

No. 11 OF 1946.

A LAW TO AMEND THE INCREASE OF RENT (RESTRICTION)
LAWS, 1942 TO 1944.C. C. WOOLLEY,
Governor.

[5th June, 1946.]

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor and
Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Cyprus as
follows:—

1. This Law may be cited as the Increase of Rent (Restriction) (Amendment) Law, 1946, and shall be read as one with the Increase of Rent (Restriction) Laws, 1942 to 1944, (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Law"), and the principal Law and this Law may together be cited as the Increase of Rent (Restriction) Laws, 1942 to 1946.

Short title.
16 of 1942
7 of 1943
30 of 1944

2. Section 5 of the principal Law is hereby amended as follows:—

Amendment
of section 5
of the
principal
Law.

(A) by the deletion therefrom of sub-section (1), as set out in Law 30 of 1944, and the substitution therefor of the following sub-section:—

"(1) Subject to sub-section (1A) of this section, from and after the first day of March, 1941, it shall be unlawful for any landlord to—

(a) have received, receive or recover the increased rent of any premises to which this Law applies, where the rent has been increased since the first day of March, 1941; or

(b) increase the rent of any premises to which this Law applies,

without an order of the Board."

(B) by the deletion in sub-section (1A) thereof, as set out in Law 30 of 1944, of paragraph (c) and the substitution therefor of the following paragraph:—

"(c) subject to the provisions of sub-section (5) of this section, an increase of rent by an amount not exceeding—

(i) in the case of a dwelling house or a school, fifteen per centum;

(ii) in the case of any premises other than a dwelling house or a school, twenty-five per centum."

(C) by the insertion in sub-section (1A) thereof, as set out in Law 30 of 1944, immediately after paragraph (c) of the following paragraph:—

"(d) an increase of rent by any amount, if the tenant enters into a written agreement with the landlord for such increase."

- (D) by the deletion in sub-section (4) thereof of the proviso at the end thereof, as set out in Law 30 of 1944, (including the colon immediately preceding, which shall be replaced by a full stop);
- (E) by the insertion therein immediately after sub-section (4) of the following sub-sections:—

“ (5) The percentages set out in paragraph (c) of sub-section (1A) of this section may be varied at any time by an order of the Governor in Council.

(6) For the purposes of paragraph (c) of sub-section (1A) of this section—

‘ dwelling house ’ shall include all buildings in which persons dwell but shall not include any building let or ordinarily used or occupied as a factory, warehouse, office, counting house, shop or as a building in which persons, other than domestic servants, are employed or work, notwithstanding that any persons may dwell therein.”

Repeal of section 6 of the principal Law and substitution of new section.

3. Section 6 of the principal Law is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor:—

“ Powers of Boards.

6.—(1) Any landlord or tenant or other person interested may apply to the Board for an order fixing the rent of any premises.

(2) When an application is made to the Board under this section, the Board may refuse to make an order or, subject always to the provisions of sub-section (1A) of section 5, may by order fix such rent as the Board may consider reasonable, regard being had to all the circumstances of the case.

(3) Where an order has been made by the Board fixing the rent of any premises the order shall be binding on all present and subsequent landlords, tenants and mortgagees.

(4) The Board shall have full powers of rehearing, reconsideration and revision in any case, in which it thinks fit to exercise such powers, and at any time.”

R. E. TURNBULL,

Colonial Secretary.

5th June, 1946.