

[Act No. 3639, December 07, 1929]

AN ACT CREATING THE BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY; DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS; PROVIDING FOR ITS PERSONNEL; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR ITS ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION; CHANGING THE NAME OF THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE TO BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Legislature assembled and by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. *Creation of the Bureau of Animal Industry.*—There is hereby created under the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources an office to be known as the Bureau of Animal Industry.

SEC. 2. *Chief officials of the Bureau of Animal Industry.*—The Bureau of Animal Industry shall have one chief and one assistant chief, to be known respectively as the Director of Animal Industry and the Assistant Director of Animal Industry. The Director of Animal Industry and the Assistant Director of Animal Industry shall be either a competent veterinary surgeon or a man well trained in animal husbandry. They shall receive compensation at the rates of seven thousand two hundred and six thousand pesos per annum, respectively: *Provided*, That should any person now in the service of the Government of the Philippine Islands receiving a rate of compensation higher than the amount herein authorized be appointed the first director of the Bureau of Animal Industry, the salary of such director shall be equal to the total remuneration now being received by him for services rendered in one or more governmental entities: *Provided, however*, That the said rate of salary shall not exceed twelve thousand pesos per annum and shall be in effect only as long as the said director remains in office.

Subject to the general supervision and control of the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Director of Animal Industry shall possess the powers generally conferred upon bureau chiefs.

SEC. 3. *Functions of the Bureau of Animal Industry.*—The Bureau of Animal Industry shall investigate, study and report upon the condition of the domestic animals in the Philippine Islands, their improved methods of reproduction and care, inquire into and report the causes of dangerous communicable diseases among them, and the means for the prevention and cure of the same; and in general, to promote the development of the livestock industry of the country, as follows:

- a. By the introduction of improved or purebred domestic animals for breeding purposes, and the improvement of the quality of the breeds or types of domestic animals now found in the Islands;
- b. By the control and eradication of dangerous communicable diseases of domestic animals;
- c. By conducting a system of demonstration and extension work and encouraging fairs and exhibitions to promote the livestock industry;

- d. By the collection and compilation of statistics on domestic animals;
- e. By the dissemination of useful information on all essential matters regarding domestic animals through the publication and distribution of bulletins, circulars, and other printed matter, and through such other means or agencies as may be deemed effective; and
- f. By taking such steps, adopting such measures and promulgating such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act and subject to the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, as may be deemed necessary to promote the livestock industry.

SEC. 4. *Terms defined.*—"Domestic animals," as herein terms defined. used, includes horses, mules, asses, catties, carabaos, hogs, sheep, goats, dogs, deer, fowls, and circus animals or those intended to be used for show purposes.

"Dangerous communicable diseases," as herein used, includes glanders or farcy, surra, anthrax, rinderpest, hemorrhagic septicemia, hog cholera, foot-and-mouth disease, contagious pleuro-pneumonia, hydrophobia, European fowl pest, fowl cholera, fowl typhoid, or any other acute communicable disease which may cause a mortality of over five per centum in the period of one month.

SEC. 5. *Animal quarantine, inspection and importation, rinderpest vaccine, powers and duties of the Director of Animal Industry.*—The powers, functions, and duties vested in the Bureau of Agriculture by virtue of sections seventeen hundred and sixty-two, "Bringing of animals imported from foreign countries into the Philippine Islands"; seventeen hundred and sixty-three, "Removal of diseased animal from province to province prohibited"; seventeen hundred and sixty-four, "Regulation concerning removal of diseased animals from infected localities"; seventeen hundred and sixty-five, "Powers of Director of Agriculture relative to animal quarantine, inspection, and sanitation"; seventeen hundred and sixty-six, "Delivery of diseased animal to place of quarantine"; seventeen hundred and sixty-seven, "Disposition of body of animal dying of rinderpest"; seventeen hundred and sixty-eight, "Unlawful disposition of parts of animal dying of rinderpest"; seventeen hundred and sixty-nine, "Marking of cattle afflicted with surra"; seventeen hundred and seventy, "Prohibition against bringing of animals from infected foreign countries," of the Revised Administrative Code of nineteen hundred and seventeen; by virtue of Acts Numbered Thirty-one hundred and one, entitled "An Act authorizing the Director of Agriculture, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, to promulgate regulations for the preparation, sale, traffic in, shipment, and importation of viruses, serums, toxins, or analogous products used for the treatment of domestic animals," and Thirty-one hundred and sixty-six, entitled "An Act providing for the use of rinderpest vaccine in the control of rinderpest and other contagious and infectious cattle diseases, appropriates the sum of one hundred thousand pesos, and for other purposes," and of such other acts or parts of acts wherein the intervention of the Bureau of Agriculture is required expressly, or impliedly, in matters concerning domestic animals or their diseases, are hereby transferred to and vested in the Bureau of Animal Industry.

SEC. 6. *Stock farms, slaughterhouses, and breeding stations.*—In such places in the Philippine Islands as may be considered suitable for the purpose, the Director of