

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3639

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Legislature assembled and by 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.

Section 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 the Bureau of Animal Industry and Assistant Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry. The Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry and Assistant Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry shall be either a competent veterinary surgeon or a man well trained in animal husbandry. They shall receive compensations 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 Island 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 service rendered in one or more government 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 the Bureau of Animal Industry shall possess the powers generally conferred upon bureau chiefs.

Section 3. Functions of the Bureau of Animal Industry The Bureau of Animal Industry shall investigate, study and report upon:

1. condition of domestic animals in the Philippine Islands, their improved reproduction and care;
2. 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,

3. to promote the development of the livestock industry in 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 other means of agencies as maybe 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 maybe deemed necessary to promote the livestock industry.

Section 4. Terms Defined

Domestic animal as herein used, includes horses, mules, asses, cattle, 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, include glanders or farcy, surra, anthrax, rinderpest, hemorrhagic septicemia, European Fowl Pest, fowl cholera, fowl typhoid, or any other acute communicable diseases, which may cause a mortality of over 5% in a period of one (1) month.

Section 5. Animal quarantine, Inspection and Importation, Rinderpest Vaccine, Powers and Duties of the Bureau of Animal Industry- The power, functions and duties vested in the Bureau of Agriculture by virtue of the following provisions:

Seventeen hundred and sixty-two (1762) Bringing of animals imported from foreign countries into the Philippine Islands;

Seventeen hundred sixty-three (1763) Removal of diseased animals from province to province prohibited;

Seventeen hundred and sixty-four (1764) Regulation concerning removal of diseased animals from infected localities;

Seventeen hundred and sixty-five (1765) Powers and Duties of Animal Industry relative to animal quarantine, inspection and sanitation;

Seventeen hundred and sixty-six (1766) Delivery of diseased animal to place of quarantine;

Seventeen hundred and sixty-seven (1767) Disposition of body of animals dying of rinderpest;

Seventeen hundred and sixty-eight (1768) Unlawful disposition of parts of animals dying of rinderpest;

Seventeen hundred and sixty-nine (1769) Marking of cattle afflicted with surra;

Seventeen hundred and seventy (1770) Prohibition against bringing of animals from infected foreign countries of the Revised Administrative Code of nineteen hundred and seventeen (1917);

by virtue of **Acts Numbered thirty-one hundred and one (1301)**, 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 viral vaccines, serum, toxins or analogous products used for the treatment of domestic animals, and

thirty-one hundred and sixty-six (3166), entitled An Act providing animals for the use of rinderpest vaccine in the control of rinderpest and other contagious and infectious cattle diseases, appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand pesos, and for other purposes, and of such 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.

Section 6. Stock Farms, Slaughterhouses and Breeding Stations In such places in the Philippine Islands as maybe considered suitable for the purpose, the Director of Animal Industry, with the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, shall, as funds become available therefore establish, equip, maintain and operate stock farms, slaughterhouses and breeding stations to produce and develop superior types of domestic animals adapted to local conditions and needs.

Section 7. Transfer of certain divisions to the Bureau of Animal Industry- The Divisions of Animal Industry, comprising the veterinary section, the animal husbandry section, the animal quarantine stations, the veterinary

research laboratory, and the stock farms, of the Bureau of Agriculture; the stock farms established under Act Numbered twenty-seven hundred and fifty-eight (1758) and the appropriations therefore and all other governmental agencies connected with these activities, together with their personnel, equipment, implements, materials, properties and other complementary effects, are hereby transferred to the Bureau of Animal Industry. The Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry shall, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, reorganize these activities into such divisions, or sections as well insure the simplest organization and maximum efficiency, and create such other divisions or sections, together with the positions required therein, as maybe deemed necessary for the proper functioning of the said Bureau; Provided, that the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, may, in the interest of the service, or for reasons of economy, or due to lack of funds, transfer such positions with their respective appropriations from the administrative, clerical, or other non-technical force of the Bureau of Agriculture to the Bureau of Animal Industry as may be urgently needed by the said Bureau of Animal Industry.

Section 8. Bureau of Plant Industry The different divisions, sub-divisions, sections, experimental stations, etc., of the Bureau of Agriculture and all activities of agencies connected therewith which have not been transferred by virtue of this Act to the Bureau of Animal Industry, shall collectively, constitute and be known as the Bureau of Plant Industry. The powers, functions, ex-officio positions and duties vested by law or executive order in the Director of Agriculture and the Bureau of Agriculture which have not been transferred to the Bureau of Animal Industry, are hereby vested in and are to be performed by the Director of Plant Industry and the Bureau of Plant Industry. The Chief and Assistant Chief of the said Bureau shall be known respectively as the Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry and Assistant Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry and shall receive the same compensations as that heretofore authorized for the Director and Assistant Director of the Bureau of Agriculture; Provided, that the Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry shall not be paid any additional compensation for services he may render in any government entities.

Section 9. Appropriation -There is hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of twenty thousand pesos which, together with funds appropriated in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for nineteen hundred and thirty (1930) for the division of animal industry and other activities transferred by this Act from the Bureau of Agriculture to the Bureau of Animal Industry, shall be available for the payment of salaries of the personnel; traveling expenses of personnel, freight, express and delivery service; postal, telegraph, telephone and cable services; illumination and power service; rental of buildings and grounds; consumption of supplies and materials; printing and binding reports, documents and publications; contributions and gratuities; and other services; Provided, That

the special appropriations made in the said General Appropriations Act (GAA) for nine hundred and thirty shall be devoted exclusively to the purposes for which they are appropriated: Provided, further, That the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources shall apportion between the Bureau of Animal Industry and the Bureau of Plant Industry the appropriations made for salaries and wages for temporary and emergency employees including laborers and sundry expenses for the Bureau of Agriculture in the GAA for nineteen hundred and thirty (1930).

Section 10. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

Section 11. This Act shall take effect on January first, nineteen hundred and thirty (1930).

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Republic of the Philippines
Ministry of Agriculture
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY
Manila

**PROVISIONS OF THE REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AFFECTING THE
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY**

Section 1761. Terms defined - Domestic animals, as herein used, includes horses, mules, cattle, carabaos, hogs, sheep goats, dogs, deer, and circus animals or those intended for show purpose.

Dangerous communicable disease as herein used, includes glanders, or farcy, surra, rinderpest, hemorrhagic septicemia, hog cholera, foot-and-mouth disease, contagious pleuropneumonia, or any other acute communicable disease which may cause a mortality of over five per centum in the period one month.

Section 1762. Bringing of animals imported from foreign countries into the Philippines. It shall be unlawful for any person or corporation to import, bring or introduce live cattle into the Philippines from any foreign country. The director of Animal Industry may, with approval of the Head of the Department first had authorized the importation, bringing or introduction of various classes of thoroughbred cattle from foreign countries for breeding the same to the native

cattle of the Philippines, and such as may be necessary for the improvement of the breed, not to exceed five hundred head per annum; provided, however, that the Director of Animal Industry shall in all cases permit the importation, bringing or introduction of draft cattle and bovine cattle for the manufacture of serum; provided, further, that all live cattle from foreign countries the importation, bringing or introduction of which into the Philippines is authorized by this Act, shall be submitted to regulations issued by the Director of Animal Industry, with the approval of the Head of the Department, prior to authorizing its transfer to other provinces.

At any time of the approval of this Act, the President of the Philippines shall issue regulations in order to provide against a raising of the price both fresh and refrigerated meat. The President of the Philippines also may, by executive order, suspend this prohibition for a fixed period in case local conditions require it.

Section 1763. Removal of diseased animal from province to province prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to ship, drive or otherwise take to transport from one island, province, municipality, or municipal districts to another any domestic animal suffering from any dangerous communicable disease or to expose such animal, either alive or dead to any public road, street, or highway where it may come in contact with other domestic animals.

Section 1764. Regulation concerning removal of diseased animals from infected localities. When the Department Head shall declare that a dangerous communicable disease prevails in any island, province, municipality, or municipal district and that is danger of spreading such disease by shipping, driving, or otherwise, transporting or taking out such island, province, municipality, or municipal district any class of domestic animals, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to ship, drive, or otherwise remove the kind of animals so specified from such locality except when accompanied by a certificate issued by authority to be shipped, driven, taken or transported and their brands and distinguishing marks. Such certificate shall also state that the animals in question have been inspected by a duly authorized agent of the Director of Animal Industry and found free from dangerous communicable diseases and shall give the date of such inspection.

Section 1765. Powers of Director of Animal Industry relative to animal quarantine, inspection and sanitation.

- a) To maintain inoculation, quarantine, and detention station for domestic animals in such places as may be approved from time to time by the Department Head, and to place all animals arriving from foreign and domestic parts or interior places in quarantine for such time as he may

deem necessary to prevent the introduction and spread of dangerous communicable animal diseases.

- b) To inspect all domestic animals arriving, by boat, rail, or otherwise in the cities, ports or places where quarantine stations are maintained in such other places as he may deem necessary for the purpose of preventing the introduction and spread of dangerous communicable animal disease within the Philippines.
- c) To require that animals suffering from dangerous communicable diseases or have been exposed thereto be placed in quarantine at such place and for such time as may be deemed by him necessary to prevent the spread of such disease.
- d) To require the cleaning and disinfecting of any utensil, place, corral, yard, or building deemed by him to be infected with dangerous communicable diseases, and to prohibit the keeping of any domestic animals in such place, corral, yard or building until it has been placed in a sanitary condition.
- e) To require the cleaning and disinfecting of any boat, car, vehicle, or other conveyance deemed by him to be infected with dangerous communicable animal disease, and to prohibit its further use for transporting domestic animals until it have been placed in a sanitary condition.
- f) To cooperate with provincial and municipal boards in the suppression of dangerous communicable animal diseases and to supervise and control the establishment and maintenance if municipal meat and milk inspection system, except in matters of sanitation and public health coming under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Health.

The technical personnel that may be needed for the proper supervision and inspection thereof shall be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources upon the recommendation of the Director of Animal Industry, once the position is created by the respective chartered city or municipality, and the remuneration of such personnel and other expenses shall be payable from the meat and milk inspection fees collected by the respective municipalities concerned.

- g) To prescribe all necessary measures for the enforcement of the Provisions of subsections c), d) and e) above. The provincial governor of the province concerned shall have the direction of and be responsible for the enforcement of the measures so prescribed.

Section 1766. Delivery of disease animal to place of quarantine. When the Director of Animal Industry shall order any animal to be placed in quarantine under the provision of this article, the owner of such animal, or his agent, shall deliver it at the place designated for the quarantine and shall provide it with proper food, water and attendance. Should the owner or his agent fail to comply with this requirement the Director of Animal Industry may furnish supplies and

attendance needed and the reasonable cost of such supplies and attendance shall be collectible from the owner or his agent.

Section 1767. Disposition of body of animal dying of rinderpest. The owners of animals which die having rinderpest shall, where practicable, cause their bodies to be burned and shall inter any unconsumed portions remaining. Where it is impracticable to burn such bodies, they shall cause them to be interred at a depth of at least one meter below into surface of the ground and thoroughly covered with earth.

It shall be unlawful to remove the skin, horns, or any part of the body of an animal which dies having rinderpest, except the bile or blood serum for use in immunizing other animals against the disease, and the removal of such materials shall be effected only by a veterinarian duly authorized by the Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Section 1768. Unlawful disposition of parts of animals dying of rinderpest. It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to have in his possession, or any other part of an animal which had died having rinderpest, except the bile or blood serum, and all persons having in their possession skins, horns, or other portions of such animals shall destroy them by burning or shall inter them. Officers of the law are hereby authorized to seize and destroy such skins, horns, or other portions of the body of any animal which had died having rinderpest wherever found.

Section 1769. Marking of cattle affected with surra. It shall be lawful for any duly authorized agent of the Bureau of Animal Industry or of the Bureau of Science to mark any animal found to be afflicted with surra by fastening in its right ear a metal tag marked with the letter S and with a number. It shall be unlawful to remove any such tag affixed as provided in this section until the animal so marked has been pronounced free from surra by a duly authorized agent of the Bureau of Animal Industry or of the Bureau of Science.

Section 1770. Prohibition against bringing of animals from infected foreign countries. When the Department Head shall be general order declare that a dangerous communicable animal disease prevails in any foreign country, port or place and that there is danger of spreading such disease by the importation of domestic animals there from, it shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to ship or bring into the Philippines any such animal. Animal effects, parts, or products from such places, unless the importation thereof shall be authorized under the regulations of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Section 2747. Violation of provisions relative to animal quarantine. Any person who shall violate any provision of sections one thousand seven hundred and sixty-two to one thousand seven hundred and sixty-five, inclusive, of this Code

shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand pesos, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both.

Any person who shall violate any provisions of any section or any lawful regulation or order pursuant thereto for which delinquency no specific penalty is provided by law, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred pesos or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both.

Section 2749. Offenses connected with practice of veterinary medicine. Every person who shall unlawfully engage in the practice of veterinary medicine in the Philippines without holding a certificate as veterinarian issued by the Board of Examiners shall be punished for each offense by a fine of not less than twenty-five nor more than six months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Every person who, with intent to deceive the Board of Veterinary Examiners, present to the same as and for his own any certificate or diploma issue to any fraudulent or spurious certificate or diploma of like characters shall be subject to the same penalty.