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A LAW TO CONFER CERTAIN POWERS AND PRIVILEGES
UPON THE CONSULAR OFFICERS OF FOREIGN STATES
WITH WHICH CONSULAR CONVENTIONS ARE CONCLUDED
BY HER MAJESTY.

19 of 52.

[16th September, 1952.]

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Consular Conventions Law.

Powers
of consular
officers in
relation to
property
in Cyprus
of deceased
persons.

2. (1) Where any person who is a national of a state to which this section applies is named as executor in the will of a deceased person disposing of property in Cyprus or is otherwise a person to whom a grant of representation to the estate in Cyprus may be made, then the Court, if satisfied, on the application of a consular officer of the said state that the said national is not resident in Cyprus and that he is not represented by a person duly authorized by power of attorney to act for him in that behalf, it may make an order for probate to be granted to the said national or for the said national to be appointed administrator of the estate of the deceased as if the said officer were so authorized as aforesaid.

(2) Where the Court has granted an application made by a consular officer by virtue of subsection (1) of this section that officer shall be entitled to receive and administer the said estate and to do all things necessary in that behalf as if he were duly authorized so to act by power of attorney granted by the executor or administrator.

(3) Where any person who is a national of a state to which this section applies—

- (a) is entitled to payment or delivery of any money or other property in respect of any interest in the estate of a deceased person or to receive payment in Cyprus of any money becoming due on the death of a deceased person; or
- (b) is a person to whom any money or property comprised in the estate of a deceased person may be paid or delivered under any Law whether passed before or after the commencement of this Law, without grant of probate letters of administration or other proof of title,

then if the said national is not resident in Cyprus a consular officer of that state shall have the like right and power to give a valid discharge for any such money or property, to take all such steps as may be necessary for completing the title of the said national to such property and to administer or dispose of that property as if he were duly authorized by power of attorney to act for him in that behalf:

Provided that no person shall be authorized or required by this subsection to pay or deliver any money or property to a consular officer if it is within his knowledge that any other person in Cyprus has been expressly authorized to receive that money or property on behalf of the said national.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Administration of Estate Law, or in any Rule of Court made thereunder, surety shall not be required to a security bond given by a consular officer upon the grant of letters of administration.

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3. Notwithstanding any rule of law conferring immunity or privilege in respect of the official acts and documents of consular officers, a consular officer shall not be entitled to any immunity or privilege in respect of any act done by virtue of powers conferred on him by or under section 2 of this Law or in respect of any document for the time being in his possession relating thereto.

Supplementary provisions as to section 2.

4. (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, a consular office of a state to which this section applies shall not be entered by a police officer or other person acting in the execution of any warrant or other legal process or in the exercise of powers conferred by or under any enactment, whether passed before or after the commencement of this

Restriction of powers of entry in relation to consular offices.