

## NO. 47 OF 1934.

A.D. 1934. A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE BETTER REGULATION AND  
47 of 1934. CONTROL OF PUBLIC CINEMATOGRAPH EXHIBITIONS,  
AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

H. R. PALMER,]  
Governor.

[7th December, 1934.

BE it enacted :—

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Cinematograph Films Law, 1934.

Interpre-  
tation.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires,—  
“ Board ” means the Board of Censors appointed by  
the Governor under section 3 (1) of this Law ;

“ exhibition ”, with its cognate expressions, of a  
cinematograph film means an exhibition to which the  
public are admitted and includes the production of any  
music, song, speech or other sound whatsoever which  
accompanies the projection of a cinematograph film ;

“ poster ” means any bill, figure, notice, picture or  
photograph advertising any exhibition, but shall not  
include such classes or kinds of advertising matter as  
the Governor in Council may by regulations made under  
this law exempt from censorship.

Establish-  
ment of  
Board of  
Censors.

3.—(1) There shall be established a Board of Censors  
consisting of such persons, not being less than nine and  
not more than twelve, as may, from time to time, be  
appointed by the Governor, and the Governor may at any  
time revoke any such appointment.

(2) The Governor shall appoint a President and a Vice-  
President and a Secretary of the Board from among the  
members, and may, if he thinks fit, appoint an Assistant  
Secretary from among the same.

(3) In the absence of the President from any meeting  
of the Board, the Vice-President or, in his absence, such  
person as the members present may appoint, shall be the  
Chairman of such meeting.

(4) During the absence of any member of the Board  
from Cyprus the Governor may appoint any person to be  
temporarily a member of the Board during such absence.

(5) Any vacancy in the Board shall be filled by the  
Governor.

(6) The determination of any question before the Board shall be according to the opinion of the majority of the members present.

(7) In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting of the Board shall have a casting vote in addition to his own vote.

(8) Six members of the Board shall form a quorum :

Provided that for the purpose of determining an appeal under section 9 of this Law, three members of the Board shall form a quorum.

4.—(1) The Board shall appoint one or more Committees, each consisting of three of its members, one of whom shall be the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, to be Censorship Committees for the purposes of this Law.

Appointment  
of Censorship  
Committees.

(2) Whenever for any reason a member of the Board appointed to be a member of a Censorship Committee is unable to serve on the Committee, the President or, in his absence, the Vice-President, may appoint another member of the Board as a member of the Committee to take the place of such member.

5. No person shall present or exhibit or allow to be presented or exhibited any cinematograph film or part of a film unless such film shall have been previously approved by a Censorship Committee or, on an appeal under section 9 of this Law, by the Board.

Censorship  
of films.

6. No person shall display or distribute or cause to be displayed or distributed any poster unless the same has been approved by a Censorship Committee or, on an appeal under section 9 of this Law, by the Board.

Censorship  
of posters.

7.—(1) The Board may at any time by notice withdraw any approval given by a Censorship Committee and thereafter no person shall present or exhibit any film or shall display or distribute any poster to which such notice relates.

Interdiction  
of approved  
films and  
posters.

(2) The notice to be given under this section shall be given to the person who submitted the film or poster to be approved or to any person in possession thereof :

Provided that if neither of such persons can be found the notice may be given by publication in the *Cyprus Gazette*.

Duties and powers of Censorship Committee.

8.—(1) It shall be the duty of a Censorship Committee to examine and censor every film and poster submitted to it for approval in accordance with the Regulations made under this Law.

(2) Whenever the Censorship Committee shall approve any film or poster it shall signify its decision in the prescribed form and shall also affix on such film or poster an identification mark recording its decision.

(3) The Censorship Committee may approve part of a film whilst disapproving another part thereof, and may give such directions in the matter and may so act as it shall think proper for the purpose of giving effect to its decision.

(4) A film to which any matter has been added after it has been approved shall be again submitted for approval, and until it has been again approved shall be deemed not to have been approved.

(5) When a Censorship Committee has refused to approve any film or part thereof, and an appeal against such refusal has not been instituted under section 9 of this Law, the Committee may retain such film or excise and retain such part until its exportation from Cyprus or until it is otherwise disposed of in accordance with the direction of the Committee, and the Committee shall have the like powers where an appeal against such refusal has been dismissed.

Appeal to Board.

9.—(1) Any person aggrieved by any decision of a Censorship Committee may, within twenty-one days of the notification of such decision, appeal to the Board whose decision thereon shall be final and conclusive.

(2) No member of the Censorship Committee from which an appeal is made shall sit as a member of the Board for the purpose of determining such appeal.

Search for unauthorized film.

10. Any Police officer of any rank not lower than that of sergeant on being satisfied that there is reason to believe that a film or part of a film not authorized for exhibition in accordance with the provisions of this Law has been or is being exhibited in any building or place may without warrant at any time enter and search such building or place and seize any film or part of a film reasonably suspected to be exhibited without such authority.

Remuneration of Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

11.—(1) The Governor may authorize to be paid to the Secretary and to an Assistant Secretary such remuneration as he may determine in respect of their services under this Law.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in the Municipal Corporations Laws, 1930 and 1934, or in any amendment thereof, contained, the Governor may by Order to be published in the *Cyprus Gazette* direct that, in part payment of the remuneration of the Secretary and of an Assistant Secretary, such Municipal Corporations as may be named in such Order shall contribute annually a sum not exceeding sixty pounds in such proportions and in such manner and at such time as may be specified therein.

(3) Every Order made under sub-section (2) hereof shall be binding on the Municipal Corporations named therein.

## 12. Where—

(a) a Censorship Committee has refused to approve a film and an appeal against such refusal has not been instituted under section 9 of this Law or an appeal has been instituted but has been dismissed by the Board, and

(b) the film which has not been approved is to be exported from Cyprus,

any duties of Customs which have been paid in respect of such film shall, at the request of the exporter and after the film has been exported, be refunded to the exporter:

Provided that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any film which has been partly approved and exhibited.

13. The Governor in Council may from time to time make regulations to be published in the *Cyprus Gazette* for all or any of the following matters, that is to say—

(a) the fees to be paid by any person who submits any film for the approval of a Censorship Committee under section 5 of this Law or, on appeal under section 9 of this Law, of the Board and the method of payment of such fees;

(b) the forms to be used for any matter or thing to be done under this Law;

(c) the procedure to be followed with respect to the submission of films for approval;

(d) generally, for the better carrying out of the purposes of this Law,

Refund of  
duties of  
Customs.

Regulations.



Penalties.

**14.** Any person who—

(a) acts in contravention of section 5, 6 or 7 of this Law; or

(b) obstructs in the lawful execution of his duty any Police officer authorized to act under section 10 of this Law,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds and the Court may order that any film or poster in respect of which such offence has been committed shall be forfeited.

Saving

**15.** Any cinematograph film in respect of which a permit has been obtained from the Board established under the Order in Council, No. 1485, made the 5th day of August 1932, and published in the *Cyprus Gazette* of the 12th August, 1932, shall be deemed to be a cinematograph film approved and marked by a Censorship Committee under the provisions of this Law.

Date of coming into operation and repeal of Law 45 of 1933.

**16.** This Law shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by the Governor by notice published in the *Cyprus Gazette* and thereupon the Cinematograph Films Law, 1933, shall be repealed.

*This Law is not yet in operation.*

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NO. 48 OF 1934.

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A LAW TO AMEND THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY TAX LAWS,  
1932 AND 1934.

H. R. PALMER,]  
Governor.

[13th December, 1934.

BE it enacted :—

Short title.

18 of 1932.  
13 of 1934.

**1.** This Law may be cited as the Immovable Property Tax (Amendment No. 2) Law, 1934, and shall be read as one with the Immovable Property Tax Laws, 1932 and 1934, (hereinafter called “the Principal Law”), and the Principal Law and this Law may together be cited as the Immovable Property Tax Laws, 1932 to 1934.