

2. Every person driving any vehicle, which term in this Law includes a bicycle or tricycle, or driving or riding or leading any animal:—

Rules of
the road.

- (a.) When he meets any other vehicle or any animal, shall keep his own vehicle or animal to the left side; and
- (b.) When he overtakes and passes any other vehicle or animal, shall keep his own vehicle or animal to the right side; and
- (c.) When he is being overtaken and passed or about to be overtaken and passed by any vehicle or by any animal, shall keep his own vehicle or animal to the left side.

3. Any person who contravenes the provisions of the foregoing section, except in case of actual necessity, or for other sufficient reason, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding ten shillings.

Penalty for
breach.

8 OF 1907.

TO PROVIDE FOR THE NUMBERING OF PUBLIC VEHICLES AND CARTS
AND TO REGULATE THE FARES PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF PUBLIC
CARRIAGES.

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1. This Law may be cited as the Vehicles and Traffic Regulation Law, 1907.

Short title.

2. In this Law unless the contrary intention appears:—

Definitions.

“ Carriage ” means any conveyance whether drawn by one or more animals or propelled or drawn by mechanical means, and includes public vehicles and public carriages.

“ Public Vehicle ” means any vehicle drawn by one or more animals which is ordinarily used for the carriage of passengers or goods for hire and includes a public carriage.

“ Public Carriage ” means any carriage for the conveyance of passengers which plies for hire.

“ Principal Officer of Police ” means the Local Commandant or the officer in command of the Police of the District.

“ Proprietor ” means every person who, either alone or in partnership with any other person, keeps any carriage.

Obligation to have certain vehicles numbered.

3. It shall be unlawful:—

- (1.) For any person to drive a public vehicle on any public road or street unless such vehicle has been numbered in accordance with this Law; and
- (2.) For any proprietor of a carriage constructed for conveying merchandise or other materials or things to use or to permit it to be used on any public road or street unless such carriage has been numbered in accordance with this Law.

Issue of numbered plates.

4.—(1.) Every proprietor of a public vehicle or of a carriage constructed for conveying merchandise or other materials or things shall apply to the Principal Officer of Police for the issue to him of a number for such vehicle or carriage.

(2.) The Principal Officer of Police, whenever he assigns a number to such public vehicle or carriage, shall issue to the proprietor thereof a plate on which shall be legibly printed or marked the name, or a letter or letters indicating the name, of the District in which the plate is issued and the number so assigned, and the proprietor shall place and affix the plate in such place on the public vehicle or carriage and in such manner as the Principal Officer of Police shall deem best for rendering the number at all times plainly and distinctly visible.

(3.) Upon the issue of a plate a fee of one shilling shall be paid by the proprietor of the vehicle or carriage.

Register of numbers.

5. Before issuing such plate the Principal Officer of Police shall record the number and the name and address of the person to whom it is issued in a book to be kept for the purpose and shall sign the same, and a copy thereafter made from such book and certified under the hand of the Principal Officer of Police to be a true copy shall be received as conclusive proof of all that is therein stated.

Procedure on transfer.

6.—(1.) Whenever the proprietor of any carriage or public vehicle which has been numbered under the authority of this Law transfers it to any other person he and the transferee shall forthwith notify the transfer in writing or personally to the Principal Officer of Police in the District in which such transfer takes place, and it shall be the duty of the transferee to apply to have the carriage or vehicle renumbered in his name according

to the provisions of this Law, and any omission to comply with the provisions of this section shall be deemed an offence under this Law.

(2.) Upon receiving notice of the transfer the Principal Officer of Police shall make such entries in the book required to be kept under this Law as may be necessary to record the transfer and shall communicate the fact of the transfer to such other Principal Officer of Police as it may concern.

Record of transfer.

7.—(1.) If the Principal Officer of Police is at any time satisfied after inspection that any public carriage is not in a safe condition to be used he shall forthwith give notice in writing to the proprietor stating in what the unsafeness consists and prohibiting the use of such carriage until the same is put in such a safe condition as the Principal Officer of Police may deem sufficient.

Prohibition to use unsafe public carriages.

Provided that any proprietor aggrieved by any decision of the Principal Officer of Police under this sub-section may apply to the Commissioner of the District who shall as soon as possible inspect the carriage and may if he thinks fit cancel the notice.

Appeal from prohibition.

(2.) If while such notice remains in force and uncanceled by the Commissioner or the Principal Officer of Police any such public carriage is used the proprietor thereof shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one pound for each time it is so used.

Offence to use during prohibition.

8.—(1.) The proprietor of any public carriage or carriage constructed for conveying merchandise or other materials or things who uses or allows the same to be used on any public road or street without having a plate fixed thereon in accordance with this Law, or having such plate or any part thereof defaced or covered purposely so as to be illegible, and

Offence to use vehicle unnumbered or number illegible.

(2.) The proprietor of any public carriage who uses or allows the same to be used for carrying such a number of persons or such a burden or load as shall be deemed to be excessive; shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one pound for an offence under sub-section (1.) and not exceeding two pounds for an offence under sub-section (2.).

Overloading carriage.

9.—(1.) Whoever drives any carriage or rides any animal on any public road or street in a manner so rash or negligent as to endanger human life or to be likely to cause hurt or injury to any other person shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month or to a fine not exceeding five pounds or to both of such punishments.

Dangerous driving and riding.

(2.) Whoever being the person having the charge of any carriage is intoxicated or asleep while driving or in charge of the same shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three weeks or to a fine not exceeding three pounds.

(3.) Whoever rides any bicycle or tricycle in any public road or street in a manner likely to cause hurt or injury to any other person shall be liable to a fine not exceeding two pounds.

(4.) Whoever permits a carriage under his charge to be left on a public road without some competent person in charge thereof shall be liable to a fine not exceeding two pounds.

Age of licensee to drive.

10. No person shall drive a public carriage unless he shall have attained the age of 18 and has been licensed under this Law.

Licence to drive.

11.—(1.) Licences to drive public carriages shall be in the form in the Schedule or to the like effect and shall be issued by the Principal Officer of Police, on payment of one shilling, to such persons as he shall be satisfied have had not less than one year's experience of driving and who shall produce certificates of good character from the Mukhtar and an Aza of their village or quarter or from two trustworthy persons.

(2.) Such licences shall be in force until cancelled in manner hereinafter referred to.

Offences.

12. Every person—

(1.) Who shall drive a public carriage without being licensed under this Law;

(2.) Who being licensed under this Law shall refuse, without good reason, to produce his licence to any police officer when called upon so to do, or

(3.) Who being licensed under this Law shall commit the offence mentioned in sub-section (2.) of section 8, shall be guilty of an offence under this Law.

Cancellation of licences.

13. Any person holding a licence to drive a public carriage under this Law who shall be convicted of an offence for the third time or any subsequent time under this Law shall be liable, at the discretion of the Court, in addition to any other penalty to have his licence cancelled by the Court who convicts him.

Stands for public carriages. As amended by 6, 1909.

14. It shall be lawful for Municipalities from time to time to make regulations for fixing the places within the Municipal limits at which public carriages must stand when plying for hire and

not actually hired, and any driver of a public carriage who causes a public carriage when plying for hire and not actually hired to stand at any place other than a place so fixed as aforesaid shall be guilty of an offence under this Law.

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Tariffs of fares.

15.—(1.) Every Municipal authority shall fix and may from time to time alter the fares payable by persons hiring public carriages for journeys within the Municipal limits or within five miles from the Commissioner's Office.

(2.) The tariff of such fares shall come into operation when it has been approved by the High Commissioner in Council and been published in the *Cyprus Gazette*.

16.—(1.) The Municipal authority shall deliver to every proprietor for each public carriage kept by him a card with the tariff of fares legibly printed thereon in English, Turkish and Greek, each such card to be numbered with the same number as the number of the carriage for which it is given.

Tariff of fares to be affixed inside carriage.

(2.) Every such proprietor shall, on pain of being liable to a fine not exceeding five shillings, keep such card affixed to the inside of such carriage, in such a position that it may be seen distinctly by any person travelling in the carriage.

(3.) When any such card is worn out or rendered illegible by use, the proprietor shall procure a new card from the Municipal authority and affix the same in like manner, on pain of a like fine.

17. If the driver of any public carriage exacts or attempts to exact from any person any sum exceeding the fare to which he is entitled, such driver shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one pound.

Penalty on driver exacting more than the legal fare.

18. Any person who commits an offence under this Law for which a penalty is not hereinbefore specifically provided shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one pound.

Penalty.

19. All fines for offences under this Law committed within any Municipal limits shall be paid into the Municipal Fund.

Appropriation of certain penalties.

SCHEDULE.

FORM OF LICENCE.

The bearer of this Licence
of is licensed to drive a public carriage
(Signed)
Principal Officer of Police of the District.

Date