

Sec. 18-81. - Purpose and scope of article; statutory authority.

- (a) This article is enacted in accordance with a plan designed for the purposes, among others, of promoting the health and general welfare of the community, and to establish reasonable and ascertainable standards for the regulation and control of massage practitioners, peddlers and solicitors, amusement activities, pawnshops, billiard parlors, flea markets, precious metals dealers or shops, and any other business activities that from time to time may require additional police protection and regulation in order to ensure the health and safety of the community.
- (b) This article is enacted pursuant to the authority of 1964 Ga. Laws, page 1024, amendment to the state constitution, to 1967 Ga. Laws, page 914, amendment to the state constitution, and to 1969 Ga. Laws, page 2486.
- (c) The provisions enumerated in article II of this chapter regarding the administration and enforcement of business license regulations apply to all special licenses in addition to the provisions enumerated in this article.

(Res. No. 92-17, § 1.40, 2-28-92)

Sec. 18-82. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Alcoholic beverages includes but is not limited to malt beverages, vinous liquors and spirituous liquors.

Amusement activity includes any fair, concert, carnival or sideshow and those activities, rides and games normally associated with such amusements wherein the general public is allowed to view or participate for a price.

Billiard room means any public place with two or more tables on which the game of billiards is permitted to be played.

Billiards means any of the several games played on a table surrounded by an elastic ledge of cushions, with balls which are impelled by a cue, and shall include all forms of the game known as carom billiards, pocket billiards and English billiards. The term shall apply to all tables, both coin-operated and non-coin-operated.

Licensee means any person holding a license issued under this article.

Massage means manipulation of the human body's soft tissue through manual, mechanical or electrical means or similar treatment to the human trunk or limbs.

Massage practitioner includes but is not limited to masseurs, masseuses and massage therapists, and includes any person who manipulates the body's soft tissue through manual, mechanical or electrical massage or similar treatment to the human trunk or limbs. It shall not include any person who diagnoses or performs a service who holds an unlimited license to practice medicine, surgery, chiropractic or podiatry, or an employee, or an athletic trainer, technician or physical therapist who acts under the prescription or supervision of a medical doctor, chiropractor or podiatrist.

Pawn and pledge mean bailment of personal property as security for any debt or

engagement, redeemable upon certain terms and with the express or implied power of sale on default.

Pawnshop means any business wherein a well-defined part thereof is to take or receive, by way of pledge, pawn or exchange, any goods, wares or merchandise, or any kind of personal property whatever, as security for the repayment of money lent thereon.

Pool room. See "Billiard room."

(Res. No. 92-17, § 1.91, 2-28-92)

Cross reference— Definitions and rules of construction generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 18-83. - Approval of board of commissioners required for certain licenses.

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business, trade or profession or practice the business, trade or profession of an amusement activity, pawnshop, pool room or massage practitioner before obtaining approval for a license by the board of commissioners.

(Res. No. 92-17, § 1.90(a), 2-28-92)