

NO. 37 OF 1936.

A LAW TO PREVENT THE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF UNIFORMS.

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Governor.

BE it enacted :—

1. This Law may be cited as the Unauthorized Uniforms Law, 1936. Short title.

2. In this Law— Interpreta-
tion.

the expression "His Majesty's Naval, Military or Air Forces" includes reserve and auxiliary forces ;

the expression "other uniform" means any distinctive dress which indicates or is intended to indicate or may be taken to indicate that the person wearing it belongs to, or is a member of, any political association, institution, organization or party.

3. Any person who—

(a) not being a person serving in His Majesty's Naval, Military or Air Forces, wears or uses, without permission in writing from the Governor, any uniform authorized for use by His Majesty's Naval, Military or Air Forces or any uniform so nearly resembling the same as to be likely to deceive ; or

(b) not being a person serving in the Cyprus Police Force, or other Department, wears or uses, without permission in writing from the Governor, any uniform authorized for use by the Cyprus Police Force or other Department or any uniform so nearly resembling the same as to be likely to deceive ; or

(c) wears or uses, without permission in writing from the Governor, any other uniform,

shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty : five pounds fine.

4. Any person who, not being a person serving in His Majesty's Naval, Military or Air Forces or in the Cyprus Police Force, or other Department, wears the uniform of any of these Forces or Department, or any dress having the appearance or bearing any of the regimental or other

Wearing of uniform without permission prohibited. Bringing contempt on uniform.

distinctive marks of any such uniform, or any other uniform whatsoever, in such manner or in such circumstances as to be likely to bring contempt on that uniform, or employs any other person so to wear such uniform or dress, shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty : three months imprisonment.

Burden of proof.

5. Where under this Law any act, if done without lawful permission is an offence, the burden of proving that the act was done with lawful permission shall lie upon the person accused.

Power to Governor to impose restrictions in permission.

6. It shall be lawful for the Governor in granting any permission under this Law to limit the area within which the uniform the subject of such permission may be worn, and generally to qualify such permission in such other manner as he may think fit.

Exemptions.

7. Nothing in this Law contained shall prevent—

(a) any person from wearing or using any uniform in the course of a stage play performed in any place in which stage plays may lawfully be publicly performed or in the course of a music hall or circus performance or in the course of any *bona fide* naval, military or air force representation ; or

(b) any person from wearing or using any uniform authorized by any other Law.

Repeal.
The Cyprus Criminal Code Order in Council, 1928.

8. Section 179 of the Cyprus Criminal Code, 1928 to 1936, is hereby repealed.

9 of 1931
34 of 1932
35 of 1933
43 of 1933
9 of 1936.

This Law came into operation on 6th November, 1936.