



SUPPLEMENT No. 2

TO

THE CYPRUS GAZETTE No. 3944 OF 17TH MAY, 1956.

LEGISLATION.

THE STATUTE LAWS OF CYPRUS

No. 14 OF 1956.

A LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE PROMOTION AND CONDUCT OF GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES ; TO PROHIBIT UNAUTHORIZED LOTTERIES AND RESTRICT CERTAIN PRIZE COMPETITIONS ; AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED WITH THE MATTERS AFORESAID.

JOHN HARDING,]
Governor.

[16th May, 1956.

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Cyprus as follows :—

1. This Law may be cited as the Lotteries Law, 1956.

Short title.

PART I.—PRELIMINARY.

Interpreta-
tion.

- 2.—(1) In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires—
 “the Director” means the person holding the office of Director of Lotteries and includes any person appointed to act in that office ;
 “Government lottery” means a lottery promoted and conducted by the Director under the provisions of Part II ;
 “lottery” means any scheme for distributing prizes by lot or chance ;
 “money” includes a cheque, banknote, currency note, postal order or money order ;
 “newspaper” includes any journal, magazine or other periodical publication ;
 “ticket” includes, in relation to any lottery or proposed lottery, any document evidencing the claim of a person to participate in the chances of the lottery.
- (2) For the purposes of this Law—
 (a) references to printing shall be construed as including references to writing and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form ;
 (b) documents or other matters shall be deemed to be distributed if they are distributed to persons or places whether within or outside the Colony, and the expression “distribution” shall be construed accordingly.

PART II.—GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES.

Power to
promote
and conduct
Government
lotteries.

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Law and of any Regulations made thereunder, it shall be lawful for the Director from time to time to promote and conduct a Government lottery, and in relation thereto to do all such acts and things and give all such directions as he may deem necessary or expedient for that purpose or as may be prescribed and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing power, in particular—

- (a) to fix the number and price of tickets to be issued for any such lottery ;
 (b) to appoint and remunerate agents for the sale of such tickets ;
 (c) to fix the number and value of the prizes to be apportioned ;
 (d) to determine the time when, the place where, and the manner in which, drawings shall take place for the allotment of prizes.

(2) Any such acts, things or directions which may have been done or given, as the case may be, at any time before the commencement of this Law, shall nevertheless be deemed to have been done or given by virtue of the powers conferred by this section.

Proceeds of
Government
lotteries.

4. The proceeds of the sale of tickets in every Government lottery shall, subject to deduction of the monies apportioned for prizes and such other deductions as the Governor may approve, be paid into the Development Funds of the Colony.

5.—(1) The Governor may make Regulations prescribing all matters which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for giving effect to the foregoing provisions of this Part, and in particular—

Regulations.

- (a) for appointing a committee to advise and assist the Director in the promotion and conduct of Government lotteries ;
- (b) for prescribing the conditions to be observed by agents appointed for the sale of tickets for such lotteries and the rights, obligations and liabilities of such agents ;
- (c) for prescribing the form or contents of such tickets ;
- (d) for prescribing the information to be published concerning any Government lottery and the manner in which it shall be published ;
- (e) for prescribing the time within which and the manner in which prizes shall be claimed ;
- (f) for providing for the disposal of unclaimed prizes or money or of prizes or money as to which any dispute has arisen ;
- (g) for prescribing the persons who shall be present at any drawing for the allotment of prizes and their powers and duties in relation thereto and to any dispute or difficulty which may arise in the conduct of the drawing.

(2) Regulations made under this section may prescribe that in certain events to be specified and after such time as shall be specified the proceeds of unclaimed prizes shall be forfeited to Her Majesty and paid into the Development Funds of the Colony.

PART III.—UNLAWFUL LOTTERIES AND RESTRICTIONS ON PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

6.—(1) A lottery promoted as an incident of an entertainment to which this section applies shall be deemed not to be an unlawful lottery, but the conditions specified in sub-section (2) shall be observed in connection with the promotion and conduct of the lottery, and if any of those conditions is broken, every person concerned in the promotion or conduct of the lottery shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to imprisonment not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding two hundred pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine, unless he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge.

Exemption of small lotteries incidental to certain entertainments.

(2) The conditions referred to in sub-section (1) are that—

- (a) the whole proceeds of the entertainment (including the proceeds of the lottery) after deducting—
 - (i) the expenses of the entertainment, excluding expenses incurred in connection with the lottery ; and
 - (ii) the expenses incurred in printing tickets in the lottery ; and

- (iii) such sum (if any) not exceeding thirty pounds as the promoters of the lottery think fit to appropriate on account of any expenses incurred by them in purchasing prizes in the lottery, shall be devoted to purposes other than private gain ;
 - (b) none of the prizes in the lottery shall be money prizes ;
 - (c) tickets or chances in the lottery shall not be sold or issued, nor shall the result of the lottery be declared, except on the premises on which the entertainment takes place and during the progress of the entertainment ; and
 - (d) the facilities afforded for participating in lotteries shall not be the only, or the only substantial, inducement to persons to attend the entertainment.
- (3) The entertainments to which this section applies are bazaars, sales of work, fêtes and other entertainments of a similar character, whether limited to one day or extending over two or more days.

Exemption
of private
lotteries.

7.—(1) In this section—

“ private lottery ” means a lottery in the Colony which is promoted for, and in which the sale of tickets or chances by the promoters is confined to, either—

(a) members of one society established and conducted for purposes not connected with gaming, wagering or lotteries ; or

(b) persons all of whom work on the same premises ; or

(c) persons all of whom reside on the same premises,

and which is promoted by persons each of whom is a person to whom under the foregoing provisions tickets or chances may be sold by the promoters and, in the case of a lottery promoted for the members of a society, is a person authorized in writing by the governing body of the society to promote the lottery ;

“ promoter ” means the individual who, or, in the case of a lottery promoted by a society, the secretary (or similar official) of the society which, promotes the lottery, and in the case of a lottery promoted, held, drawn or managed without the Colony, the person primarily responsible for conducting the affairs of such lottery in the Colony ;

“ society ” includes club, institution, organization or other association of persons by whatever name called, and each local or affiliated branch or section of a society shall be regarded as a separate and distinct society.

(2) A private lottery shall be deemed not to be an unlawful lottery, but the following conditions shall be observed in connection with the promotion and conduct of the lottery, that is to say—

(a) the whole proceeds, after deducting only expenses incurred for printing and stationery, shall be devoted to the provision of prizes for purchasers of tickets or chances, or in the case of a lottery promoted for the members of a