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A LAW TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING
TO THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF GAME
AND WILD BIRDS.

1949 Cap. 98.
23 of 50.
3 of 53.
57 of 55.
Short title.

[19th January, 1934.]

1. This Law may be cited as the Game and Wild Birds
Protection Law.

Interpreta-
tion.
2 of 18/49.

2. In this Law—

“ close season ” means the period between the 1st
February and the 30th September, both days inclusive,
in every year or any other period as may be prescribed
by the Governor in Council, under the provisions of
this Law, to be a close season;

“ Commissioner ” means the Commissioner of the District;

“ dealer in game ” means a person licensed to deal in game under the provisions of this Law;

“ game ” means hares and game birds;

“ game bird ” means francolin, pheasant and partridge;

“ game licence ” means a licence granted under section 5 of this Law;

“ wild bird ” means any undomesticated bird other than a game bird.

3. The Governor in Council may, by Order to be published in the Gazette, prescribe any period in any year to be a close season and such period as may be specified in the Order shall, during the continuance of such Order, be deemed to be the close season for the purposes of this Law.

Power to Governor in Council to prescribe other period of close season.
3 of 18/49.

4. (1) Subject to the provisions of section 12 of this Law no person shall by any means whatsoever shoot, kill, take or pursue any game or wild bird unless he is the holder of a game licence.

Shooting of game, etc., prohibited without a game licence.
4 of 18/49.

(2) Any person who acts in contravention of subsection (1) of this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds or to both.

(3) Any person who is found doing any act in respect whereof a game licence is required or who is reasonably suspected of being about to do any such act, may be called upon by any peace officer, rural constable, gamekeeper, forest guard or holder of a game licence to produce for inspection his game licence and if such person refuses or fails to produce the same or in default thereof refuses to give on demand his true name and address or gives a false name or address he shall be guilty of an offence under this Law.

5. (1) A Game Licence shall be in the Form A in the First Schedule hereto and may be granted by the Commissioner to any person who—

Game Licence.
2 of 23/50.
First Schedule.
Cap. 57.

(a) is the holder of a firearms licence under the Firearms Law :

Provided that, with regard to an air-gun or air-rifle, a Game Licence may be issued to the holder of a certificate of registration in respect

thereof, notwithstanding that a firearms licence is not issued in respect thereof ; and

2 (a) of 3/53.

(b) satisfies the Commissioner that he has, during the period preceding the 31st day of July of the year for which the Game Licence is to be issued, killed or caused to be killed such number, if any, of crows, magpies, ravens or foxes (hereinafter referred to as "vermin"), or pays such amount, if any, in lieu thereof or such amount, if any, for every vermin short of such number, as the Governor may by Order in each year direct:

2 (a) and (b)
of 57/55.

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply—

2 (c) of 57/55.

(i) to any person who is on a temporary visit to Cyprus or who applies for a Game Licence for the first time or during a season immediately following the making of an Order by the Governor under paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 7 of this Law which does not exempt vermin from its operation or who either was not the holder of a Game Licence or was absent from the Colony during the season, not being a close season, immediately preceding;

2 (a) of 57/55.

(ii) to any person applying for a Game Licence in respect of an air-gun or air-rifle:

Provided further that the Governor may, at any time by notice in the Gazette, suspend the operation of this paragraph for such time as may be specified in the notice.

(2) There shall be payable in respect of a Game Licence a fee of five hundred mils:

Provided that the Governors in Council may, by Order published in the Gazette, increase the fee to a total not exceeding two pounds.

(3) Every Game Licence shall expire on the 31st July next following the date of issue.

2 (b) of 3/53.

(4) If a person to whom a Game Licence has been granted satisfies the Commissioner that his licence has been lost or stolen or has become so defaced that the material particulars are illegible, the Commissioner may issue a duplicate of such licence on payment of a fee of fifty mils and such duplicate shall have the same force and effect as the original Game Licence.

6. (1) No person shall shoot, kill, take, pursue or sell any game or wild bird during a close season :

Shooting of game, etc., during a close season.
6 of 18/49.

Provided that—

(a) the Governor in Council may by Order to be published in the Gazette authorise the holder of a game licence to shoot, kill, take or pursue within any area specified in such Order, any wild bird during the whole or part of a close season and to sell the same;

(b) a Commissioner may in his discretion authorise the holder of a game licence by endorsement thereon to shoot, kill, take, pursue or sell wild birds in general or such wild birds as may be specified in the endorsement, during any period of a close season. Every such endorsement shall specify the period during which and the area within which the person so authorised may shoot, kill, take or pursue such birds.

(2) Any person who acts in contravention of subsection (1) of this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds or to both.

6 of 18/49.

7. (1) The Governor, by Order to be published in the Gazette, may—

Power to the Governor to prohibit shooting, etc., of game and wild bird.
3 of 19/47.

(a) in addition to the close season as in this Law provided, prohibit in every five years the shooting, killing, taking, pursuing or selling of any game or wild bird during any period as may be specified in such Order and any such period shall be deemed to be a close season for all purposes of this Law ;

(b) prohibit, at any time, the shooting, killing, taking, pursuing or selling of any particular type of game for such time as may be specified in the Order.

(2) Any person who acts in contravention of any Order made under subsection (1) of this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to imprisonment not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to both.

8. (1) No holder of a game licence shall sell any game except to a dealer in game, unless he is himself a dealer in game.

Restrictions of sale of game by holders of a game licence.
7 of 18/49.