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A LAW TO EMPOWER MUNICIPAL COUNCILS TO
REGULATE THE PLYING FOR HIRE OF MOTOR
OMNIBUSES.

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Officer Administering the Government.

BE it enacted:—

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Municipal Motor Omnibuses Law, 1933.

Interpre-
tation.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression "omnibus" means any motor car constructed to carry more than six persons, exclusive of the driver thereof, and their personal baggage but shall not include the motor vehicles known as lorries constructed or used for the conveyance of passengers and merchandise.

No omnibus
to ply for
hire within
municipal
limits
without an
Omnibus
Licence.

3. No omnibus shall, from and after the first day of January one thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, ply for hire within any municipal limits unless the owner thereof shall have obtained a licence (in this Law referred to as an "Omnibus Licence") for such omnibus so to do from the Municipal Council:

Provided that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any omnibus the property of the Government.

Duty of
Council
to issue
Omnibus
Licences.

4. Municipal Councils shall, upon the payment of an annual fee of one pound, issue Omnibus Licences in respect of omnibuses authorizing them to ply for hire within the municipal limits to the following persons—

- (a) the owner of any omnibus who is under any contract with the Government in respect of such omnibus or the carriage of passengers by such omnibus;
- (b) the owner of any omnibus which was regularly plying for hire within the municipal limits for a period of not less than two months before the coming into operation of this Law;
- (c) the owners of such other omnibuses as shall apply therefor:

Provided that the total number of omnibuses licensed to ply for hire at any one time within any municipal limits shall not exceed the number prescribed for such limits by the Governor by Order in Council.

5. Every Omnibus Licence shall expire on the thirty-first day of December next following the date of issue.

Expiration of Omnibus Licence.

6. It shall be lawful for a Municipal Council to fix by regulations the fares to be paid by persons travelling by omnibus within municipal limits or within five miles of the Commissioner's office :

Power to fix fares.

Provided that this section shall not be deemed to affect the fare payable by any person to whom a through ticket entitling such person to travel by the Cyprus Government Railway and any omnibus has been issued.

7. A schedule of the fares fixed under the provisions of this Law shall be exhibited in a conspicuous place in all omnibuses plying for hire within the municipal limits or within five miles of the Commissioner's office.

Schedule of fares to be exhibited.

8. Any person aggrieved by the refusal to grant or the grant of an Omnibus Licence by a Municipal Council or by any fare fixed by a Municipal Council may apply to the Governor in Council, and the Governor in Council may thereupon grant or refuse to grant or cancel the grant of an Omnibus Licence or alter any fare, as the case may be, and the decision of the Governor in Council shall be final and no appeal shall lie therefrom to any Court.

Power to apply to Governor in Council.

9.—(1) The owner and person in charge of any omnibus plying for hire within any municipal limits in respect of which no Omnibus Licence has been issued under the provisions of this Law, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds.

Offences.

(2) The owner and person in charge of any omnibus plying for hire within any municipal limits or within five miles of the Commissioner's office, in which a schedule of fares is not exhibited in accordance with the provisions of this Law, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds.

(3) The person in charge of any omnibus who shall charge or attempt to charge any fare other than the fare fixed under the provisions of this Law shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds.

10. All Orders of the Governor in Council and all regulations made under the Municipal Corporation (Motor Omnibuses) Law, 1930, shall be valid and effective as if made under this Law.

Saving.

11. This Law shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1934.

Date of coming into operation.

This Law came into operation on 1st January, 1934.

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