

AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF COMMONWEALTH ACT NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4591, June 19, 1965

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

SECTION 1. Sections one, three and four of Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred and fifty-six, as amended by Commonwealth Act Numbered Four hundred eighty-four are further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The Philippine Anti-Tuberculosis Society is authorized to hold annually twelve horse races, with betting, for charitable and civic purposes and to promote horse breeding in the Philippines, on a race course or race courses. The horses entered in one of these races which shall be known as 'Griffins' Race, shall be such as were foaled in, and have not yet run in any race course of the Philippines, and must not be gelded. Divided into two groups, one shall be for horses not over fifty-eight inches in height, and another for those in excess thereof. The lowest handicap weight to be carried by an entry in a particular group shall be one hundred and fourteen pounds starting from the smallest entry declared to run therein and for every quarter of an inch in excess of the height of the smallest entry an additional weight of one pound shall be carried: Provided, however, That after the weights of the entries have been determined according to their respective heights, male horses competing with female horses shall be given an additional four pounds in their handicap weights.

"SEC. 3. In addition to the races mentioned in Section one of this Act, a national race shall also be held on a day in the month of February or March of each year to be fixed by the Philippine Anti-Tuberculosis Society two months in advance. At this national race, there shall be three special races, one to be known as the 'Senior Grand Derby' which shall be for horses in excess of fifty-eight inches in height and shall be run over a distance of one mile; another to be known as the 'Junior Grand Derby' which shall be run over the same distance and in which only horses not over fifty-eight inches in height may be entered; and still another to be known as the 'Special Grand Derby' which shall be run over the distance of one and one-eighth miles and in which only Filipino owned imported thoroughbred male horses which are not gelded and female horses in excess of sixty-inches in height and not less than two and one-half years but not over four years old may participate. The owner of the imported thoroughbred horses shall present to the Society all pertinent documents showing the records of importation, such as the Bureau of Customs and Bureau of Animal Industry documents and clearances, sale certificates of the previous foreign owners, the consular invoices and other documents of the horses, as well as the pedigree which must be registered and accepted in a world recognized stud book, the age, sex, color and other descriptions of the horses. The age of the horse shall be determined from the date of foal. Once an imported thoroughbred horse has participated in the race herein indicated, the same shall not be exported out of the Philippines except to participate in international races and immediately thereafter the horse shall be returned to the Philippines. In the 'Senior Grand Derby' and 'Junior Grand Derby' races, only horses may participate that have taken part in the 'griffins' races held during the previous year in accordance with this Act: Provided, That in order that a horse may take part in the 'Senior Grand Derby' and 'Junior Grand Derby' races, it shall be registered thirty days previously: And provided, further, That horses winning the first, second and third places in the Sweepstakes' races held during the previous year, with the exception of imported thoroughbred horses, may also participate in these races and shall be subject to such rules and regulations as

may be prescribed by the Society for the purposes of this Act. In handicapping horses entered in all Grand Derby races, the same rule as provided for in Section one hereof shall be applied. The other races of said day shall be ordinary races in which serial horses may participate.

"SEC. All proceeds derived from said national race, after deducting the expenses of administration which shall not be in excess of twenty per centum of the gross receipts, plus the one-fourth of twenty per centum accumulated under Section two, shall be set aside for the payment of prizes in the following proportion: twenty-five per centum to pay prizes to horses winning the first, second and third places in the 'Senior Grand Derby' ; twenty-five per centum to pay prizes to horses winning the first, second and third places in the 'Junior Grand Derby' ; twenty-five per centum to pay prizes to horses winning in other ordinary races on that day; ten per centum to pay prizes in equal parts to the breeders of the horses winning first places in the 'Senior Grand Derby' and 'Junior Grand Derby' ; for this purpose a breeder is the owner of the broodmare on the date the foal is born; and the remaining fifteen per centum to pay prizes of the horse winning first, second and third places in the Special Grand Derby."

SEC. All deaths of imported thoroughbred horses shall be reported to the Philippine Tuberculosis Society and the Games and Amusements Board giving the date and place of death within ten days from the occurrence thereof.

SEC. 3. Violation of this Act shall be penalized by a fine of not less than three thousand pesos but not exceeding six thousand pesos or imprisonment for not less than six months nor more than three years, and in both cases, the owner shall refund the prize won by said horse if any, which shall be forfeited in favor of the Philippine Anti-Tuberculosis Society.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect one year after its approval.

Approved, June 19, 1965.

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