CHAPTER 34

An Act to make provision as to the circumstances in which underground rooms are to be deemed for the purposes of section eighteen of the Housing Act, 1957, to be unfit for human habitation.

[14th May, 1959]

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Closing orders as to underground rooms. 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 56.

1.—(1) Section four of the Housing Act, 1957 (which makes general provision as to the defects to be treated for the purposes of that Act as rendering a house unfit for human habitation), shall not affect the operation of paragraph (*b*) of subsection (1) and subsection (2) of section eighteen of that Act (which confer special powers to close underground rooms deemed for the purposes of that section to be unfit for human habitation).

(2) Accordingly in subsection (2) of section eighteen of that Act the words " Subject to the provisions of section four of this Act as to the circumstances under which a house is to be deemed unfit for human habitation " are hereby repealed.

Short title, citation, extent and commencement.

2.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Housing (Underground Rooms) Act, 1959, and the Housing Act, 1957, and this Act may be cited together as the Housing Acts, 1957 and 1959.

(2) Nothing in this Act extends to Scotland or Northern Ireland.

(3) This Act shall come into force on the expiration of one month beginning with the day on which it is passed.

CHAPTER 35

An Act to amend the law with respect to the holding of small lotteries on licensed premises.

[14th May, 1959]

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Exemption of certain small lotteries conducted on licensed premises. 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 46. 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 45.

1. In any proceedings instituted under subsection (1) of section one hundred and forty-one of the Licensing Act, 1953 (which penalises the holder of a justices' licence who allows gaming or unlawful games on his premises) it shall be a defence to prove that the gaming or unlawful game to which the proceedings relate was such a lottery as is by section one of the Small Lotteries and Gaming Act, 1956 (which exempts certain small lotteries) deemed not to be an unlawful lottery.

Short title and extent.

2.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Small Lotteries and Gaming Act, 1956 (Amendment) Act, 1959.

(2) This Act shall not extend to Northern Ireland.

CHAPTER 36

An Act to postpone the coming into force of new valuation lists under Part III of the Local Government Act, 1948, and to restrict proposals for altering the current lists; to postpone the date as from which relief under section eight of the Rating and Valuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1955, can be terminated or reduced; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.

[14th May, 1959]

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Postponement of new valuation lists, and restriction on proposals for altering current lists. 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 26.

1.—(1) Section thirty-four of the Local Government Act, 1948 (which fixes the dates when new valuation lists for rating purposes are to come into force in England and Wales) shall have effect as if, for the reference to the year nineteen hundred and sixty-one, there were substituted a reference to the year nineteen hundred and sixty-three; and the period for which the valuation lists in force at the passing of this Act are to remain in force shall be extended accordingly.

(2) In accordance with the preceding subsection, section thirty-four of the said Act of 1948 shall have effect as set out in the Schedule to this Act.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in section forty of the said Act of 1948 (which enables proposals to be made for the alteration of valuation lists) a proposal for altering a valuation list in force at the passing of this Act (not being a proposal made by the valuation officer)—

(*a*) shall not have effect if served on the valuation officer after the passing of this Act, and