

No. 2—1925.

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H. A. BYATT,  
*Governor.*

14th March, 1925.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Convicts License  
Ordinance, No. 26.

[14th March, 1925.]

BE it enacted by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago  
with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council  
thereof as follows :—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Convicts License Short title.  
(Amendment) Ordinance, 1925, and shall be read as one  
with the Convicts License Ordinance, No. 26, hereinafter Construction.  
called the Principal Ordinance.

2. Section 6 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed  
and in lieu thereof shall be read the following :—

6.—(1) Every holder of a license shall notify the place of Obligation  
his residence to the Chief District Police Officer of the of holder  
district in which his residence is situated, and shall, when- of Licence  
ever he changes such residence within the same police to notify  
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district, notify such change to the Chief District Police Officer of that district, and whenever he changes his residence from one district to another shall notify such change of residence to the Chief District Police Officer of the district which he is leaving, and to the Chief District Police Officer of the district into which he goes to reside. Moreover, every male holder of a license shall, once in every month, report himself at such time as may be prescribed by the Chief District Police Officer of the district in which such holder may be, either to such chief officer himself, or to such other person as that officer may direct; and every male holder of a license shall, before he leaves the prison in which at the time of the grant of the license he is confined, notify to the keeper of the prison the district in which he will first report himself as aforesaid.

(2) If any holder of a license remains in any place for forty-eight hours without notifying the place of his residence to the Chief District Police Officer of the district in which such place is situated, or fails to comply with the requirements of this section on the occasion of any change of residence or with the requirements of this section as to reporting himself once in each month, or fails to notify as aforesaid the district in which he will first report himself, or fails to report himself accordingly, he shall in every such case, unless he proves to the satisfaction of the Court before which he is tried that he did his best to act in conformity with the law, be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance, and upon conviction thereof his license may in the discretion of the Court be revoked; or, if the term of imprisonment in respect of which his license was granted has expired at the date of his conviction, it shall be lawful for the Court to sentence him to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for a term not exceeding three months, or if the said term of imprisonment has not expired, but the remainder unexpired thereof is a lesser period than three months, then to sentence him to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, to commence at the expiration of the said term of imprisonment, for such a term as, together with the remainder unexpired of his said term of imprisonment, will not exceed three months.

(3) Any holder of a license required by this section to notify his residence or any change of his residence, or to report himself, to a Chief District Police Officer shall comply with such requirement by personally presenting himself and declaring his place of residence to the constable who at the time when such notification is made is in charge of the Police Station or office of which notice has been given to such holder as the place for receiving his notification, or, if no such notice has been given, to the constable in charge of the office of such Chief District Police Officer.

(4) Any appointment, direction or authority purporting to be signed by the Inspector-General of Police or by a Chief District Police Officer, and to have been made or given for the purposes of this Ordinance, shall be evidence, until the contrary is proved, that the appointment, direction or authority thereby made or given was duly made or given by the Inspector-General or by the Chief District Police Officer as the case may be, and evidence that it appears from the records kept by authority of the Inspector-General or the Chief District Police Officer, that a person required as above-mentioned to notify his residence or change of residence or make a report has failed to comply with such requirement, shall be *prima facie* evidence that such person has not complied with such requirement, but if such person charged alleges that he has made such notification or report to any particular person or at any particular time, the Court shall require the attendance of such persons as may be necessary to prove the truth or falsehood of such allegation.

(5) The Chief District Police Officer may direct that notifications under this section shall be made to the constable in charge of any particular Police Station or office without naming the individual constable.

(6) Provided that it shall be lawful for the Governor to exempt any person to whom a license is issued from any of the requirements of this section, and where any such exemption is granted the same shall be endorsed upon the license issued to such person.

Passed in Council this twenty-seventh day of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

JOHN DE NOBRIGA,  
*Acting Clerk of the Council.*

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#### OBJECTS AND REASONS.

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It is proposed by this Bill to amend section 6 of the Convicts License Ordinance, No. 26, in two respects.

The first amendment is contained in sub-clause (2) of Clause 2 of the Bill. Under the present law it is provided that where the holder of a licence is convicted of failure to comply with the requirements of the law with regard to reporting himself to the Police his licence may be revoked by the Court, in which case he is recommitted to prison for a period equal to the term of imprisonment which remained unexpired when his licence was granted. No provision is made however for the punishment of the holder of a licence whose conviction under this section does not occur until after the term of imprisonment in respect of which his licence was granted has already expired. The Bill accordingly provides that in such a case the licence-holder may be sentenced to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or if the original term of imprisonment has not expired but the unexpired portion is less than three months, then the licence-holder may be sentenced for such a term as, together with the unexpired portion of his original term, will not exceed three months.

The second amendment proposed is the insertion of a new sub-clause (6) of Clause 2 enabling the Governor to exempt licence-holders from any of the requirements of the section.