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Content : **Chapter I General**

Article 1

The amusement tax shall be levied in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Article 2

The amusement tax shall be levied on the ticket prices or fees collected for the following entertainment venues, facilities, or activities:

1. Movies.
2. Various performances such as professional singing, storytelling, dancing, circus acts, magic shows, acrobatics shows, and nightclub performances.
3. Theatrical performances, musical performances, and non-professional singing, dancing, and other performances.
4. Competitions of skill and other contests.
5. Dance halls or dance venues.
6. Golf courses and other places, facilities or activities that provide facilities for recreation or entertainment.

For the aforementioned entertainment venues, facilities, or activities that do not sell tickets but provide entertainment to patrons through other means such as beverages or recreational facilities, the amusement tax shall be levied based on the fees collected.

Article 3

The taxpayer of amusement tax is the person who pays for entertainment.

The amusement tax collecting agent is the provider or organizer of entertainment venues, facilities or activities.

Article 4

Exemptions from the amusement tax shall be granted in accordance with the following provisions:

1. Educational, cultural, public welfare, and charitable organizations or groups, which are organized as public interest associations or foundations under the General Principles of Civil Code, or registered or filed with the competent authority according to other relevant laws and regulations, for all kinds of entertainment activities organized by them, with all proceeds being used for the purposes of the organization.
2. All proceeds, excluding necessary expenses, used for various

entertainment activities for disaster relief or military support.
3.Temporary cultural and recreational activities organized internally by government agencies, organizations, public and private enterprises, schools, and other institutions, for which no fees are collected in any form.

The necessary expenses eligible for deduction under the second provision above shall not exceed twenty percent of the total proceeds.

Chapter II Tax Rates

Article 5

The amusement tax shall be levied according to the ticket prices or fees charged, based on the following tax rates:

- 1.For movies, not to exceed sixty percent. For domestically produced films, not to exceed thirty percent.
- 2.For professional singing, storytelling, dancing, circus acts, magic shows, acrobatics shows, and nightclub performances, not to exceed thirty percent.
- 3.For theatrical performances, musical performances, and non-professional singing, dancing, and other performances, not to exceed five percent.
- 4.For competitions of skill and other contests, not to exceed ten percent.
- 5.For dance halls or dance venues, not to exceed one hundred percent.
- 6.For billiard halls, not to exceed fifty percent; for bowling alleys, not to exceed thirty percent; for golf courses, not to exceed twenty percent; for other places, facilities or activities that provide facilities for recreation or entertainment, not to exceed fifty percent.

Article 6

Municipal and county (city) governments may, based on the actual local circumstances, independently determine the rates for the collection of amusement tax within the range of tax rates stipulated in the preceding article. Such determination shall be approved by the municipal or county (city) assembly, and then submitted to or forwarded to the Ministry of Finance (hereinafter referred to as the MOF) for verification.

Chapter III Tax Collection Procedure

Article 7

Any business operator regularly providing entertainment subject to the tax as stipulated by this Act shall, upon opening, relocation, change of business, alteration, reorganization, merger, transfer, or suspension of business, register with the competent tax authorities beforehand and fulfill the procedures for the collection and filing returns of the amusement tax.

Article 8

Any temporary organization of entertainment events that sell tickets or collect fees from the public shall, prior to the event, register with the competent tax authorities and apply for exemption or filing tax return of the amusement tax.

If a temporary entertainment event does not collect fees in any form, its organizer shall make a report to the competent tax authority prior to the event.

Article 9

The amusement tax collecting agent shall file monthly return and pay tax to the competent tax authority by the tenth day of the following month using the automatic payment form. For businesses whose operating method is special or business scale is determined by the competent tax authority to be small, the tax authority shall assess and determine their tax due and issue a payment form. The due tax shall be paid within ten days after receiving the payment form.

For temporary entertainment activities, the competent tax authority shall calculate the tax due every five days and fill out a payment form, which must be paid within ten days after receiving the payment form.

Article 10

The amusement tax collecting agent shall issue entertainment tickets as proof at the time of collection, which shall be torn upon entry by the patron; otherwise the tax is deemed not collected. However, exemptions from using entertainment tickets may be granted in accordance with the proviso of Paragraph 1, Article 9, where the tax is assessed and determined by the competent tax authority.

The abovementioned entertainment tickets, shall be printed, serially numbered and stamped by the competent tax authority and sold at cost to various entertainment businesses to use. If tickets are sold for temporary entertainment activities, the responsible party shall submit the tickets with serial number and price printed on to the competent tax authority for verification, complete the tax payment guarantee procedure, file tax return and pay the tax on time.

Chapter IV Reward and Penalty

Article 11

If the amusement tax collecting agent collects the tax in accordance with this Act and pays the tax on time, the competent tax authority shall provide a reward of one percent of the amount collected.

The reward mentioned in the preceding paragraph shall be withheld by the collecting agent according to the prescribed procedures each time the tax is paid.

Article 12

The failure to register, file tax return and pay amusement taxes to the competent tax authorities before opening, relocating, changing business, altering, reorganizing, merging, transferring, or suspending business operations therefore violating Article 7 shall result in a fine ranging from NT\$15,000 to NT\$150,000.

Article 13

Violators of Paragraph 1, Article 8, shall result in a fine from NT\$1,500 to NT\$15,000. If the violator is an authority, organization, public institution, or school, the competent tax authority shall notify its supervising agency to take legal actions against the person in charge.

Article 14

If an amusement tax collecting agent failing to collect, under-collecting, under-reporting, or concealing amusement taxes shall, in addition to recovering the tax due, be fined five to ten times the amount of tax due, and its business operations may be suspended.

When imposing the suspension of business operations according to the preceding paragraph, a deadline shall be set, not exceeding one month at most. However, if the deadline for suspension expires and the collecting agent still fails to fulfill its obligations, the imposition may continue until the obligations are fulfilled.

The collecting agent who fails to pay the tax collected on time shall be subject to late payment surcharges.

Article 15

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Article 16

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Chapter V Supplemental Provisions

Article 17

The implementation regulations for the collection of amusement taxes shall be formulated by the municipal and county (city) governments in accordance with this Act and submitted to the MOF for verification.

Article 18

This Act shall come into effect upon its promulgation.

