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TO THE LICENSING OF HOTELS.

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PART I.

PRELIMINARY.

Short title.

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

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tion.
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2. In this Law—

“ hotel ” means any building or premises, howsoever described, used for the accommodation of the public

in which lodgings are provided and provisions are supplied by the keeper or manager thereof ;

“ hotel-keeper ” means any person to whom a licence to keep or manage a hotel has been issued under section 4 of this Law and shall include any person to whom a licence has been transferred under section 6 of this Law.

PART II.

LICENSING OF HOTELS.

3. (1) There shall be established a Board constituted as in subsection (2) provided (in this Law referred to as “ the Hotels Board ”), which shall exercise the functions and perform the duties entrusted to such Board by this Law or any Regulations made thereunder.

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Board.
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(2) The Hotels Board shall consist of—

- (a) a Chairman and such other persons as the Governor may appoint to hold office for a period of three years from the date of their appointment, unless their appointment is previously terminated by the Governor ; and
- (b) a person nominated by the Pancyprian Hotel Keepers' Association to hold office for a period of three years from the date of his nomination, unless his nomination is previously terminated by the said Association :

Provided that, when dealing with any hotel situated within the limits of a municipal corporation, the Hotels Board shall include as a member one additional person nominated by the council of such corporation to hold office during the duration of the council by which he was nominated.

(3) Any member of the Hotels Board may resign his membership upon giving notice thereof in writing—

- (a) in the case of a member appointed by the Governor, other than the Chairman, to the Governor through the Chairman and, in the case of the Chairman, to the Governor through the Administrative Secretary ;
- (b) in the case of a member nominated by the Pancyprian Hotel Keepers' Association, to such Association through the Chairman ;

(c) in the case of a member nominated by a municipal council, to such council through the Chairman.

(4) If any vacancy occurs such vacancy shall be filled by the Governor in the case of a member appointed by him, or by the Pancyprian Hotel Keepers' Association or the municipal council concerned in the case of a member nominated by such Association or council, as the case may be.

(5) No act or proceeding of the Hotels Board shall be deemed to be invalid by reason only of any vacancy in the Hotels Board.

Licence.

4. (1) No person shall keep or manage a hotel unless he shall have previously obtained a licence from the Hotels Board specifying the premises in respect of which the licence is granted.

First
Schedule.

(2) Every such licence shall be in the form set out in the First Schedule to this Law and shall be issued on or after the first day of January in every year and shall expire on the thirty-first day of December next following the date of issue.

(3) Any person who shall keep or manage a hotel save under a licence as in subsection (1) hereof, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds.

Conditions
under which
the licence
shall be
granted.

5. (1) No licence shall be granted by the Hotels Board unless the person applying satisfies the Hotels Board that—

(a) he is of good character and a fit and proper person to keep and manage a hotel ; and

(b) the premises in respect of which application is made are structurally adapted for use as a hotel ; and

(c) proper provision has been made in all respects for the sanitation of the premises.

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(2) No hotel shall be licensed under a name which, in the opinion of the Hotels Board, is undesirable, unsuitable or misleading.

Transfer
of licence.

6. A licence to keep or manage a hotel may, with the consent of the Hotels Board previously obtained, be transferred to the name of any person who possesses the qualifications contained in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 5 of this Law.

7. Where it is made to appear to the Hotels Board that a hotel is being kept in an unclean or insanitary condition or is being conducted in an unsatisfactory manner the Hotels Board may require the hotel-keeper by notice in writing to remedy the defect within such period not being less than one month as may be specified in such notice and if the hotel-keeper shall fail to remedy the defect to the satisfaction of the Hotels Board within the prescribed period the Hotels Board may cancel the licence granted in respect of such hotel :

Cancellation of a licence.

Provided—

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- (a) that the cancellation of such licence shall not take effect until the expiration of ten days from the date of such cancellation ; and
- (b) that where an appeal has been made against the cancellation of such licence within the period of ten days prescribed by section 9, such cancellation shall not take effect unless and until the appeal has been determined and the Governor in Council confirms such cancellation.

8. (1) Where it is made to appear to the Hotels Board that a hotel is not being kept or managed in a manner conformable to the standard of a hotel of the class in which such hotel is classified, the Hotels Board may, upon giving notice therefor to the hotel-keeper, remove the name of such hotel from such class and place it in a lower class :

Re-classification of hotels.

Provided—

4 of 28/38.

- (a) that the re-classification of such hotel shall not take effect until the expiration of ten days from the date of the notice therefor ; and
- (b) that where an appeal has been made against the re-classification of such hotel within the period of ten days prescribed by section 9, such re-classification shall not take effect unless and until the appeal has been determined and the Governor in Council confirms such re-classification.

(2) Every such re-classification when effected shall be published by the Hotels Board in the *Gazette*.

9. Any person aggrieved by—

Appeal to the Governor in Council.

- (a) the refusal of the Hotels Board to grant a licence or to permit the transfer of a licence ;