

# [ Commonwealth Act No. 140, November 07, 1936 ]

## **AN ACT TO AMEND ACT NUMBERED FORTY-TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY ENTITLED "AN ACT TO REVISE, AMEND, AND CONSOLIDATE ALL LAWS GOVERNING HORSE RACES, LIMIT THE SAME TO CERTAIN SPECIAL DATES, PROHIBIT ANY PERSON OR BODY OF PERSONS OTHER THAN THAT CONDUCTING A HORSE RACE FROM MAINTAINING OR USING A TOTALIZER OR SYSTEM OF BETTING OR GAMBLING ON SUCH RACE, PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION HEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."**

*Be it enacted by the National Assembly of the Philippines:*

SECTION 1. There is hereby inserted between sections six and seven of Act Numbered Forty-two hundred and forty the following new section:

"SEC. 6 (A) . Except once in a race day, it shall be unlawful for any person or body of persons legally engaged in holding races to allow or permit to run horses not weaned in the Philippines, less than three years old: Provided, That no such person or body of persons can fix a maximum height for horses which have not previously run in any recognized race course nor bar the running of horses which have run for the first time in charitable races, in the lowest series of their classification: And provided, further, That the provisions hereof shall not apply to horses already registered prior to the date this Act takes effect.

"(B) It shall be unlawful for any person or body of persons legally engaged in holding horse races, to operate or allow to be operated, any race track which does not have the following provisions for the care of race horses: (1) adequate and sanitary stables, with concrete floors, and proper drainage, for the accommodation of horses, each horse to have a separate compartment, or stall; (2) a qualified veterinary surgeon, whose duties shall include the care and treatment at all times of all horses running on the track; (3) a properly equipped clinic for the care and treatment of all ordinary injuries, ailments and diseases.

"(C) It shall be unlawful for any person or body of persons legally engaged in holding horse races, whose total betting on any race day exceeds fifty thousand pesos, to operate, or allow to be operated, any race track which does not include in its equipment an automatic, electrically operated public indicator system and ticket selling machines, by means of which every ticket purchased on every horse in any use, shall be automatically and instantaneously recorded, by electrical impulse, on a prominently displayed bulletin board, each figure, letter or symbol of which shall be readable from a distance.

"(D) It shall be unlawful for any person or body of persons legally engaged in holding horse races, to operate or allow to be operated, any race track, or to conduct or allow to be conducted on any race track, any horse race or races at any time when there shall be fewer than three