

[Act No. 2245, February 11, 1913]

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND SURGERY IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Legislature, that:

Section 1. The following terms used in this Act shall, for the purposes thereof, each have the meaning and signification herein stated:

- (a) The "board" shall be the veterinary examining board herein created.
- (b) "Veterinary medicine" means the science and practice of healing, curing, treating and killing any and all the animals, whether by and with the use of medicines, drugs or surgery or in any other manner, for fees, pay, hire or compensation; slaughtering animals for food shall not be comprehended in the term "killing" within the meaning of this Act.
- (c) "Veterinarian" means every person authorized to practice veterinary medicine as above defined.
- (d) "Diploma" includes every certificate, authorization or other document issued by a school, as defined in the next following subsection, in which any person is declared or stated to be or to have been found to be qualified or competent to practice veterinary science or medicine.
- (e) "School" includes every school, college, university or other institution of learning legally qualified to teach veterinary science and the practice of veterinary medicine and vested with power and authority to grant or confer the degree of doctor of veterinary surgery or any like degree, or to issue diplomas conferring such degree or permitting, licensing or otherwise authorizing persons to practice veterinary medicine.
- (f) "Certificate" means the document which the Board is authorized in this Act to issue or has issued to any person, giving or granting to such person the right to practice veterinary medicine in the Philippine Islands.
- (g) "Applicant" means every candidate for admission to practice veterinary medicine and every person who has made application to be examined by the board.

SEC. 2. The Governor-General shall appoint three reputable veterinarians to be members of, and to compose a body to be known as the veterinary examining board. The persons so appointed shall be citizens of the United States or of the Philippine Islands and residents of the Philippine Islands and shall each have been granted a diploma by some reputable school of veterinary medicine and shall have practiced or taught veterinary science or medicine for not less than three years.

SEC. 3. The three persons first appointed under section two of this Act shall hold office, respectively, one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, as the Governor-General shall designate; but thereafter the term of office of each member shall be three years or until his successor has been appointed and has qualified. Any member whose term has expired may be reappointed.

SEC. 4. Vacancies occurring on the board shall be filled under like conditions for the unexpired terms as those under which original appointments are made.

SEC. 5. Any and all members of the Board may by the Governor-General be removed for misconduct, incapacity, neglect of duty or other just and sufficient cause.

SEC. 6. Every person appointed as a member of the board shall before entering upon the discharge of the duties of his office take and subscribe an oath or affirmation for the faithful performance of his duties.

SEC. 7. That member of the board whose term of office may at any time be shortest shall be the president of the secretary-treasurer, board. The board shall elect one of its members as secretary and treasurer. It shall provide a seal. It shall meet not less frequently than once in each year for the purpose of examining all applicants who may at such time be desirous of undergoing an examination. Of meetings held for this purpose the board shall give notice by publication or announcement in at least two papers published in Manila for not less than four weeks prior to the date of such meetings.

SEC. 8. The board may hold such other meetings and at such times as it may determine to be necessary for the proper conduct of its business and for the like purpose and to the like end may adopt rules and methods of procedure and assign duties to its members.

SEC. 9. The board is empowered to require oral and written examination from applicants, to prescribe reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct of such examinations and to refuse to permit applicants to take or to continue examinations for any violation of such rules. The examinations shall be prepared and designed to test and establish the knowledge and qualifications of applicants, of and with regard to the following and such further subjects as the Board may deem advisable or desirable:

Comparative anatomy, physiology, chemistry, veterinary surgery, obstetrics, pathology, diagnosis, therapeutics, practice, and materia medica.

SEC. 10. The board shall prepare questions in each of the subjects named in the last preceding section and in such other subjects, if any, which may have been added thereto, and shall cause a sufficient number of papers bearing such questions, and all other necessary papers, to be printed or otherwise prepared so that each applicant may be supplied; and all written or printed questions at any examination shall be alike and uniform for all applicants taking such examination.

SEC. 11. Every applicant for an examination, and every applicant for a certificate to practice veterinary medicine shall submit verified statements or such other proof as the Board may require that he is a person of good moral character, that he has studied and duly passed examination in at least the subjects specified in section nine of this Act, or holds a certificate or diploma from some recognized and reputable school of veterinary science. No person who has been convicted by a competent court of a crime involving immoral or dishonorable conduct shall be permitted to take an examination or shall be given or granted a certificate to practice veterinary medicine. The board may refuse to examine or grant a certificate to practice veterinary medicine, or revoke a certificate already issued, for serious and justified reasons, in which case the interested person shall be so informed and