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A LAW TO REGULATE THE ACTIVITIES OF BOY SCOUTS
IN CYPRUS.

1947 Cap. 50.

[10th March, 1933.]

Whereas by the Royal Charter of its incorporation granted on the fourth day of January, 1912, the Boy Scouts Association is *inter alia* empowered to develop its activities in the British Overseas Dominions :

And whereas it is expedient to make statutory provision for the more assured exercise of such power and for the furtherance and protection of the purposes of the said Association in Cyprus and for the prevention of the establishment of unauthorized Boy Scouts Associations :

Be it therefore enacted :—

Short title. 1. This Law may be cited as the Boy Scouts Association Law.

Interpreta- 2. In this Law,
tion. “ the Association ” means the Boy Scouts Association incorporated under the Royal Charter granted on the fourth day of January, 1912, and includes the Cyprus Boy Scouts Association formed under the constitution of the Association ;

“ boy scout ” means a boy scout recognized as such

under the constitution, bye-laws, or rules of the Association and includes also all officers of the Association;

“foreign Association” means any Boy Scouts Association other than the Association.

“foreign boy scout” means a member of a group, troop or body of scouts formed under the constitution, bye-laws or rules of a foreign Association.

3. No person, other than the Association, shall sell or expose for sale or distribute upon or without payment any badge, token, or emblem specifically adopted for use by boy scouts under the constitution, bye-laws or rules of the Association.

Restriction on the sale of badges, etc., of the Association.

4. No person, not being a boy scout, shall publicly wear, carry or bear in such a manner as to convey the impression that such person is a boy scout, any badge, token or emblem specifically adopted for use of boy scouts under the constitution, bye-laws or rules of the Association.

Restriction on the use of badges, etc., of the Association.

5. No person shall publicly wear, carry or bear any badge, token or emblem adopted for use under the constitution, bye-laws or rules of any foreign Association unless—

Restriction on the use of badges, etc., of foreign Association.

(a) he is a member of a group, troop or body of foreign boy scouts formed under the constitution, bye-laws or rules of such foreign Association and in accordance with the provisions of section 7 of this Law; or

(b) he is a member of a group, troop or body of foreign boy scouts which is on a special visit to the Colony and which has obtained a permit from the Governor for the members thereof to wear, carry or bear such badges, tokens or emblems during such visit.

6. No person shall form, organize or work in connection with or be concerned in forming, organizing or working in connection with any group, troop or body which without due authority granted under the Royal Charter of the Association claim or purport to be boy scouts or otherwise to be connected with the Association or which hold themselves out or pass themselves off as boy scouts or as otherwise connected with the Association.

No person falsely to claim connection with the Association.

Groups of foreign boy scouts not to be formed unless with Governor's permission.

7. (1) No group, troop or body of foreign boy scouts shall be formed or organized or shall function in Cyprus under the constitution, bye-laws or rules of a foreign Association without a permit from the Governor previously obtained.

(2) The Governor may grant or refuse to grant such permit or may grant it subject to such terms and conditions as he thinks fit.

Prohibition against work in connection with unauthorized foreign boy scouts.

8. No person shall form, organize or work in connection with, or be concerned in forming, organizing or working in connection with any group, troop or body of foreign boy scouts or any group, troop or body whether known as boy scouts or by any other name, which in its organization and aims is similar or analogous thereto unless a permit from the Governor for the formation of such group, troop or body has been previously obtained.

Prohibition against British subjects joining foreign boy scouts.

9. No British subject shall be a member of any group, troop or body of foreign boy scouts and any person who induces a British subject to become a member of any such group, troop or body or who enrolls him as such, shall be guilty of an offence.

Burden of proof.

10. In any proceedings against any person for an offence under this Law—

(a) any document tendered by the prosecution and purporting to contain the whole or any part of the constitution, bye-laws or rules of the Association or of any foreign Association and purporting to be issued by the Association, or foreign Association, as the case may, or by the Boy Scouts' International Bureau, shall be *prima facie* evidence of the contents thereof;

(b) the burden of proving that a permit has been granted shall lie upon such person.

Control of Attorney-General over prosecutions.

11. No prosecution under this Law shall instituted except by or with the consent of the Attorney-General.

Penalty.

12. Any person contravening any of the provisions of this Law or failing to observe any of the terms or conditions of a permit granted under section 7 (2) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine of ten pounds or to imprisonment for three months or to both.