

No. 31 OF 1935.

A.D. 1935. A LAW FURTHER TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO THE
31 of 1935. REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF GOATS IN CYPRUS.

H. R. PALMER,]

[11th November, 1935.

Governor.

BE it enacted:—

Short title.

12 of 1913.
18 of 1930.

Amendment
of section 2
of Law 12
of 1913.

Repeal of
section 3
of Law 12
of 1913 and
substitution
of new
section.

1. This Law may be cited as the Goats (Amendment) Law, 1935, and shall be read as one with the Goats Laws, 1913 and 1930, (hereinafter called "the Principal Law"), and the Principal Law and this Law may together be cited as the Goats Laws, 1913 to 1935.

2. Section 2 of the Principal Law is hereby amended by the insertion of the following definitions in their proper alphabetical places:—

“ ‘property owner’ means any person who is eighteen years of age and who—

(a) owns not less than ten donums of land within the limits of the village whether such land is or is not registered in the name of such person in the books of the Land Registry Office; or

(b) being an inhabitant of the village, owns a flock of not less than twenty-five goats or twenty-five sheep or a mixed flock of twenty-five goats and sheep.”

3. Section 3 of the Principal Law is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor:—

“ Power to
Commis-
sioner to
order ballot. 3.—(1) If a petition is made to the Commissioner by not less than ten property owners of any village or the Commissioner considers that it is desirable to exclude goats from any village, the Commissioner may order a ballot to be taken of all property owners.

(2) For the purpose of ascertaining the property owners of the village in respect of which an order is made under sub-section (1) of this section, a District Inspector shall prepare a list of the property owners and shall post up such list in a conspicuous place within the village and such list shall subject to the provisions of sub-section (3) hereof be final and conclusive,

(3) Any property owner whose name does not appear in such list may, within one month from the posting of the list, apply to the Commissioner that his name should be included in such list and the Commissioner may revise the list accordingly and the revised list shall be final and conclusive.

(4) The Commissioner shall appoint the hour and the day for the ballot and shall give due notice of the same by posting or causing to be posted in a conspicuous place within the village a notice, not less than fifteen days before the day appointed for such ballot.

(5) The Commissioner or the District Inspector shall preside at the ballot and in case of any dispute as to whether a person is entitled to vote the decision of the presiding officer shall be final.

(6) If the ballot shows that the majority of the voters on the list as provided by sub-sections (2) and (3) of this section are in favour of the exclusion of goats the Commissioner may by order under his hand declare such village to be a prescribed village :

Provided that any property owner who is not present at the taking of the ballot or who fails to record his vote thereat, shall be deemed to have voted in favour of the exclusion of goats."

4. Section 5 of the Principal Law is hereby amended by the deletion therefrom of the words "Every Order in Council made under sections 3 and 4" (line 1) and the substitution therefor of the words "Every order of the Commissioner under section 3 of this Law and every Order in Council under section 4 of this Law".

Amendment
of section 5
of Law 12
of 1913.

5. Section 6 of the Principal Law is hereby amended by the deletion therefrom of the words "in Council" (line 2).

Amendment
of section 6
of Law 12
of 1913.

6. Sub-section (1) of section 8 of the Principal Law is hereby amended as follows:—

Amendment
of section 8
(1) of Law
12 of 1913.

(a) By the deletion therefrom of the words "in Council" (line 3).

(b) By the deletion therefrom of the words "and such goat may on conviction of such person, be ordered to be confiscated, or such person shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five shillings in respect of

each goat" (lines 7, 8 and 9) and the substitution therefor of the words "and shall on conviction be adjudged to pay one shilling for every goat in respect of which the offence has been committed and every such goat shall be forfeited."

Amendment
of section 11
(1) of Law
12 of 1913.

7. Sub-section (1) of section 11 of the Principal Law is hereby amended by the deletion therefrom of the words "shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five shillings in respect of each such goat or kid and such goat or kid may, on conviction of such person, be ordered to be confiscated" (lines 5, 6, 7 and 8) and the substitution therefor of the words "shall be guilty of an offence against this Law and shall on conviction be adjudged to pay one shilling for every goat or kid in respect of which the offence has been committed and every such goat or kid shall be forfeited".

Insertion of
new section
11A in Law
12 of 1913.

8. The Principal Law is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after section 11 of the following section:—

"Revocation
of exclusion
order.

11A.—(1) The Commissioner, at any time after the expiration of seven years from the date of the making of an order for the exclusion of goats, may, upon the application of the Village Commission, revoke such order if, having regard to all the circumstances, he considers that it would be in the best interests of the village so to do.

(2) Any order of revocation under sub-section (1) may be made subject to such terms and conditions as the Commissioner may, with the concurrence of the Village Commission, think fit to impose."

This Law came into operation on 15th November, 1935.