# 立法會 Legislative Council

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## Paper for the House Committee Meeting on 16 December 2005

## Legal Service Division Report on Subsidiary Legislation Gazetted on 9 December 2005

**Date of Tabling in LegCo** : 14 December 2005

**Amendment to be made by** : 11 January 2006 (or 8 February 2006 if extended

by resolution)

### PART I FILM CENSORSHIP – FEE REDUCTION

Film Censorship Ordinance (Cap. 392)
Film Censorship (Fee Reduction) Regulation 2005 (L.N. 221)

Under section 10 of the Film Censorship Ordinance (Cap. 392), the Film Censorship Authority is required to assign a censor to view and decide on certain matters in respect of a film intended for exhibition submitted to the Authority. The Authority may at the same time assign not less than two advisers to deal with the film. This Regulation reduces the prescribed censorship fee from \$72 to \$65 per minute of running time in respect of a film other than a still film.

- 2. Members may refer to LegCo Brief File Reference CTB/FS/254/4/(02) Part III issued by the Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority ("TELA") in December 2005 for background information. The existing fee has been in effect since January 2002, and reflects the costs at 2001-02 price level. According to the Administration, the proposal to reduce the fee by 9.7% is based on the outcome of a costing exercise conducted by TELA. The cost computation is at Annex B of the LegCo Brief.
- 3. At the meeting of the Panel on Information, Technology and Broadcasting on 14 November 2005, members noted and supported the proposal. According to the LegCo Brief, the film industry was consulted and supported the fee reduction. The Regulation will come into operation on 10 February 2006.

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### PART II PUBLIC PLEASURE GROUNDS

Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132)
Public Health and Municipal Services (Setting Aside Places for Use as Public Pleasure Grounds) (No. 3) Order 2005 (L.N. 222)

Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Amendment of Fourth Schedule) (No. 3) Order 2005 (L.N. 223)

- 4. L.N. 222 sets aside certain places for use as public pleasure grounds and provides that certain places cease to be public pleasure grounds. L.N. 223 amends the Fourth Schedule to the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) in order to update the list of public pleasure grounds. Under the Ordinance, the general management and control of public pleasure grounds are vested in the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.
- 5. The Panel on Home Affairs has not been consulted.
- 6. No difficulties relating to the legal and drafting aspects of all three items of subsidiary legislation have been identified.

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