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CHAPTER 39

BUTCHERS ACT

An Act to regulate the purchase and killing of animals by butchers.

[Cap. 43 of 1958.]

[1st July, 1910.]

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Butchers Act.

. Interpretation

In this Act—

“animals” means bulls, cows, oxen, steers, heifers, calves, sheep, swine and goats;

butcher” means any person who kills or causes to be killed, and sells any animal for and as butcher’s meat.

3. No one to carry on business of a butcher without a licence

(1) It shall not be lawful for any person to carry on the business of a butcher without having obtained a licence for that purpose under this Act.

(2) Any person acting in contravention of this section shall be guilty of an offence.

4. Grant of licence

The following provisions shall have effect with respect to the grant of a butcher’s licence—

(a)

any person who desires to obtain a licence may apply at the Treasury, or at the revenue office of the district within which he or she intends to carry on business;

(b)

an application for a butcher’s licence shall state the place of residence of the applicant, and the place where he or she intends to carry on business, and shall be in the Form in the First Schedule;

(c)

a licence shall be in the Form in the Second Schedule to the Licences Act, Chapter 172;

(d)

there shall be paid for a licence the appropriate fee specified in the Second Schedule;

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licences under this Act shall be yearly licences and shall expire on the thirty-first day of December in each year:

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5. Change of place of residence or business to be notified

(1) Whenever a licensed butcher changes his or her place of residence, or his or her place of business, he or she shall immediately by writing notify the fact to the Permanent Secretary (Finance) or the revenue officer of the district in which he or she carries on his or her business, and shall produce his or her licence to be amended accordingly.

(2) If a licensed butcher fails to comply with any requirement of this section he or she shall be guilty of an offence.

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7. Sign-board to be affixed to place of business

(1) Every licensed butcher shall paint or affix and keep painted or affixed on the outside of the premises in which he carries on his or her business, in a conspicuous position, in letters easily legible, his or her name and the words “Licensed Butcher” and the number of his or her licence.

(2) If a licensed butcher fails to comply with any requirement of this section he or she shall be guilty of an offence.

8. Book to be supplied to licensed butcher

The Permanent Secretary (Finance) and the revenue officer of each district shall keep a stock of books to be called the “Licensed Butcher’s Book” according to the form specified in the Third Schedule. One of such books shall be supplied to each licensed butcher at his or her request and on payment by him or her of the cost price thereof.

9. Licensed butcher to keep book at place of business and at residence

(1) Every licensed butcher shall keep at his or her place of business when actually engaged in carrying on such business and on all other occasions at his or her place of residence the above-mentioned book, and shall within twenty-four hours after purchasing and before killing any animal enter in such book under the proper columns the name and address of the person from whom the animal was purchased, a particular description of the animal including the sex and colour, the date of purchase, and the price paid for such animal, and shall also immediately after killing any animal, enter in such book the date of such killing.

(2) If a licensed butcher fails to comply with any requirement of this section he shall be guilty of an offence.

10. Hides to be kept for five days

(1) Every licensed butcher shall keep in some suitable place in a sanitary condition within the precincts of his or her place of residence, the hide or skin of any animal (except swine) killed by him or her during a period of five clear days from the day on which such animal was killed.

(2) A licensed butcher acting in contravention of this section shall be guilty of an offence.

11. Production of book and hides

(1) Every licensed butcher shall at any time between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. of any day, at the request of any Justice of the Peace, or police officer, or person claiming to have lost an animal, produce his or her book and allow the same to be inspected and extracts to be made therefrom and shall likewise produce and show the hide or skin of every animal (except swine) killed by him or her within the previous five days.

(2) If a licensed butcher fails to comply with any requirement of this section he or she shall be guilty of an offence.

12. Revocation of licence

(1) A licence issued under this Act may be revoked by the Minister if the person licensed is convicted of any offence against this Act or the regulations or if upon the report of any local sanitary authority, or of any person appointed by the Minister to inspect the premises in which he carries on his or her business, it shall appear that such premises are no longer suitable for use as a place for the sale of butcher's meat.

(2) If a licensed butcher or any other person obstructs or hinders any person so appointed from entering into and inspecting such premises he shall be guilty of an offence.

13. Regulations may be made by the Minister

The Minister may make regulations controlling and settling the terms and conditions upon which persons licensed under this Act shall carry on the business of a butcher, and generally for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Act.

14. Forms

The Minister may by Order amend the forms prescribed under this Act.

15. Penalty

Any person found guilty of an offence against this Act shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars.

16. Exemption

This Act shall not apply to any person who, not being a butcher by occupation, shall occasionally kill for butcher's meat and sell any animal owned by him or her.

17. Licensed butchers to comply with By-laws

Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to entitle a licensed butcher to carry on business in any place prohibited by any By-law.

First Schedule BUTCHERS ACT

Form of Application for Licence

[Section 4.]

I, (a)

residing at (b)

hereby apply for a licence under the Butchers Act, Chapter 39, to carry on the business of a butcher at (c)

Dated:

(Signed) A.B.

(a)

Name of applicant in full

(b)

Insert place of residence

(c)

Insert place of business

Second Schedule
BUTCHERS ACT

Licence Fees

[Section 4.]

<i>Where the place of business is situated</i>	<i>The fee shall be</i>
In the town of St. George or within one half mile from the limits thereof	Twelve dollars
In any other town or within one half mile from the limits thereof	Five dollars
In any other place	Three dollars

Third Schedule
BUTCHERS ACT

Form of Licensed Butcher's Book

[Section 8.]

<i>Date of purchase</i>	<i>Name and residence of person from whom purchased</i>	<i>Price paid</i>		<i>Description of animal</i>	<i>Date of killing</i>
		<i>\$</i>	<i>c</i>		