204 of 2003. Sch. 2 refers to functions performable by contractor.

Agreements for performance of functions of Authority by persons other than Authority.

12.—(1) The Authority may enter into an agreement with another person (in this section referred to as a “contractor”) for the performance by that person of the functions of the Authority under the provisions specified in Schedule 2.

...
(2) No premises shall be included in a list published pursuant to subsection (1) of this section except at the request or with the consent of the proprietor of the premises, and no information shall be given in any such list in relation to any premises mentioned therein save with the consent of the proprietor of the premises.

Annotatons

Modifications (not altering text):


Provisions consequent upon transfer of functions, assets and liabilities to Authority.

42.— ...(2) Every instrument made under an enactment, every document (including any certificate) granted or made, and every register established, in the performance of a function transferred by section 38, and every list published under section 9 of the Tourist Traffic Act 1957 shall, if and in so far as it was operative immediately before the establishment day, have effect on and after that day as if it had been granted, made, established or published by the Authority.

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