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Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Prevention of Corruption Law.

Interpre-
tation.

2. In this Law—

“agent” includes any person employed by or acting for another and any person serving under the Crown or under any public body :

“consideration” includes valuable consideration of any kind ;

“principal” includes an employer ;

“public body” includes local and public authorities of all descriptions.

Punishment
of corrupt
transactions
with agents.

3. If—

(a) any agent corruptly accepts or obtains, or agrees to accept or attempts to obtain, from any person, for himself or for any other person, any gift, or consideration as an inducement or reward for doing or forbearing to do, or for having after the passing of this Law done or forborne to do, any act in relation to his principal's affairs or business, or for showing or forbearing to show favour or disfavour to any person in relation to his principal's affairs or business ; or

(b) any person corruptly gives or agrees to give or offers any gifts or consideration to any agent as an inducement or reward for doing or forbearing to do, or for having after the passing of this Law done or forborne to do, any act in relation to his principal's affairs or business, or for showing or forbearing to show favour or disfavour to any person in relation to his principal's affairs or business ; or

(c) any person knowingly gives to any agent, or if any agent knowingly uses with intent to deceive his principal, any receipt, account, or other document in respect of which the principal is interested, and which contains any statement which is false or erroneous or defective in any material particular, and which to his knowledge is intended to mislead the principal,

he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to a fine not exceeding five hundred pounds, or to both such imprisonment and fine.

4. A person convicted of an offence under the preceding section shall, where the matter or transaction in relation to which the offence was committed was a contract or a proposal for a contract with Her Majesty or any Government Department or any public body or a sub-contract to execute any work comprised in such a contract, be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding seven years, or to a fine not exceeding five hundred pounds, or to both such imprisonment and fine.

Increase of
punishment
in special
cases.

5. Where in any proceedings against a person for an offence under this Law, it is proved that any money, gift, or other consideration has been paid or given to or received by a person in the employment of Her Majesty or any Government Department or a public body by or from a person or agent of a person, holding or seeking to obtain a contract from Her Majesty or any Government Department or public body, the money, gift or consideration shall be deemed to have been paid or given and received corruptly as such inducement or reward as is mentioned in this Law unless the contrary is proved.

Presumption
of corruption
in certain
cases.

Prosecutions. **6.** A prosecution for an offence under this Law shall not be instituted without the consent of the Attorney-General.

Saving. **7.** Nothing in this Law contained shall be deemed to affect the provisions of any other Law at present in force in Cyprus.