

3. Any consumer who uses electricity or gas for a purpose prohibited by regulations or who intentionally interferes with the normal operation of his meter or who fraudulently obtains or attempts to obtain electricity or gas, shall be liable to imprisonment for a term of not more than one year or to a fine of from 100 to 500 marks or to both such penalties. The Court may moreover order the suspension of the supply of electricity or gas for a period not exceeding three months.

4. Any inspector, meter reader or other employee of the utility who connives at or in any way assists or facilitates the infringement of any regulation made pursuant to this law shall be liable for each offense to imprisonment for a term of not more than one year or a fine of from 100 to 500 marks or to both such penalties.

5. Subject to the direction and control of the <sup>§</sup> appropriate Military Government Authority, the powers of imposing a surcharge or disconnecting the supply under Paragraph 2 of this Article may be exercised directly and without the sentence of a criminal court by the undertakings responsible for the distribution of electricity and gas. Other penalties may only be imposed by a criminal court. Criminal proceedings may take place in either German or Military Government Courts.

These amendments to Law No. 7 shall come into force on the first day of the month following the date of the publication of the present Law.\* &

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