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A LAW TO CONTROL THE PERFORMANCE OF EXPERIMENTS ON ANIMALS

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Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Animals (Control of Experiments) Law.

Interpretation.

2. In this Law—

“ animal ” means a living vertebrate animal;

“ experiment ” means any experiment performed on an animal calculated to give pain and includes any test upon an animal as an aid to human diagnosis but does not include any test carried out upon an animal by a person qualified in this respect as an aid to the veterinary diagnosis of the condition of that animal;

“ licensee ” means a person licensed under section 7 of this Law.

Experiments only to be performed by licensed persons.

3. (1) No person except a licensee shall perform any experiment.

(2) No licensee shall perform any experiment except in

accordance with the terms of his licence and subject to the restrictions imposed by this Law.

4. No licensee shall perform any experiment for the purpose of attaining manual skill.

Experiments not to be performed for purposes of attaining manual skill.

5. No licensee shall perform any experiment for the purpose of illustrating any lecture at any University, University College, Hospital, Medical School, Agricultural College, Farm School or any other academic institution unless he is the holder of a teaching permit under this Law, and unless the experiment is of a class specified in such permit and is performed in accordance with the terms of such permit.

Prohibition of performance of experiments for illustration of lectures subject to certain conditions.

6. (1) Except as otherwise provided in section 5 of this Law, no licensee shall perform any experiment except—

Restrictions upon performances of experiments by licence.

(a) for the purpose of the advancement by new discovery of physiological knowledge, or of any knowledge which will be useful for saving or prolonging life, or alleviating suffering, or for combating any disease whether of human beings, animals or plants;

(b) for the purpose of testing any former discovery alleged to have been made for the advancement of the types of knowledge referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection;

(c) by the order in writing of any Judge of the Supreme Court in any case where such Judge is satisfied that it is essential for the purpose of justice in a criminal case to make such experiment.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, no licensee shall perform any experiment unless—

(a) throughout the whole of the experiment the animal is under the influence of some anaesthetic of sufficient power to prevent the animal feeling pain; and

(b) if the pain is likely to continue after the effect of the anaesthetic has ceased, or if any serious injury has been inflicted on the animal, the animal is killed before it recovers from the influence of the anaesthetic which has been administered.

(3) The provisions of subsection (2) of this section shall not apply to any licensee who is the holder of a special