

Amended by
Law 29/1937

No. 19 OF 1936.

A LAW FOR THE BETTER PROMOTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH
IN VILLAGES.

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Governor.

BE it enacted :—

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Public Health (Villages) Law, 1936.

Application of Law.

2. The provisions of this Law shall apply to the villages set out in the Schedule :

Provided that the Governor may, by Order to be published in the *Gazette*, declare that the Law shall apply to any other village, not being a village which has been declared a Summer Resort under the provisions of the Public Health (Summer Resorts) Laws, 1928 and 1934, or a municipal corporation, and thereupon the provisions of this Law shall apply to such village.

12 of 1928.
17 of 1934.

Constitution of Village Health Commission.

3. There shall be established in every village to which this Law applies a Village Health Commission composed of the Mukhtar, who shall be Chairman, and the Azas of such village.

Constitution of Village Health Commission in villages where there is more than one Village Commission.

4. Where in any village there is more than one Village Commission the Village Health Commission shall consist of the Mukhtar and one Aza to be appointed by the Commissioner from each Village Commission under the chairmanship of such Mukhtar as the Commissioner may appoint.

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Constitution of Village Health Commission where villages are grouped.

5. Where any villages are grouped under the provisions of section 6, the Village Health Commission for the group shall consist of the Mukhtar and one Aza to be appointed by the Commissioner from each Village Commission under the chairmanship of such Mukhtar as the Commissioner may appoint.

Grouping of villages.

6. The Commissioner may, by notification to be published in the *Gazette*, direct that two or more adjacent villages shall be united into a group for all or any of the purposes of this Law as may be specified in such notification, and thereupon the villages mentioned in such notification shall form a group accordingly.

7.—(1) The Village Health Commission shall, if so required by the Commissioner and in so far as there are funds available, perform in the village any of the duties and exercise therein any of the powers hereinafter mentioned, that is to say,—

Duties and powers of the Village Health Commission.

- (a) prevent the accumulation in any public or private place of any filth, refuse or water in a manner dangerous to the public health ;
- (b) require any building wherein any person has died of any kind of contagious or infectious disease and the clothing in and the contents of such building to be disinfected ;
- (c) ensure that all drains, urinals, privies and cesspits shall be so constructed and kept as not to be injurious to health ;
- (d) provide and maintain in good order and repair public dust-bins and other receptacles for the temporary deposit and collection of rubbish and cause such public dust-bins and other receptacles to be so kept as not to be injurious to health ;
- (e) prevent any hotel, khan, cook-shop, bar, coffee-house, confectionery shop, pastry-shop, bakery of any kind, barber's shop or public bath and the various appliances and utensils used therein being in an uncleanly state or in a state injurious to health ;
- (f) keep all streets and public places ^{in proper repair and} clean and clear of obstruction ;
- (g) regulate any trade or business which may, in the opinion of the Director of Medical Services, be injurious to public health or a source of danger to the public or which it is otherwise in the public interest expedient to regulate ;
- (h) keep or cause to be kept clean and in good repair and free from contamination all wells, public fountains, drains, aqueducts and irrigation channels other than drains, aqueducts or irrigation channels to which the Irrigation Laws, 1931 and 1934, apply ;
- (i) provide for the establishment and regulation of village markets and prohibit the hawking of any goods in any place other than such markets ;
- (j) provide for the establishment and regulation of cattle markets during local fairs and prohibit the sale of any cattle during any such fair in any place other than such markets ;

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1 of 1931.
17 of 1934.

- (k) provide for the setting aside of special places for the sale of perishable goods and prohibit the sale of such goods in any place other than such special places ;
- (l) provide slaughter-houses for the slaughter of animals and prohibit the slaughter of animals in any place other than such slaughter-houses ;
- (m) regulate the slaughter of animals ;
- (n) provide an efficient service for the removal of rubbish, night-soil, manure and other refuse from any public or private place ;
- (o) provide for the lighting and watering of any street or public place ;
- (p) generally to perform any public work which may tend to promote sanitation and cleanliness in the village.

(2) The Village Health Commission shall, if so required by the Commissioner and in so far as there are funds available, contribute towards the cost of maintenance of rural hospitals, child welfare clinics and maternity services which may be established by the authority of the Director of Medical Services.

Remedy in case of default by Village Health Commission in performance of duty.

8.—(1) Where it appears to the Commissioner that the Village Health Commission has made default in the performance of any of the duties mentioned in this Law or in enforcing any of the provisions of this Law or any Rules made thereunder, the Commissioner may make an order limiting a time for the performance of the duty in respect of which the default has been made.

(2) If the duty is not performed by the time limited in the order, the Commissioner may appoint a temporary board consisting of two or more persons to perform such particular duty and shall by order direct that the expenses of performing the same shall be paid by the Village Health Commission in default, and any order made for the payment of such expenses may be removed into the District Court of the District in which the village over which the defaulting Village Health Commission exercises authority is situate, and such order shall thereupon be enforced as if the same were an order of such Court.

The Commissioner may from time to time by order change the constitution of any such board.

(3) Any board appointed under sub-section (2) to perform the duty of a defaulting Village Health Commission shall, in the performance and for the purposes of such duty, be invested with all the powers of such Village Health Commission (including the power to levy fees, charges or rates) necessary for the performance of such duty.

(4) Any sum specified in an order of the Commissioner for the payment of the expenses of performing the duty of a defaulting Village Health Commission shall be deemed to be expenses properly incurred by such Village Health Commission and to be a debt due from such Village Health Commission and payable out of any moneys in the hands of such Village Health Commission or out of any fee, charge or rate applicable to the payment of any expenses properly incurred by such Commission.

9.—(1) A Village Health Commission may make Rules ^{Rules.} to be published in the *Gazette*—

- (a) providing for the imposition of fees or charges in connection with the matters mentioned in paragraphs (i), (j); (k), (l), (m), and (n) of section 7;
- (b) providing for the imposition of an annual rate not exceeding five shillings upon every occupier in the village, and for the time at which and the manner in which such rate shall be paid and recovered;
- (c) generally for the better carrying out of the purposes of this Law :

Provided that no Rules shall be made under paragraph (a) or (b) hereof without the approval of the Commissioner and that no Rules shall be made under paragraph (c) hereof without the approval of the Commissioner and the Director of Medical Services.

(2) For the purposes of this section "occupier" means and includes any person actually occupying any immovable property either as owner or by virtue of any lease or agreement whereby he is entitled as of right to occupy it.

10. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Law or any Rule made thereunder, or who disobeys any lawful order of a Village Health Commission made in the performance of its duties or the exercise of its powers under section 7, shall be guilty of an offence. ^{Offences.}

Penalty: imprisonment for one month or a fine of two pounds or both,

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Village
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Fund.

11.—(1) For every village to which this Law applies there shall be a Village Health Fund which shall consist of—

- (a) all fees, charges and rates collected under any Rules made under this Law ;
- (b) all fines, penalties and costs recovered for any contravention of any of the provisions of this Law or any Rules made thereunder ;
- (c) any moneys paid to the Village Health Commission on account of the Village Health Fund.

(2) The Village Health Fund shall, subject to the control of the Village Health Commission, be in charge of a treasurer who shall receive money and make payments on account of the Fund.

(3) The Chairman of the Village Health Commission shall be the treasurer :

Provided that the Commissioner may appoint any other person to be the treasurer.

(4) The treasurer shall, not later than such date as the Commissioner may prescribe in every year, forward to the Commissioner a detailed account up to the 31st December immediately preceding of all moneys paid into or out of the Village Health Fund together with all relative vouchers and receipts.

Account to
be audited.

12.—(1) The account mentioned in section 11 (4) shall be audited by such person or persons as the Commissioner shall appoint who shall examine the account and make a report thereon to the Commissioner.

(2) The auditor or auditors may be paid such reasonable remuneration as the Commissioner shall approve, and such remuneration shall be a charge upon the Village Health Fund.

Power of
Commis-
sioner to
surcharge
improper
payments.

13.—(1) If after the receipt of the auditor's report it appears to the Commissioner that any sum forming part of the Village Health Fund has been improperly expended, he may surcharge the person who, in his opinion, is responsible for the improper expenditure, with the repayment of such sum to the Village Health Fund and shall, by notification in writing, call upon the person surcharged to make good the sum surcharged within such period of time as may be specified in the notification.

(2) If the person surcharged, makes default in making good the sum surcharged within the period of time specified in the notification, the sum surcharged shall be recoverable from the defaulter as a civil debt at the suit of the Commissioner.

14. Every Village Health Commission shall, on or before the 1st day of November in every year, submit to the Commissioner for his approval an estimate of the revenue and expenditure for the year beginning on the 1st day of January next following.

Annual Estimates.

15.—(1) The Village Health Commission may appoint such officers as may be required for the carrying out of the provisions of this Law, who shall receive such remuneration as the Village Health Commission, with the approval of the Commissioner, may appoint :

Appointment of officers.

Provided that no officer so appointed shall be removed from his office except with the consent of the Commissioner.

(2) Every officer appointed by the Village Health Commission shall perform such duties and in such manner as the Village Health Commission may from time to time direct.

16.—(1) The Chairman of a Village Health Commission or any person authorized by him or a Medical Officer or Sanitary Inspector authorized by the Director of Medical Services may without warrant enter any premises at any time between the hours of sunrise and sunset or in the case of any business premises at any hour when the business is usually carried on, for the purpose of examining whether any person therein or thereon acts in contravention of this Law or any Rules made thereunder.

Power to enter premises.

(2) Any person who prevents or obstructs any person enumerated in sub-section (1) in the execution of any of the provisions of that sub-section, shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty : a fine of ten pounds.

17. The Village Health Commission shall, in carrying out any measures relating to sanitation or public health in the village, comply with any directions given by the Director of Medical Services in that respect.

Village Health Commission to follow directions of Director of Medical Services.

18. This Law shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Governor by notice in the *Gazette* and thereupon the Public Health (Villages) Law, 1892, shall be repealed :

Date of commencement of the Law and repeal. 3 of 1892.

Provided that any moneys in any Village Fund existing under the provisions of the Law hereby repealed shall be transferred to and shall form part of the Village Health Fund established under the provisions of this Law for the village concerned.

SCHEDULE.

(SECTION 2.)

Nicosia District.

Akaki	Meniko
Alona	Mia Milea
Argaki	Mitsero
Astromeritis	Moutoullas
Avlona	Neokhorio
Ayia Varvara	Nisou
Ayii Omoloyitadhes	Omorphita
Ayios Dhometios	Orounda
Ayios Yeoryios (Soleas)	Paleokhorio (Dagh)
Dhali	Paleokhorio (Morphou)
Dheftera, Pano	Palekythro
Evrykhou	Paliouriotissa
Exometokhi	Pendayia
Eylenja	Pera
Galata	Pera Khorio
Galini	Peristerona
Kaimakli	Petra
Kalokhorio (Lefka)	Pharmakas
Kalopanayiotis	Phlasou, Kato
Kambos	Phlasou, Pano
Karavostasi	Platanistasa
Kato Kopia	Polystipos
Katydhata	Potamia
Klirou	Psomolophou
Kokkini Trimithia	Pyrgos
Korakou	Skouriotissa
Lakatamia, Kato	Spilia
Lakatamia, Pano	Strovolos
Linou	Tymbou
Louroujina	Xerovounos
Lymbia	Yerolakkos
Lythrodhonda	Zodhia, Kato
Mathiati	Zodhia, Pano

Larnaca District.

Anaphotia	Kiti
Aradhippou	Kophinou
Athienou	Kornos
Ayios Theodoros	Lefkara, Kato
Kalavastos	Mari
Kalokhorio	Mazotos
Kato Dhrys	Tersephanou
Khirokitia	Tokhni

Limassol District.

Agros	Ayia Phyla
Akrounda	Ayios Amvrosios
Alekhtora	Ayios Athanasios
Amiandos, Kato	Ayios Ioannis
Anoyira	Ayios Theodoros
Arakapas	Ayios Therapon
Arsos	Ayios Tykhonas
Asgata	Dhora

Limassol District.—continued.

Ephtagonia	Parakklisha
Episkopi	Pelendria
Evdhimou	Pendakomo
Kalokhorio	Perapedhi
Kandou	Phasoula
Kellaki	Phini
Kilani	Pissouri
Kividhes, Pano	Plataniskia
Kolossi	Platres, Kato
Kyperounda	Polemidthia, Kato
Lania	Potamiou
Lemithou	Prodhromos
Limnatis	Pyrgos
Lophos	Silikou
Mallia	Trimiklini
Mandria	Tris Elies
Mesayitonia	Vasa (Kilani)
Monagri	Vouni
Monagroulli	Yerasa
Omodhos	Yermasoyia
Pakhna	Zoopiyi
Paleomylos	

Famagusta District.

Angastina	Liopetri
Ardhana	Lysi
Asha	Marathovouno
Athna	Milea
Avgorou	Paralimni
Ayios Andronikos	Patriki
Ayios Elias	Peristerona
Ayios Nikolaos	Phlamoudhi
Ayios Seryios	Phrenaros
Ayios Theodoros	Piyi
Boghaz	Platanisso
Dhavlos	Prastio
Dherinia	Psilatos
Ephtakomi	Pyrga
Galatia	Rizokarpaso
Gastria	Sinda
Gypsos	Sotira
Koma tou Yialou	Trikomo
Komi Kebir	Trypimeni
Kondea	Vasili
Knodhara	Vatili
Lefkoniko	Yerani
Leonarisso	Yialousa
Limnia	

Paphos District.

Akourdhalia, Kato	Anarita
Akourdhalia, Pano	Anavargos
Akoursos	Androlikou
Amarketi	Arkhimandrita, Kato
Anadhiou	Arkhimandrita, Pano

Paphos District.—continued.

Arminou	Mamoundali
Armou	Mandria
Arodhes, Kato	Marathounda
Arodhes, Pano	Meladhia
Asproyia	Melandra
Axylou	Mesa Khorio
Ayia Varvara	Mesana
Ayios Dhimitrianos	Mesoyi
Ayios Ioannis	Milia
Ayios Nikolaos	Mousere
Ayios Yeoryios	Nata
Dhrinia	Neokhorio
Dhrousa	Nikoklia
Dhrymou	Panayia, Pano
Eledhiou	Pendalia
Emba	Peristerona
Episkopi	Peyia
Evretou	Phasli
Galataria	Philousa (Khrysokhou)
Goudhi	Philousa (Kelokedhara)
Inia	Phinikas
Istinjo	Phiti
Kallepia	Pitargou
Kannaviou	Polemi
Karamoullidhes	Pomos
Kathikas	Prastio
Kedhares	Pretori
Kelokedhara	Salamiou
Khlorakas	Simou
Kholi	Skoulli
Khoulou	Souskiou
Khrysokhou	Statos
Kili	Stavrokono
Kilinia	Stroumbi
Kissonerga	Terra
Kithasi	Theletra
Konia	Timi
Kouklia	Trakhypedhoula
Kourtaka	Trimithousa (Khrysokhou)
Kritou Marottou	Trimithousa (Paphos)
Kritou Terra	Tsadha
Lasa	Vrecha
Letimbou	Yeroskipos
Lyso	Yialia
Malounda	Yiolou
Mamonia	Zakharia

Kyrenia District.

Asomatos	Dhikomo, Kato	Kondemenos
Ayios Amvrosios	Dhikomo, Pano	Kormakiti
Ayios Epiktitos	Dhiorios	Larnaka tis Lapithou
Ayios Ermolaos	Kalogrea	Myrtou
Ayios Yeoryios	Karmi	Photta
Bellapais	Kazaphani	Vasilia

This Law is not yet in operation.