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A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF VETERINARY SURGEONS.

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Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Law.

Interpreta-
tion.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires—
 “ Register ” means the register kept under section 5;
 “ Veterinary Council ” means the Council established under section 3;
 “ veterinary officer ” means a veterinary surgeon in the service of the Government.

Establish-
ment and
composition
of Veterinary
Council.

3. (1) There shall be established a Veterinary Council to be called “ the Veterinary Council of Cyprus ”, which shall consist of—

(a) the Chief Veterinary Officer, *ex officio*;

- (b) two veterinary officers appointed by the Governor;
- (c) one registered veterinary surgeon in private practice appointed by the Governor.

(2) The Chief Veterinary Officer shall be the Chairman of the Veterinary Council, and shall in addition to his own vote have a casting vote, when the votes of the members are equally divided.

(3) The Veterinary Council shall meet at such times and places as the Chairman shall appoint. The Chairman together with two other members shall form a quorum.

(4) During the absence of any member of the Veterinary Council from Cyprus the Governor may appoint any registered veterinary surgeon to be temporarily a member of the Council during such absence.

4. (1) Every member of the Veterinary Council appointed by the Governor shall hold office for a period of two years from the date of his appointment: Tenure of office.

Provided that the Governor may at any time revoke the appointment of such member.

(2) The non-official member of the Veterinary Council may at any time resign his membership upon giving notice in writing to the Chief Veterinary Officer.

5. (1) The Chief Veterinary Officer shall be the Registrar under this Law, (hereinafter in this Law referred to as "the Registrar") and shall keep a register to be called "the Veterinary Register", in the form in the First Schedule, wherein he shall on payment of a fee of five pounds enter the name, address, date of registration and qualifications of every person who applies and is entitled to be registered under this Law: Registrar to keep Veterinary Register.
First Schedule.

Provided that no qualifications shall be entered in the Register unless the Veterinary Council is satisfied by such evidence as it may consider sufficient, that the person claiming such qualification is entitled thereto.

(2) A certificate of registration, in the form set out in the Second Schedule, shall, upon registration, be issued to the person registered. Second Schedule.

6. Any person who desires to be registered under this Law shall make application to the Registrar, and shall submit such documentary evidence as may be required in support of his application. Application for registration.

Qualifications and requisites for registration.

7. (1) Any person shall be entitled to be registered as a veterinary surgeon who satisfies the Veterinary Council that he has attained the age of twenty-one years, is a person of good character, has a good knowledge of the English language and is not by reason of any professional misconduct incapacitated from practising as a veterinary surgeon elsewhere, and that—

- (a) being a British subject, is the holder of a licence, degree or diploma which entitles him to be registered as a veterinary surgeon in the United Kingdom; or
- (b) being a British subject and a Cypriot, is the holder of a licence, degree or diploma granted by any university, college or veterinary school as may be declared, by Order of the Governor in Council, to be a recognised qualification for the purposes of this section.

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(2) For the purposes of this section “ a Cypriot ” means any person who has not, when in any foreign State and not under disability, by obtaining a certificate of naturalization or by any other voluntary or formal act, become naturalized therein on or since the fifth day of November, 1914, and who—

- (a) was born in the Colony or whose father was born in the Colony; or
- (b) is the wife of a person to whom the foregoing paragraph applies not living apart from such person under a decree of a competent Court or under a deed of separation.

Power to Governor in Council to dispense with certain qualifications.

8. The Governor in Council may, in exceptional cases, upon the recommendation of the Veterinary Council, dispense with the nationality qualification prescribed in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of section 7.

Persons entitled to free registration or exemption from registration.

9. (1) Every veterinary officer upon his appointment to the public service of the Colony shall, if not already registered prior to his appointment, be registered free of charge.

(2) Every veterinary officer of Her Majesty's Forces stationed in the Colony, while on full pay and while in the discharge of his duties, shall be entitled to practise veterinary surgery without registration.

(3) Any person, who visits the Colony at the invitation or

* Came into operation on the 25th August, 1955.

request of the Government to work in the Colony in the interests of public or animal health, shall be entitled to practise veterinary surgery, without registration, solely in connection with such work, for such period and under such terms as the Governor may impose.

(4) Any person who is employed by the Government in the veterinary service of the Colony, whether he holds a permanent or temporary appointment and notwithstanding that he is not registered under this Law, shall be entitled to perform any service or duty if authorized, in writing, so to do, by the Chief Veterinary Officer.

10. (1) The Registrar shall keep the Register correct in accordance with the provisions of this Law, and shall make from time to time the necessary alterations in the addresses or qualifications of any person registered therein.

Keeping
and publica-
tion of the
Register.

(2) A copy of the Register as corrected up to date shall be published under the hand of the Registrar in the Gazette in the month of January in every year.

(3) The publication of such copy shall be *prima facie* evidence that the persons named therein are registered veterinary surgeons and the absence of the name of any person from such copy shall be *prima facie* evidence that such person is not so registered:

Provided that the Registrar shall on payment of a fee of one hundred and fifty mils grant to any registered veterinary surgeon whose name does not appear in the copy of the Register last published as aforesaid a certificate that such person is registered as a veterinary surgeon and such certificate shall be evidence of the contents thereof without further proof.

(4) A copy of, or extract from, entries in the Register upon which is endorsed a certificate purporting to be signed by the Registrar and certifying that the copy or extract is a true copy, or extract, shall in all legal proceedings be admissible as evidence of the matters stated therein without proof of the signature or authority of the person signing the certificate.

11. (1) The Registrar shall remove from the Register the name of any veterinary surgeon—

Removal of
name of
veterinary
surgeon
from
Register.

(a) who is deceased;

(b) who has been registered through error as to his qualifications for registration ;