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A LAW FOR THE BETTER PROMOTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN VILLAGES.

[27th August, 1937.]

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Cap. 142.

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Public Health (Villages) Law.

Application  
of Law.  
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2. The provisions of this Law shall apply to the villages set out in the Schedule to this Law:

Schedule.

Provided that the Governor in Council may by Order to be published in the Gazette vary or amend the said Schedule and may by such Order—

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(a) add to the said Schedule any village not being an improvement area within the meaning of the Villages (Administration and Improvement) Law, or a Municipal Corporation within the meaning of the Municipal Corporations Law, or part of such a Municipal Corporation;

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(b) delete from the said Schedule any village and, subject to the provisions of section 58 of the Villages (Administration and Improvement) Law, give directions with regard to the procedure consequent upon such Order and for the disposal of any moneys in the Village Health Fund of such village at the date of such Order.

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3. There shall be established in every village to which this Law applies a Village Health Commission composed of the mukhtar, who shall be Chairman, and the azas of such village.

Constitution of Village Health Commission.

4. (1) Where in any village there is more than one Village Commission, the Village Health Commission shall consist of the mukhtar and one aza to be appointed by the Commissioner from each such Village Commission.

Constitution of Village Health Commission in villages where there is more than one Village Commission.

(2) The Commissioner shall appoint from among such mukhtars a chairman and a vice-chairman of the Village Health Commission.

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5. (1) Where any villages are grouped under the provisions of section 6, the Village Health Commission for the group shall consist of the mukhtar and one aza to be appointed by the Commissioner from each Village Commission.

Constitution of Village Health Commission where villages are grouped.

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(2) The Commissioner shall appoint from among such mukhtars a chairman and a vice-chairman of the Village Health Commission.

6. The Commissioner may, by notification to be published in the Gazette, direct that two or more adjacent villages shall be united into a group for all or any of the purposes of this Law as may be specified in such notification, and thereupon the villages mentioned in such notification shall form a group accordingly.

Grouping of villages.

7. (1) The Village Health Commission shall, if so required by the Commissioner and in so far as there are funds available, perform in the village any of the duties and exercise therein any of the powers hereinafter mentioned, that is to say—

Duties and powers of the Village Health Commission.

(a) prevent the accumulation in any public or private place of any filth, refuse or water in a manner dangerous to the public health;

- (b) require any building wherein any person has died of any kind of contagious or infectious disease and the clothing in and the contents of such building to be disinfected;
- (c) ensure that all drains, urinals, privies and cesspits shall be so constructed and kept as not to be injurious to health;
- (d) provide and maintain in good order and repair public dust-bins and other receptacles for the temporary deposit and collection of rubbish and cause such public dust-bins and other receptacles to be so kept as not to be injurious to health;
- (e) prevent any hotel, khan, cook-shop, bar, coffee-house, confectionery shop, pastry-shop, bakery of any kind, barber's shop or public bath and the various appliances and utensils used therein being in an uncleanly state or in a state injurious to health;
- (f) keep all streets and public places in proper repair and clean and clear of obstructions;
- (g) regulate any trade or business which may, in the opinion of the Director of Medical Services, be injurious to public health or a source of danger to the public or which it is otherwise in the public interest expedient to regulate;
- (h) keep or cause to be kept clean and in good repair and free from contamination all wells, public fountains, drains, aqueducts and irrigation channels other than drains, aqueducts or irrigation channels to which the Irrigation Divisions (Villages) Law, apply;
- (i) provide for the establishment and regulation of village markets and prohibit the hawking of any goods in any place other than such markets;
- (j) provide for the establishment and regulation of cattle markets during local fairs and prohibit the sale of any cattle during any such fair in any place other than such markets;
- (k) provide for the setting aside of special places for the sale of perishable goods and prohibit the sale of such goods in any place other than such special places;
- (l) provide slaughter-houses for the slaughter of animals

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- and prohibit the slaughter of animals in any place other than such slaughter-houses;
- (m) regulate the slaughter of animals;
  - (n) provide an efficient service for the removal of rubbish, night-soil, manure and other refuse from any public or private place;
  - (o) provide for the lighting and watering of any street or public place;
  - (p) generally to perform any public work which may tend to promote sanitation and cleanliness in the village.

(2) The Village Health Commission shall, if so required by the Commissioner and in so far as there are funds available, contribute towards the cost of maintenance of rural hospitals, child welfare clinics and maternity services which may be established by the authority of the Director of Medical Services.

8. (1) Where it appears to the Commissioner that the Village Health Commission has made default in the performance of any of the duties mentioned in this Law or in enforcing any of the provisions of this Law or any rules made thereunder, the Commissioner may make an order limiting a time for the performance of the duty in respect of which the default has been made.

Remedy in case of default by Village Health Commission in performance of duty.

(2) If the duty is not performed by the time limited in the order, the Commissioner may appoint a temporary board consisting of two or more persons to perform such particular duty and shall by order direct that the expenses of performing the same shall be paid by the Village Health Commission in default, and any order made for the payment of such expenses may be removed into the District Court of the District in which the village over which the defaulting Village Health Commission exercises authority is situate, and such order shall thereupon be enforced as if the same were an order of such Court.

The Commissioner may from time to time by order change the constitution of any such board.

(3) Any board appointed under subsection (2) to perform the duty of a defaulting Village Health Commission shall, in the performance and for the purposes of such duty be invested with all the powers of such Village Health Commission (including the power to levy fees, charges or rates) necessary for the performance of such duty.

(4) Any sum specified in an order of the Commissioner for the payment of the expenses of performing the duty of a defaulting Village Health Commission shall be deemed to be expenses properly incurred by such Village Health Commission and to be a debt due from such Village Health Commission and payable out of any moneys in the hands of such Village Health Commission or out of any fee, charge or rate applicable to the payment of any expenses properly incurred by such Commission.

Rules.

9. (1) A Village Health Commission may make rules to be published in the Gazette for all or any of the following purposes—

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- (a) to enable or assist the Village Health Commission to perform any of the duties and to exercise any of the powers in section 7 mentioned;
- (b) to prescribe fees or charges in connection with any of the matters in paragraphs (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), and (n) of section 7 (1) mentioned;

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(c) to provide—

(i) for the imposition of an annual rate not exceeding ten pounds upon every occupier in the village to be assessed by the Village Health Commission according to the means within the village area of each such occupier;

(ii) for the time at which and the manner in which such annual rate shall be paid and recovered;

(iii) for the exemption of occupiers from payment of such annual rate on the ground of poverty;

(d) to provide for the calling of meetings of the Village Health Commission and to regulate the proceedings thereat;

(e) generally for the better carrying out of the purposes of this Law:

Provided that no rules shall be made under paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) hereof without the approval of the Commissioner and that no rules shall be made under paragraphs (a) and (e) hereof without the approval of the Commissioner and the Director of Medical Services.

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(2) For the purposes of this section, "occupier" means—

- (a) any person in actual occupation of any immovable property in the village without regard to the title

under which he occupies such property or, in the case of an unoccupied immovable property, the person entitled to the occupation thereof;

(b) the owner of any movable property in the village.

(3) (a) Whenever any amount is assessed on any non-resident occupier, a special notice of the amount so assessed shall be immediately forwarded by the mukhtar to such non-resident occupier and such occupier may, within twenty days from the date of receiving such notice, appeal to the Commissioner in the manner to be prescribed by the rules forwarding at the same time a copy of the appeal to the mukhtar; 2 of 19/48.

(b) the Commissioner shall, as soon as possible, proceed to inquire into the justice of the assessment and his decision thereon shall be final.

(4) Whenever any rules made under this section contain any provision regarding assessments and appeals therefrom, such rules shall, in so far as they apply to non-resident occupiers, be read subject to the provisions of subsection (3). 2 of 19/48.

10. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Law, the Village Health Commission may borrow, with the consent and under the authority of an Order of the Governor in Council and subject to the terms and conditions that may be imposed by such Order, money from the Loan Commissioners or from any other person for carrying out any work or measure which the Village Health Commission may, in the performance of any of its duties or in the exercise of any of its powers under the provisions of this Law, carry out, and for the purpose of securing the payment of the principal and interest of any such loan may mortgage any property, fees, charges or rates to the lender. Power to Village Health Commission to borrow money.  
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11. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Law or any rule made thereunder, or who disobeys any lawful order of a Village Health Commission made in the performance of its duties or the exercise of its powers under section 7, shall be guilty of an offence. Offences.

Penalty: imprisonment for one month or a fine of two pounds or both.

12. (1) For every village to which this Law applies there shall be a village health fund which shall consist of— Village health fund.

(a) all fees, charges and rates collected under any rules made under this Law;

- (b) all fines, penalties and costs recovered for any contravention of any of the provisions of this Law or any rules made thereunder;
- (c) any moneys paid to the Village Health Commission on account of the village health fund.

(2) The village health fund shall, subject to the control of the Village Health Commission, be in charge of a treasurer who shall receive money and make payments on account of the fund.

(3) The Chairman of the Village Health Commission shall be the treasurer:

Provided that the Commissioner may appoint any other person to be the treasurer.

(4) The treasurer shall, not later than such date as the Commissioner may prescribe in every year, forward to the Commissioner a detailed account up to the 31st December immediately preceding of all moneys paid into or out of the village health fund together with all relative vouchers and receipts.

Account to be audited.

13. (1) The account mentioned in section 12 (4) shall be audited by such person or persons as the Commissioner shall appoint who shall examine the account and make a report thereon to the Commissioner.

(2) The auditor or auditors may be paid such reasonable remuneration as the Commissioner shall approve, and such remuneration shall be a charge upon the village health fund.

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(3) The Commissioner shall publish the audited account by causing a copy thereof to be posted in a conspicuous place in the village concerned or, in the case of a group of villages, a copy thereof in a conspicuous place in each of the villages concerned.

Power of Commissioner to surcharge improper payments.

14. (1) If after the receipt of the auditor's report it appears to the Commissioner that any sum forming part of the village health fund has been improperly expended, he may surcharge the person who, in his opinion, is responsible for the improper expenditure, with the repayment of such sum to the village health fund and shall, by notification in writing, call upon the person surcharged to make good the sum surcharged within such period of time as may be specified in the notification.

(2) If the person surcharged makes default in making good



the sum surcharged within the period of time specified in the notification, the sum surcharged shall be recoverable from the defaulter as a civil debt at the suit of the Commissioner.

15. Every Village Health Commission shall, on or before the 1st day of November in every year, submit to the Commissioner for his approval an estimate of the revenue and expenditure for the year beginning on the 1st day of January next following.

Annual estimates.

16. (1) The Village Health Commission may appoint such officers as may be required for the carrying out of the provisions of this Law, who shall receive such remuneration as the Village Health Commission, with the approval of the Commissioner, may appoint:

Appointment of officers.

Provided that no officer so appointed shall be removed from his office except with the consent of the Commissioner.

(2) Every officer appointed by the Village Health Commission shall perform such duties and in such manner as the Village Health Commission may from time to time direct.

17. (1) The Chairman of a Village Health Commission or any person authorized by him or a Medical Officer or Sanitary Inspector authorized by the Director of Medical Services may without warrant enter any premises at any time between the hours of sunrise and sunset or in the case of any business premises at any hour when the business is usually carried on, for the purpose of examining whether any person therein or thereon acts in contravention of this Law or any rules made thereunder.

Power to enter premises.

(2) Any person who prevents or obstructs any person enumerated in subsection (1) in the execution of any of the provisions of that subsection, shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: a fine of ten pounds.

18. The Village Health Commission shall, in carrying out any measures relating to sanitation or public health in the village, comply with any directions given by the Director of Medical Services in that respect.

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	Chakistra	Orounda
	Dhali	Orta Keyu
	Dheftera, Pano	Palekythro
	Dhenia	Paleokhorio (Dagh)
	Elea	Paleokhorio (Morphou)
	Engomi	Paleometokho
	Epicho	Pendayia
	Evrykhou	Pera
	Exometokhi	Pera Khorio
	Eylenja	Peristerona
	Galata	Petra
	Galini	Pharmakas
	Geunyeli	Phlasou, Kato
	Ghazivera	Phlasou, Pano
	Kalokhorio (Lefka)	Platanistasa
	Kalokhorio (Orinis)	Politiko
	Kambi Phermaka	Polystipos
	Kapedhes	Potamia
	Kato Kopia	Prastio (Morphou)
	Katydhata	Psomolophou
	Klirou	Pyrgos, Pano
	Kokkini Trimithia	Sina Oros
	Korakou	Skouriotissa
	Laghumdhera	Spilia
	Lakatamia, Kato	Tymbou
	Lakatamia, Pano	Trakhonas
	Linou	Vizakia
	Livadha	Xeri
	Louroujina	Xerovounos
	Lymbia	Yerakies
	Lythrodhonda	Yerolakkos
	Mammari	Zodhia, Kato
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Dhymes	Prestio (Evdhimou)	
Ephtagonia	Prodhromos	
Episkopi	Pyrgos	
Erimi	Silikou	
Kalokhorio	Sounia Zanalja	
Kaminaria	Trimiklini	
Kandou	Tris Elies	
Kellaki	Vasa (Kilani)	
Khandria	Vasa (Limassol)	
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Kholi	Phasoula
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Lasa	Stavrokono
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Mamonia	Theletra
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Mandria	Trakhypedhoula
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