

No. 22 OF 1927.

TO REGULATE THE OPENING HOURS OF SHOPS ON SUNDAYS. A.D. 1927.

RONALD STORRS.]

see regulation C.G.P. 401 [November 14, 1927. 726-5-528 C.G. 1956. p. 8

BE it enacted:—

1. This Law may be cited as the Shop Hours Law, Short title. 1927.

2. In this Law—

Interpre- tation.

“Shop” includes any premises or place where retail trade or business (including the business of a barber) is carried on, and also all premises licensed for the sale of any intoxicating liquor by retail, and also refreshment houses, cafés or coffee-shops, restaurants and cook-shops of any kind, but shall not include hotels, premises occupied by clubs, khans and inns.

3.—(1) The Governor in Council may, if he thinks fit, make an order (in this Law referred to as a “shop hours order”) limiting to any extent the opening hours of, or absolutely prohibiting the opening of, a shop for serving customers on Sundays. Power to make closing orders.

(2) A shop hours order may be made to apply either throughout the whole Colony or in any specified area or town of the Colony and to shops of any specified class.

(3) A shop hours order may be varied from time to time or revoked.

(4) Every shop hours order and every variation or revocation of a shop hours order shall not become operative until it has been approved by resolution of the Legislative Council, and when so approved shall be published in the Cyprus Gazette.

4. A shop hours order may prohibit, either absolutely or subject to such exemptions and conditions as may be contained in the order, the carrying on of any retail trade or business outside the opening hours in any place (not being a shop) within the area or town to which the order applies, and provide that any such place shall for the purposes of this Law be deemed to be a shop. Places other than shops.

Exemptions.

5.—(1) A shop hours order may—

(a) permit a shop to be opened outside the opening hours for any purpose specified in the order ;

(b) authorise sales or transactions outside the opening hours for any purpose specified in the order or of any specified thing or in any circumstances specified in the order ; and

(c) contain any incidental, supplemental or consequential provisions which may appear necessary or proper.

(2) Nothing in a shop hours order shall apply to a market lawfully held under the provisions of the Municipal Councils Law, 1885, or to a bazaar for charitable or religious purposes, or to any town or place where fairs are customarily held on the days of such fairs.

Shops carrying on more trades than one.

6. Where more trades or businesses than one are carried on in the same shop, and any of those trades or businesses is of such a nature that, if it was the only trade or business carried on in the shop, the shop hours order would not apply to the shop, the shop may be open outside the opening hours for the purposes of that trade and business alone, but on such terms and under such conditions as may be specified in the shop hours order.

Penalties.

7. Any person who acts in contravention of any section of this Law or any order issued under section 3 of this Law shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding ten pounds.

Saving.

8. Nothing in any shop hours order shall :—

(a) affect the powers of the Governor under Section 21 of the Licensing Law, 1889 ;

(b) affect the powers of the Principal Officer of Customs and Excise in any District under Section 18 of the Licensing Law, 1889, as amended by the Licensing (Amendment) Law, 1926.

Repeal of Law 10 of 1908.

9. The Sunday Observance (Greek-Orthodox) Law, 1908, is hereby repealed.