

AN ACT CONSOLIDATING THE ACTIVITIES NOW CARRIED OUT UNDER ACT NUMBERED TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT, AS AMENDED, COMMONWEALTH ACT NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN AND REP...

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1578, June 16, 1956

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

SECTION 1. For the purpose of conserving and developing the Philippine livestock industry and promoting maximum efficiency and economy in the services connected therewith, all the activities now carried out under Act Numbered Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-eight, as amended, Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred eighteen and Republic Act Numbered Six hundred ninety-nine are hereby consolidated under this Act.

SEC. 2. The funds collected under the acts mentioned in the preceding section shall likewise be consolidated into a special reimbursable fund to be known as "Philippine Livestock Promotion Fund" which shall be used for the following purposes:

- For the introduction, propagation, production, and distribution of purebred and improved breeding animals.
- For the establishment, equipment, maintenance and operation of stock farms, breeding stations, breeding centers, fixed or ambulatory, and slaughterhouses, in such places as may be deemed appropriate therefor and beneficial to the livestock industry: Provided, however, That no slaughterhouse shall be established in the City of Manila.
- For the manufacture of biological products needed in the control and eradication and treatment of animal diseases and parasites.
- For conducting experiments on the manufacture, preservation, utilization and industrialization of animal products, including milk and milk derivatives; and
- For such other purposes as may have for their object the stabilization, protection and development of the Philippine Livestock Industry.

SEC. 3. The Director of Animal Industry, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, is hereby authorized and empowered to make disbursements out of the fund herein created for salaries, wages, and traveling expenses of personnel; for the construction, maintenance and repair of buildings, fences and other necessary structures; for the purchase of large cattle and other domestic animals, furnishing the same to the public on economical terms for improved breeding, agricultural work or for consumption; for the purchase of apparatuses, instruments, chemicals, supplies and materials, and other needed equipment; and for such other expenses as may be deemed necessary to carry out effectively and properly the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 4. In order to raise the necessary funds for the activities herein provided, there shall be collected for animals slaughtered in any public or private slaughterhouse and in private meat packing establishments, including those in chartered cities, pre-slaughter fees at the following rates:

(a) For cattle, carabaos, buffaloes, horses, mules and other animals of the bovine family

P0.90 per head.

(b) For swine 0.60 per head.

(c) For sheep, goats and deer 0.30 per head.

The municipal treasurers shall, in addition to their regular duties, make such collections and shall, at the end of every month, remit the same to the Treasurer of the Philippines to the credit of the "Philippine Livestock Promotion Fund" to be expended in accordance with the provisions of this Act. The provisions of this Section shall not be construed to deprive the municipalities of their present rights to impose and collect license fees for the slaughter of any animal or/and for the use of municipal slaughterhouses: Provided, That nothing in this Act shall be construed as amending or repealing existing regulations on the slaughter of carabaos.

SEC. 5. The Director of Animal Industry may order the sale for agricultural, propagation, breeding or meat purposes, or the renting or loaning for breeding purposes, or the slaughter and sale in the form of meat, of the animals which may not be needed by the Bureau of Animal Industry, subject to the existing regulations and to such as may hereafter be promulgated by the Director of Animal Industry with the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources; and all the proceeds to be derived therefrom as well as all other income from the operation of this Act shall accrue to "Philippine Livestock Promotion Fund" herein created and may be expended by the Director of Animal Industry, with the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, for the same purposes and in the same manner as provided in this Act.

SEC. 6. Act Numbered Twenty-seven Hundred fifty-eight, as amended; and Commonwealth Act Numbered One Hundred eighteen, as amended; and all other acts or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed. All the personnel, assets and liabilities pertaining to said Act Numbered Twenty-seven Hundred fifty-eight, as amended, and Commonwealth Act Numbered One Hundred eighteen, as amended, shall be transferred to and administered under this Act.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, June 16, 1956.

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