

THE CATTLE DISPERSAL ACT OF 1964

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4069, June 18, 1964

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

SECTION 1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines shall import cattle, tax-free, or purchase the same locally for breeding purposes.

SEC. 2. Such cattle shall be loaned to every farmer in the Philippines who may wish to raise cattle: Provided That the Bureau of Animal Industry, which shall take charge of the implementation of this Act, shall disperse cattle loans to all places in the Philippines with available feed supply and with priorities being given to provinces and municipalities without cattle breeding or livestock stations: Provided, further, That farmers who already own at least one head of cow shall not be eligible to the benefit under this Act, unless he shall lose such cow upon or after the approval of this Act.

SEC. 3. The contract of loan for the purpose of this Act shall be such that for every one cattle loaned to the farmer, two cattle shall be returned to the Government from the first calving, if possible. The cattle so returned shall immediately be loaned by the Government to another farmer within the same municipality until such time that all the farmers therein desiring to raise cattle shall have been given this benefit, in which case, the cattle so returned shall be loaned by the Government to another farmer living in another municipality.

SEC. 4. Each farmer who has obtained a cattle loan shall be accountable for the same until it is fully paid in accordance with the provisions of this Act, except in force majeure cases.

SEC. 5. A farmer who has obtained a cattle loan but has lost his cattle may obtain another loan, subject to the provisions of the next preceding section: Provided, That priorities shall be given to farmers who have not obtained any cattle loan.

SEC. 6. The Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out effectively the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 7. The sum of fifty million pesos is appropriated out of the proceeds of bonds which the Central Bank is hereby directed to float for purposes of this Act.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, June 18, 1964.

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