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## A LAW TO REGULATE THE RINGING OF BELLS, ETC.

1949 Cap.47.

[15th December, 1931.]

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Bells (Regulation) Law.

Interpretation.

2. In this Law—

“bell” means any apparatus usually used as a means of summoning the public and includes the bell of any church or school.

Limitation of ringing of bells.

3. (1) No person shall sound or ring any bell or cause or suffer any bell to be sounded or rung without the permission in writing, under his hand, of the Commissioner. Any permission so granted may in like manner be revoked by the Commissioner.

(2) The permission granted by the Commissioner under the provisions of this section shall state the hours at which, and the periods for which, any bell may be sounded or rung, and may provide for the sounding or ringing of any bell in the event of fire or of any other public emergency.

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4. The Commissioner shall from time to time publish in every town or village a list of bells in such village or quarter permission to sound or ring which he has granted, setting forth the hours at which and the periods for which such bells may be sounded or rung and stating the provision, if any, which he may have made for the sounding or ringing

of any such bells in the event of fire or other public emergency.

5. Any person sounding or ringing any bell or causing or suffering any bell to be sounded or rung otherwise than in accordance with the list published under the provisions of section 4 of this Law shall be guilty of an offence and shall on summary conviction be liable to imprisonment for any term not exceeding twelve months or to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to both such punishments. Penalty.

6. (1) Notwithstanding anything in this Law contained, the Commissioner may from time to time by order, subject to such terms and conditions as may be specified therein, allow the sounding or ringing of the bells of all churches within his District, and he may at any time revoke such order in respect of the bells of any or all churches within such District. Power to Commissioner to allow ringing of church bells.  
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(2) Every order made under subsection (1) hereof shall be published in the Gazette and thereafter the bell of any church to which the order relates may, as long as the order is in force and subject to the terms and conditions specified therein, be sounded or rung.

(3) Every revocation of an order made under this section shall be published in the Gazette and shall take effect as from the date of such publication :

Provided that where such revocation relates to the bells of any particular church, such revocation shall take effect as from the date on which it is posted at some conspicuous place in the town or village in which such church is situated.

(4) Any person—

- (a) sounding or ringing the bell of any church in contravention of any term or condition specified in an order made and published as in this section provided; or
- (b) sounding or ringing the bell of any church in respect of which an order has been revoked as in this section provided,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall on summary conviction be liable to imprisonment not exceeding twelve months or to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to both such punishments :

Provided that no person shall be convicted of an offence

under this subsection if he proves to the satisfaction of the Court trying the offence that he has sounded or rung the bell to which the offence relates in virtue of, and in accordance with the conditions contained in, a permit issued by the Commissioner under the provisions of section 3 of this Law and that such permit was in force at the time of the sounding or ringing of such bell.