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TO PROVIDE FOR THE REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF
GOATS IN CYPRUS.1949 Cap. 99.
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[7th July, 1913.]

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Goats Law.

Interpreta-
tion.

2. In this Law—

“ Officer-in-charge ” means any person appointed in writing by the Governor for carrying out of any of the provisions of this Law ;

“ prescribed port ” means a prescribed village declared a prescribed port under the provisions of section 5 ;

“ prescribed village ” means a town or village declared a prescribed village under the provisions of section 4 ;

“ 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 District Lands 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. (1) Whenever the boundaries of a prescribed village are altered—

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- (a) any new area or lands added to the area or lands of such village shall be deemed to be included in, and form part of, such prescribed village without any further order ;

- (b) any area or lands taken out of the area or lands of such village shall cease to form part of such prescribed village without any further order.

(2) This section shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 1st June, 1948.

4. (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.

Power to Commissioner to order ballot.
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(2) For the purpose of ascertaining the property owners of the village in respect of which an order is made under subsection (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 subsection (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 subsections (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.

Prescribed
port.

5. The Governor in Council may declare any prescribed village to be a prescribed port.

Orders to be
published in
Gazette and
posted up.
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6. Every Order of the Commissioner under section 4 of this Law and every Order in Council under section 5 of this Law shall be published in the Gazette, and a copy thereof shall, as soon as possible, be posted in the languages spoken in the village in question on the door of the church and of the mosque, if any, and in a conspicuous place in the said village, and a certificate under the hand of the Commissioner certifying the posting, shall be deemed to be conclusive evidence of such posting.

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After twelve
months from
publication
goats to be
excluded.
2 of 18/30.

7. After the expiration of twelve months from the publication in the Gazette of an Order declaring a village to be a prescribed village, it shall be unlawful for any person to acquire, keep or suffer any goat to graze within the boundaries of such village :

Provided that:—

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(a) every family living in one house and forming one common household may within the boundaries of a prescribed village acquire, keep and graze goats, not exceeding three in number (exclusive of any kids thereof of an age not exceeding fifteen months) within the boundaries of such village :

Provided always that such goats and kids, if any, shall be always kept tethered and under proper and adequate supervision ;

(b) any monastery, teké or other owner of land of not less than five hundred donums in one plot, although within the boundaries of a prescribed

village, may graze goats therein to the number of not more than one goat for every ten donoms :

Provided always that such goats shall not be allowed to graze in the said village elsewhere than on the said land ;

- (c) the Commissioner may, by writing under his hand, ^{3 of 20/57.} authorize any person to keep within an enclosure approved by the Commissioner such number of goats as may be specified in the written authorization and subject to such terms and conditions as may be specified therein. The Commissioner may, in his discretion, revoke any written authorization upon the breach of any of its terms or conditions or for any other reasonable cause.

8. (1) Notwithstanding anything in this Law contained, the maximum number of goats allowed to be acquired, kept and grazed by a family in a prescribed village under the provisions of paragraph (a) of the proviso to section 7 of this Law shall be increased from three to five if a ballot of all property owners of the village, taken in the manner hereinafter provided, shows that the majority of such property owners are in favour of such an increase. <sup>Increase in number of tethered goats.
3 of 20/57.</sup>

(2) The Commissioner shall order a ballot as aforesaid to be taken if a petition is made to him by not less than ten property owners of a prescribed village for such a ballot to be taken or if the Commissioner considers that it is desirable for such a ballot to be taken.

(3) The provisions of subsections (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) of section 4 of this Law shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to a ballot taken under this section as they apply to a ballot taken under the said section 4.

(4) Upon a ballot being taken in a prescribed village and the majority of the property owners being in favour of the increase aforesaid paragraph (a) of the proviso to section 7 in its application to such village shall be construed as if for the word "three" occurring in the fourth line thereof there had been substituted the word "five".

9. Any declaration that a village shall be a prescribed village shall not in any way affect the grazing rights, if any, in any forest, of any monastery, teké or person being or living in such village. ^{Grazing rights in forest.}