

## [ Act No. 2548., January 17, 1916 ]

### **AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMMUNIZATION OF CATTLE AND CARABAOS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF RINDERPEST WITHIN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

*By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Legislature, that:*

**SECTION 1.** Whenever rinderpest infection exists in any province and the provincial board has, by resolution, determined the immunization of cattle in said province, the Director of Agriculture is hereby authorized to require that all cattle and carabaos within, imported into, or exported from an infected area shall be immunized against rinderpest by simultaneous inoculation at such time and place as the provincial board, upon agreement with the Director of Agriculture, may deem necessary, but not outside of the limits of the municipality in which the cattle are found, in order to prevent the spread of said disease within the Philippine Islands.

SEC. 2. The province concerned shall be responsible for the construction and maintenance on sites designated by the Director of Agriculture, of the necessary sheds and buildings in accordance with plans furnished by said Director.

SEC. 3. The provincial government concerned is hereby authorized to charge three pesos for each animal subject to immunization, to cover the expense of construction and maintenance of the sheds and buildings including payment of salaries and wages of employees in charge thereof, and to insure the owners of the animals against loss resulting from the immunization: *Provided*, That in case any immunized animal dies at any time within the inclosure or n" without the inclosure during the immunization month, the provincial board shall pay to the owner of the animal seventy-five per cent of its value, which the provincial board shall be authorized to appraise.

SEC. 4. No owner of work animals shall be compelled to have his animals immunized against his will outside of the infected zone, but any person who applies to have his cattle immunized may be admitted, upon the payment of two pesos per head; *Provided*, That in case any cattle owner or owners having more than fifty head desire or request their cattle to be immunized and bind themselves to provide the necessary sheds prescribed by the Director of Agriculture, the provincial board, upon agreement with the Bureau of Agriculture, shall take the necessary measures to have such immunization effected within said stock farms, for a consideration of two pesos per head.

SEC. 5. The owner, or his agent, of each animal undergoing immunization shall provide it with proper food, water, and attendance, and shall keep the portion of the station assigned to him in a sanitary condition, subject to such regulations as may be issued from time to time by the Director of Agriculture or authorized agent. Should the owner, or his agent, fail to comply with this requirement, the province concerned shall furnish the supplies and attendance needed, and the reasonable cost of such supplies and attendance shall be collectible from the owner or his agent.