

(3) The decision of the Judge as to the necessity or sufficiency of a stamp upon any document, or as to the amount payable as stamp duty thereupon, shall be final.

(4) Save as aforesaid, no instrument chargeable with any duty shall, except in criminal proceedings, be given in evidence, or be available for any purpose whatever, unless it is duly stamped."

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A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR COMPULSORY ELEMENTARY  
EDUCATION IN CERTAIN CASES.

RONALD STORRS.]

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Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Compulsory Education Law, 1931.

Interpre-  
tation.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them (that is to say):—

“Board of Education” means a board of education established under the provisions of the Elementary Education Law, 1929, or any amendment thereof.

“Child” means any person between such ages (not being less than four or more than twelve) as may be fixed by the Governor by regulations.

“Dwelling house” means any house, room, structure, yard or place situated within any compulsory school attendance area and owned, occupied or used by any parent.

“Parent” means the father or other person having control of, or in his employment, any child.

“Regulations” means the regulations made under section 9 of this Law.

“School” means any school which is in operation under the provisions of the Elementary Education Law, 1929, or any amendment thereof.

“Teacher” means any teacher appointed under the provisions of the Elementary Education Law, 1929, or any amendment thereof.

3.—(1) The Governor in Council may, upon the recommendation of a board of education, from time to time, by Order declare any area defined therein to be a compulsory school attendance area for the purposes of this Law, and may vary or revoke any such Order:

Power to Governor in Council to declare any area to be a compulsory school attendance area.

Provided that the provisions of this Law shall not apply to any child or parent in any such area unless the declaration shall have been made upon the recommendation of the board of education for schools of the community to which such child or parent belongs.

(2) Every such Order shall be published in the *Cyprus Gazette* and from the date of such publication the area therein defined shall be a compulsory school attendance area for the purposes of this Law.

4. The Governor may appoint fit and proper persons to be school attendance officers within compulsory school attendance areas and may fix their salary or remuneration.

School attendance officers.

5. Where any child resides within a compulsory school attendance area it shall be the duty of the parent of such child to send such child regularly to a school or to provide such child with instruction as efficient, in the opinion of the Director of Education, as that obtainable at a school within such area.

Duty of parent to send child to school.

6. If the parent of any child referred to in the preceding section of this Law shall habitually and without reasonable excuse neglect to comply with the provisions of this Law or of the regulations, he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two pounds for a first offence, and not exceeding five pounds for a second or any subsequent offence.

Offences by parents.

7. It shall be a reasonable excuse for a parent failing to comply with the provisions of this Law or of the regulations if,

Reasonable excuse.

(a) there is not within two miles, measured according to the nearest road from the residence of the parent, any school open which the child can attend, or

(b) the child is prevented from attending the school or receiving instruction by sickness or any unavoidable cause, or

(c) the parent shall prove to the satisfaction of the Court that he has made all reasonable efforts to comply with the provisions of this Law or the regulations, or

(d) there is any other excuse which in the opinion of the Court is a reasonable excuse.

Power of entry of school attendance officer.

8.—(1) It shall be lawful for any school attendance officer to enter any dwelling house between the hours of six o'clock in the morning and six o'clock in the evening of any day except Sundays and public holidays for the purpose of making such enquiries and discharging such duties as may be imposed upon him by this Law or by the regulations.

(2) Every person who,

(a) obstructs or resists any school attendance officer in the performance of his duties, or

(b) wilfully makes any false representation to any school attendance officer with respect to the age of any child, or

(c) wilfully refuses to furnish to teachers or school attendance officers any information which such person may be required to furnish by the regulations,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two pounds.

Power to Governor in Council to make regulations.

9.—(1) The Governor in Council may by Order make regulations to be published in the *Cyprus Gazette* for carrying out the purposes of this Law.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such regulations may,

(a) Fix the ages of children under section 2 of this Law ;

(b) Define the powers and duties of school attendance officers ;

(c) Prescribe the nature of information which shall be furnished to teachers or school attendance officers by any person from whom such an information may be demanded ;

(d) Fix penalties not exceeding five pounds for the breach of any regulation ;

(e) Give directions for the disposal of all fines recovered under the provisions of this Law or the regulations.

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A LAW TO MAKE FURTHER PROVISION FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1930. A.D. 1931.  
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RONALD STORRS.]

[May 11, 1931

WHEREAS it is necessary to make additional provision for the service for the twelve months ended on the thirty-first day of December, 1930.

BE it therefore enacted :—

1. This Law may be cited as the Supplementary Appropriation Law, 1931. Short title.

2. There shall be issued and applied to the service of the twelve months ended the thirty-first day of December, 1930, an additional sum not exceeding the sum of eight thousand three hundred and twenty-two pounds for defraying the charges of the Government of Cyprus for such period. The said amount shall be appropriated as follows :—

	£	
Head 2.—Pensions and Gratuities .. ..	420	
„ 18.—Post Office .. ..	593	
„ 24.—Public Works Annually Recurrent..	2,474	
„ 26.—Irrigation .. ..	1,865	
„ 30.—Miscellaneous .. ..	2,970	
Total .. ..	£8,322	

Appropriation of £8,322 for twelve months ended 31st December, 1930.