

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET
BY THE HON. THE PRIME MINISTER

Reconstitution of the Licensing Board

Sub-section 3 of section 169 of the Code of Police Laws (Cap. 13) states as follows:-

"The Licensing Board shall consist of two Magistrates of Judicial Police, an Officer of the Civil Government, a person not in the employment of either the Imperial or the Malta Government to be selected by the Governor (now Prime Minister), a Naval Officer, a Military Officer and a Royal Air Force Officer."

2. In the reply given to P.Q. No. 2085 on the 18th October, 1965, the House of Representatives was informed that the provisions of the law relating to the constitution of the Licensing Board were to be amended in a short time. The question at issue was the requirement for the representation of the three British Services on this Board.

3. The Commissioner of Police agrees that the present number (three) of Services representatives on the Board is out of proportion to the Services custom of bars nowadays. He states that, in so far as they perform a useful function on the Board, because they are well informed about wines and spirit shops in areas frequented by Servicemen, one representative would be sufficient.

4. It is being proposed that the law be amended on the lines of the attached Bill. The proposal would provide for the same number of persons on the Board (seven) though this may be curtailed to five. It would also provide for representation of the Police, as well as for more latitude to the authority constituting the Board in the selection of suitable persons.

5. Honourable Ministers are asked to say whether they agree with the proposed amendment of the law.

11th January, 1966.

A BILL
entitled

AN ACT to amend the Code of Police Laws.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives of Malta, in this present Parliament assembled, and by authority of the same, as follows:-

1. This Act may be cited as the Code of Police Laws (Amendment) (No. 3) Act, 1965, and shall be read and construed as one with the Code of Police Laws, Chapter 13, hereinafter referred to as the "principal law":

2. For subsection (3) of section 169 of the principal law there shall be substituted the following:-

"(3) The Licensing Board shall consist of not less than five nor more than seven members, of whom two members shall be Magistrates of Judicial Police and another shall be an Officer of the Malta Police."

Objects and Reasons

The object of the Bill is to change the composition of the Licensing Board and to make representation of the United Kingdom Armed Services on the Board no longer a statutory requirement.
