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FUR FARM ACT

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Definitions

1 In this Act:

"fur bearing animals" means all animals that are wild by nature, kept in captivity, and whose pelts are commonly used for commercial purposes, but does not include a species of animal excluded by regulation;

"fur farm" means a place in which 2 or more fur bearing animals are kept in captivity;

"inspector" means an inspector referred to in the *Ministry of Agriculture and Food Act*;

"licence" means a licence to operate the fur farm specified in the licence.

Issue of licence

- 2** The minister may issue a licence to an applicant who provides the information required by regulation and pays the prescribed licence fee.

Particulars on licence

- 3** The licence must state the species of fur bearing animal intended to be kept and the number of animals for which there is accommodation at the farm.

Repealed

- 4** [Repealed 1998-42-18.]

Renewal of licence

- 5 Subject to the regulations, a licence may be renewed on application and payment of the prescribed fee.

Cleanliness of premises

- 6 A licensee must
- (a) maintain in a sanitary condition the place where a fur bearing animal is kept, and
 - (b) observe any regulation on cleanliness.

Inspection

- 7 Between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on any day except Sunday, an inspector may enter a fur farm and its buildings to inspect them, the animals and the records kept by the licensee.

Records

- 8 A licensee must keep the records and make the returns required by regulation.

Offences

- 9 (1) A person must not
- (a) operate a fur farm without a licence,
 - (b) feed, or offer for food to, a fur bearing animal the whole or part of the carcass of a fur bearing animal, or
 - (c) contravene any other provision of this Act.
- (2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence.

Penalty

- 10 A person convicted of an offence under this Act is liable to a fine of not more than \$50.

Power to make regulations

- 11 (1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations referred to in section 41 of the *Interpretation Act*.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations as follows:
- (a) for a register of brands and the recording of brands or marks for the exclusive use of a licensee in branding or marking the licensee's fur bearing animals;
 - (b) for searches of the register;
 - (c) prohibiting the imitation or improper use of a brand or mark;
 - (d) prescribing fees for the allotment, registration, renewal and transfer of brands;
 - (e) controlling or prohibiting the transportation of fur bearing animals and pelts in British Columbia;

- (f) for the issue, renewal, suspension and cancellation of licences;
- (g) prohibiting the keeping of a named species of fur bearing animal on a fur farm;
- (h) imposing licence fees;
- (i) prescribing a scale of fees for licences.

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