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GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED IN CONSOLIDATIONS

Miscellaneous

c.	means "chapter".
CIF	means "comes into force".
NIF	means "not in force".
s.	means "section" or "sections", "subsection" or "subsections", "paragraph" or "paragraphs".
Sch.	means "schedule".
SI-005-98	means the instrument registered as SI-005-98 in 1998. (<i>Note: This is a Northwest Territories statutory instrument if it is made before April 1, 1999, and a Nunavut statutory instrument if it is made on or after April 1, 1999 and before January 1, 2000.</i>)
SI-012-2003	means the instrument registered as SI-012-2003 in 2003. (<i>Note: This is a Nunavut statutory instrument made on or after January 1, 2000.</i>)

Citation of Acts

R.S.N.W.T. 1988,c.D-22	means Chapter D-22 of the <i>Revised Statutes of the Northwest Territories, 1988</i> .
R.S.N.W.T. 1988,c.10(Supp.)	means Chapter 10 of the Supplement to the <i>Revised Statutes of the Northwest Territories, 1988</i> . (<i>Note: The Supplement is in three volumes.</i>)
S.N.W.T. 1996,c.26	means Chapter 26 of the 1996 Annual Volume of the Statutes of the Northwest Territories.
S.Nu. 2002,c.14	means Chapter 14 of the 2002 Annual Volume of the Statutes of Nunavut.

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CURFEW ACT

Definition of "curfew district"

1. In this Act, "curfew district" means

- (a) a curfew district established under section 2; or
- (b) a municipality where a by-law made under section 3 is in force.

Establishment of curfew districts

2. On receiving a petition signed by at least 2/3 of the parents of a settlement, the Minister may establish the settlement as a curfew district, define the limits of the curfew district and assign a name to the curfew district. S.Nu. 2020,c.15,s.142(1).

Municipal curfew district

3. A municipal council may, by by-law,

- (a) establish the age of childhood in the municipality for the purposes of this Act;
- (b) establish the hours that shall be deemed to be night-time for the purposes of the municipality; and
- (c) require that a bell, whistle or siren be rung or sounded as a warning in the municipality at or near the commencement of night-time.

S.Nu. 2025,c.23,s.30(2).

Prohibition

4. No child shall, without reasonable excuse, be on a street or road or in a public place within a curfew district during night-time, unless the child is accompanied by a person who has lawful custody of the child or a person who has attained the age of 18 years.

S.N.W.T. 1998,c.17,s.7(2).

Contravention of Act by child

5. A by-law officer or peace officer who finds a child contravening this Act may warn the child to go home and if, after the warning, the child continues to contravene this Act, any by-law officer or peace officer may take the child to the home of the child.

Offence and punishment

6. Every person who has lawful custody of a child who permits the child to contravene this Act habitually is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction, for the first offence, to a fine not exceeding \$5 and, for each subsequent offence, to a fine not exceeding \$10.

S.N.W.T. 1998,c.17,s.7(3).

Regulations

7. The Minister may make regulations

- (a) establishing the age of childhood in a curfew district established under section 2 for the purposes of this Act;
- (b) establishing the hours that shall be deemed to be night-time for the purposes of a curfew district established under section 2;

- (c) requiring that a bell, whistle or siren be rung or sounded as a warning in a curfew district established under section 2 at or near the commencement of night-time; and
- (d) prescribing other matters that may be considered advisable to carry out the purposes of this Act.

S.Nu. 2020,c.15,s.142(3); S.Nu. 2025,c.23,s.30(3).