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TO AMEND THE POST OFFICE LAW.

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RONALD STORRS.]

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BE it enacted :

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Post Office (Amendment) Law, 1928, and shall be read as one with the Post Office Law, 1881, (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Law) and the Principal Law and this Law may together be cited as the Post Office Laws, 1881 and 1928.

Repeal of
Law 6 of
1881, sec. 40,
and substi-
tution of
new section.

2. The Principal Law, section 40, is hereby repealed and in place thereof the following section shall have effect :—

40. Any person who shall with intent to defraud :—

Fictitious
Stamps,
Counterfeit
Reply
Coupons, etc.

(a) Make, knowingly utter, sell, deal in, hawk or distribute—

(i.) any fictitious stamp, whether impressed or adhesive, or

(ii.) any counterfeit International or Imperial Reply Coupon, or

(iii.) any counterfeit impression of a stamping machine, or

(iv.) any impression already used, provided that such impression is forged or imitated in such a manner as it may be mistaken for an impressed or adhesive stamp issued by the postal authority in Cyprus or by any British or foreign postal authority ; or

(b) Make or circulate any fictitious Postal Identity Card ; or

(c) Make, or, unless he shows a lawful excuse, have in his possession any die, plate, instrument or materials for making—

(i.) any fictitious stamp, or

(ii.) any counterfeit International or Imperial Reply Coupon, or

(iii.) any counterfeit impression of a stamping machine, or

(iv.) any fictitious Postal Identity Card, shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction shall be liable to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for any period not exceeding seven years.

Any person who acts in contravention of this section without intent to defraud shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds. In every case the burden of proof of absence of intent to defraud shall be upon the accused person.

Any stamp, reply coupon, impression, postal identity card, die, plate, instrument or materials found in the possession of any person in contravention of this section may be seized and shall be forfeited.

3. The Principal Law, section 41, is hereby repealed and in place thereof the following section shall have effect:—

Repeal of Law 6 of 1881, sec. 41, and substitution of new section. Knowingly using or possessing fictitious stamps, etc.

41. Any person who shall:—

(a) knowingly use for any postal purpose—

(i.) any fictitious stamp, or

(ii.) any counterfeit International or Imperial Reply Coupon, or

(iii.) any counterfeit impression of a stamping machine, or

(iv.) any impression already used, or

(v.) any fictitious Postal Identity Card ; or

(b) Have in his possession, unless he shows a lawful excuse—

(i.) any fictitious stamp, or

(ii.) any counterfeit International or Imperial Reply Coupon, or

(iii.) any counterfeit impression of a stamping machine, or

(iv.) any fictitious Postal Identity Card,

shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction shall be liable to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for any period not exceeding one year or to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds.

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