

No. 45 OF 1933.

A.D. 1933. A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE BETTER REGULATION AND
45 of 1933. CONTROL OF PUBLIC CINEMATOGRAPH EXHIBITIONS,
AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

R. E. STUBBS,
Governor.

[5th December, 1933.]

BE it enacted:—

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Cinematograph Films Law, 1933.

Interpreta-
tion.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires—
“Board” means a board appointed by the Governor to hear and determine appeals under section 6.

“exhibition,” with its cognate expressions, of a cinematograph film, means an exhibition to which the public are admitted and includes the production of any music, song, speech or other sound whatsoever which accompanies the projection of a cinematograph film.

“Film Censor” means a person appointed by the Governor to carry out the duties of censor of cinematograph films under this Law.

Censorship
of films.

3. No person shall present or exhibit or allow to be presented or exhibited any cinematograph film unless such film shall have been previously approved and marked by the Film Censor.

No pictures,
etc., to be
displayed or
distributed
unless
approved by
Censor.

4. No person shall display or distribute or cause to be displayed or distributed any picture, photograph, poster or notice advertising or in connection with any cinematograph exhibition unless the same has been approved by the Film Censor.

Interdiction
of approved
films.

5.—(1) The Film Censor may at any time by notice withdraw his approval given under section 3 or 4 and thereafter no person shall present or exhibit any film or shall display or distribute any picture, photograph, poster or notice to which such approval related.

(2) The notice to be given under this section shall be given to the person who submitted the film or picture, photograph, poster or notice to be approved or to any person in possession thereof:

Provided that if neither of such persons can be found the notice may be given by publication in the *Cyprus Gazette*,

6. Any person aggrieved by any act or refusal of the Film Censor may appeal to the Board, whose decision thereon shall be final and conclusive. Appeal from Film Censor's decision.

7. The Film Censor, or any member of the Board or any Police officer of any rank not lower than that of sergeant on being satisfied that there is reason to believe that a film not authorized for exhibition in accordance with the provisions of this Law has been or is being exhibited in any building or place may without warrant at any time enter and search such building or place and seize any film or part of a film reasonably suspected to be exhibited without such authority. Search for unauthorized film.

8. The Governor may authorize to be paid to the Film Censor such remuneration as he may determine in respect of his services under this Law. Remuneration of Censor.

9. The Governor in Council may from time to time make regulations to be published in the *Cyprus Gazette* for all or any of the following matters, that is to say— Regulations.

- (a) the fees to be paid by any person who submits any film for the approval of the Film Censor under section 3 and the method of payment of such fees ;
- (b) generally, for the better carrying out of the purposes of this Law.

10. Any person who— Penalties.

- (a) acts in contravention of section 3, 4, or 5 ; or
- (b) obstructs in the lawful execution of his duty any person authorized to act under section 7,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds and the Court may order that any film, picture, photograph, poster or notice in respect of which such offence has been committed shall be forfeited.

11. Any cinematograph film in respect of which a permit has been obtained from the Board established under the Order in Council No. 1485 made the 5th day of August, 1932, and published in the *Cyprus Gazette* of the 12th August, 1932, shall be deemed to be a cinematograph film approved and marked by the Film Censor under the provisions of this Law. Saving.

12. This Law shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by the Governor by notice published in the *Cyprus Gazette*. Date of coming into operation.

This Law is not yet in operation.