

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4618, June 19, 1965]

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL STUD FARM,
PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND PROVIDING
FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. *Purpose.*—The purposes of this Act are to improve the breed of Philippine horses for the benefit of all breeders and horseowners, and to prevent illegal importation of race horses.

SEC. 2. *Establishment; control.*—There is hereby created and established a National Stud Farm, hereinafter called the Farm, to be governed and managed by a Board of Trustees which shall be charged with the responsibility of implementing the aims and purposes of this Act, and discharge the duties and functions hereinafter provided. The Farm shall be under the administrative control and supervision of the Office of the President of the Philippines.

SEC. 3. *Composition of the Board of Trustees.*—The Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the Board, shall be composed of the following members: The Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry, the Chairman of the Games and Amusements Board, the General Manager of the Philippine Tuberculosis Society Races, the General Manager of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, the General Manager of the Races of the White Cross, Inc., the presidents of existing racing clubs, the President of the Thoroughbred and Horse Breeders Association of the Philippines, Inc. and three other members, one of whom shall be a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, to be appointed by the President of the Philippines. They shall elect from among themselves a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman of the Board.

SEC. 4. *Meetings of the Board.*—The Board shall hold regular meetings once a week and such number of special meetings not to exceed four times a month. For actual attendance at such meetings, each member shall be entitled to a *per diem* of thirty pesos.

SEC. 5. *The National Stud Master.*—The Board shall name and appoint a National Stud Master, who shall be the General Manager of the Farm and shall execute the policies, decisions and resolutions of the Board of Trustees and discharge such other duties and functions as the Board may direct. No person shall be appointed National Stud Master unless he has been a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine for at least ten years and must have special knowledge and thorough experience about horses. The National Stud Master shall attend all meetings of the Board.

SEC. 6. *The Board Secretary.*—The Board shall appoint a Secretary to the Board who must be a member of the Philippine Bar with at least five years experience as a

practitioner and whose compensation shall be fixed by the Board. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board, take notes of the proceedings thereof, and within forty-eight hours after each meeting, have the minutes prepared and copies thereof furnished to the Board for approval. He shall prepare an agenda of the meetings upon instruction of the Chairman of the Board; shall prepare for the signature of the Chairman and the National Stud Master, official correspondence and other papers; and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board, or by its chairman, or by any Member thereof.

SEC. 7. *Other personnel.*—The Board shall also appoint such other personnel as may be necessary for the effective implementation of the purposes of this Act and such personnel shall be exempt from any provision of the Civil Service Act or any of the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

SEC. 8. *Acquisition of thoroughbreds.*—The Farm shall acquire and own thoroughbred stallions of excellent bloodstock or pedigree to be made available for breeding purposes to mares owned by Filipino breeders under the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 9. *The stallion stations.*—Farm stallion stations shall be established on land which, through soil analysis, climatic conditions and other tests as may be determined by the Board, is best suitable for breeding purposes. The stations shall be as proximate as possible to the center of horse racing activities.

SEC. 10. *Breeding service.*—The stallions owned by the Farm shall be available for breeding purposes to mares owned by Filipinos under such policies and regulations which the Board shall prescribe which shall include the following conditions:

- a. That mare owners apply for breeding service to the Farm at least two months before the start of the breeding season for the Farm stallions;
- b. That only mares of top quality, as determined by their pedigree and actual racing record if they have already raced in the Philippines, shall be accepted for such service: *Provided*, That, if the number of qualified mares as screened by the Farm exceeds that which could be served by the Farm's stallions for one breeding season, lots shall be drawn among the owners of said qualified mares to determine the mares to be served for the season: *And provided, further*, That qualified mares which have not been chosen shall have preference at the next breeding season;
- c. That the mares be subject to veterinary inspection before and after service;
- d. That the mares served by stallions owned by the Farm, after having been served and found in foal, as well as their foals, shall not be sold and exported to any foreign country; and
- e. That the mares be subject to periodic inspection by personnel of the Farm after service.

SEC. 11. *Fees for service.*—The farm shall not charge service fees on a commercial level. The board shall set such fees as may be reasonable and conducive to inviting owners of mares of excellent quality to have their horses served by the Farm stallions. There shall, however, be no live foal guarantees or return services allowed by the Farms.

SEC. 12. *Conditions for purchase of stallions.*—The Farm shall purchase and acquire

such stallions only which are of the best bloodline and their pedigree must be certified by the Stud Book Keeper of the country of their source. The Board shall promulgate such rules and conditions under which all purchases of stallions must comply and a representative for the purchase of thoroughbreds may be named. Said representative, if other than the National Stud Master, must be fully versed in determining the quality of horses and in any case must always act under specific instructions by the Board.

SEC. 13. *Age of stallion.*—All stallions purchased by the Farm must not be more than twelve years old and must be duly certified sires.

SEC. 14. *Sale of horses.*—Horses imported by the Farm cannot be resold except when they are unanimously certified to by the veterinarians of the respective entities represented in the Board that they are already sterile and/or can no longer be used for breeding purposes: *Provided*, That the sale shall likewise be unanimously approved by the Board.

SEC. 15. *Acquisition of stallions and mares.*—The Farm shall have the sole authority to participate in thoroughbred national auction sales abroad sanctioned by the thoroughbred national breeders' association or organization of said country, and bid accordingly for the purpose of acquiring the top quality stallions heretofore mentioned and also of excellent mares when the financial condition of the Farm so warrants.

SEC. 16. *Rules and regulations.*—The Board may promulgate such and all other rules and regulations not in consistent herewith for the accomplishment of the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 17. *Registry section.*—The Farm shall have a registry section which shall be in charge of keeping the Philippine National Stud Book.

SEC. 18. *The National Stud Book Keeper.*—The registry section shall be headed by the National Stud Book Keeper who shall be named and appointed by the Board. He must be a person of good moral character and integrity. He shall possess a special knowledge and thorough experience about horses and their habits. If possible he shall be a veterinarian of ten years of continuous actual practice and shall be well versed with pedigrees and blood lines of thoroughbred horses. The position of Stud Book Keeper shall be honorary. Priority in the appointment of a stud bookkeeper shall be given to the recommendee of the Thoroughbred and Breeder Associations of the Philippines, Inc.

SEC. 19. *The Philippine National Stud Book.*—The Philippine National Stud Book shall comprise three sections: the first section, devoted exclusively to pure thoroughbred horses recognized in and accepted by the national stud books of their countries of origin and their progeny; the second section, devoted to pure thoroughbred horse of other countries; and the third section, devoted to native pure-breed and native half-breed horses. The Farm shall strive to have the first thoroughbred section of the national stud book recognized by foreign racing authorities.

SEC. 20. *Eligibility for registration in first section of Stud Book.*—Only horses which can be traced without flaw on both sire's and dam's side of its pedigree to horses already accepted in the General Stud Book, to a world-recognized stud book of any