

## NO. 47 OF 1934.

A.D. 1934. A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE BETTER REGULATION AND  
47 of 1934. CONTROL OF PUBLIC CINEMATOGRAPH EXHIBITIONS,  
AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

H. R. PALMER,]  
Governor.

[7th December, 1934.

BE it enacted :—

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Cinematograph Films Law, 1934.

Interpre-  
tation.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires,—  
“ Board ” means the Board of Censors appointed by  
the Governor under section 3 (1) of this Law ;

“ exhibition ”, with its cognate expressions, of a  
cinematograph film means an exhibition to which the  
public are admitted and includes the production of any  
music, song, speech or other sound whatsoever which  
accompanies the projection of a cinematograph film ;

“ poster ” means any bill, figure, notice, picture or  
photograph advertising any exhibition, but shall not  
include such classes or kinds of advertising matter as  
the Governor in Council may by regulations made under  
this law exempt from censorship.

Establish-  
ment of  
Board of  
Censors.

3.—(1) There shall be established a Board of Censors  
consisting of such persons, not being less than nine and  
not more than twelve, as may, from time to time, be  
appointed by the Governor, and the Governor may at any  
time revoke any such appointment.

(2) The Governor shall appoint a President and a Vice-  
President and a Secretary of the Board from among the  
members, and may, if he thinks fit, appoint an Assistant  
Secretary from among the same.

(3) In the absence of the President from any meeting  
of the Board, the Vice-President or, in his absence, such  
person as the members present may appoint, shall be the  
Chairman of such meeting.

(4) During the absence of any member of the Board  
from Cyprus the Governor may appoint any person to be  
temporarily a member of the Board during such absence.

(5) Any vacancy in the Board shall be filled by the  
Governor.

(6) The determination of any question before the Board shall be according to the opinion of the majority of the members present.

(7) In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting of the Board shall have a casting vote in addition to his own vote.

(8) Six members of the Board shall form a quorum :

Provided that for the purpose of determining an appeal under section 9 of this Law, three members of the Board shall form a quorum.

4.—(1) The Board shall appoint one or more Committees, each consisting of three of its members, one of whom shall be the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, to be Censorship Committees for the purposes of this Law.

Appointment  
of Censorship  
Committees.

(2) Whenever for any reason a member of the Board appointed to be a member of a Censorship Committee is unable to serve on the Committee, the President or, in his absence, the Vice-President, may appoint another member of the Board as a member of the Committee to take the place of such member.

5. No person shall present or exhibit or allow to be presented or exhibited any cinematograph film or part of a film unless such film shall have been previously approved by a Censorship Committee or, on an appeal under section 9 of this Law, by the Board.

Censorship  
of films.

6. No person shall display or distribute or cause to be displayed or distributed any poster unless the same has been approved by a Censorship Committee or, on an appeal under section 9 of this Law, by the Board.

Censorship  
of posters.

7.—(1) The Board may at any time by notice withdraw any approval given by a Censorship Committee and thereafter no person shall present or exhibit any film or shall display or distribute any poster to which such notice relates.

Interdiction  
of approved  
films and  
posters.

(2) The notice to be given under this section shall be given to the person who submitted the film or poster to be approved or to any person in possession thereof :

Provided that if neither of such persons can be found the notice may be given by publication in the *Cyprus Gazette*.