

19 OF 1920.

TO REGULATE THE REGISTRATION OF FIREARMS.

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1. This Law may be cited as the Firearms Law, 1920. Short title.
2. "Firearms" includes a firearm of every description and an air gun or any other kind of gun from which any shot bullet or other missile can be discharged, and every part thereof, but does not include any toy gun or toy pistol from which any shot bullet or missile is discharged by force of a spring alone nor a firearm which is preserved for antiquarian interest and not for use. Definition.
3. The importation of rifles into Cyprus is hereby prohibited. Importation of rifles prohibited.
Provided that this section shall not apply to rifles imported with the sanction of the High Commissioner.
4. From and after six months after the coming into operation of this Law, any person having in his custody or possession any firearm without having a licence for such firearm under the provisions of this Law shall be liable to a fine not exceeding ten pounds or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding one month or to both such punishments. Licence.
Provided that the said penalties shall not be incurred :—
 - (1.) By any person carrying a firearm belonging to a person having a licence in force under this Law and by order of such licensed person and for the use of such licensed person only;
 - (2.) By any licensed manufacturer or dealer in firearms or by any person while actually employed by such manufacturer or dealer in firearms to carry or convey firearms for the purposes of his trade;
 - (3.) By the personal representative of a deceased person, who had at the time of his death a licence to keep a firearm, until the expiration of six months from the death of such licensed person;
 - (4.) By any person carrying a firearm in the ordinary course of his trade or business as a common carrier;
 - (5.) By any person to whom the Commissioner may grant a special temporary licence for a period not exceeding one month to use a firearm in respect of which a licence has been issued to some

other person. There shall be payable in respect of such temporary licence a fee of one shilling.

(6.) By any person having a licence in respect of a gun who shall use for temporary purposes a gun in respect of which a licence has been issued to some other person.

Licences,
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obtained.

5. Any person who desires to obtain a licence to have a firearm in his custody or possession shall make an application in writing to the Commissioner specifying the name and residence of such person, the description of the firearm for which licence is required, and, when a licence is applied for in respect of any firearm for which a licence shall have been obtained by the previous owner thereof, the registered number of each such firearm, and the Commissioner shall unless the applicant is disqualified in virtue of the provisions of this or any other Law from possessing or using a firearm issue to the applicant a licence for each firearm specified. Each such licence shall specify the name and residence of the licensee, the description and the registered number of the firearm in respect of which it is given, and may be in the Form A. in the Schedule hereto.

Licence fee.

6. There shall be payable in respect of a licence for each firearm a registration fee of two shillings.

Firearms
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duced and
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7. Whenever any firearms in respect of which a licence is required have not been previously registered under the provisions of this Law, the Commissioner shall, before granting the licence applied for, require the applicant to produce such firearm; and thereupon shall cause the same to be marked either on the stock or barrel with a number whereby the same may be known and identified (in this Law called the registered number) in such a manner as not to injure or disfigure the same. And such firearms when duly marked shall, with the licence relating thereto, be delivered to the applicant.

Provided always that where any firearm produced to the Commissioner under the provisions of this section shall be found to bear any number or mark which in the opinion of the Commissioner is sufficient for purposes of identification and convenient for registration, the Commissioner may in his discretion register such number or mark as the registered number of such firearm.

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8. Whenever any firearm in respect of which a licence is required has been previously registered under the provisions of this Law, the Commissioner shall before granting the licence applied for require the applicant to produce the former licence; and on its production shall retain the same.