

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF QUARANTINES ARID REGULATING THE MOVEMENT OF CATTLE WITHIN THE TERRITORY UNDER THE EXCLUSIVE LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION OF THE PHILIPPINE CO...

Act No. 2172, February 06, 1912

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

SECTION 1. The Director of Agriculture is hereby authorized to declare under quarantine any province, island, municipality, barrio, township, settlement, parcel of land, or district of whatever size, in the territory under the exclusive legislative jurisdiction of the Philippine Commission when he shall determine the fact that there are domestic animals in such place or district which are infected with any infectious, contagious, and communicable disease; and he may require and animal infected with any such disease, or exposed to infection, to be placed under quarantine at such place and for such time as he may deem necessary to prevent the spread of disease; and such animal, after due notice to the owner or person in charge, must be brought forthwith to any convenient place designated by the Director of Agriculture for the detention of animals under quarantine, and the Director of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Public Instruction, to make and enforce such rules and regulations as he may deem advisable for the control, and management of any such place so declared to be under quarantine, and of any other quarantine station established by and under his authority.

SEC. 2. No person, railroad company, or employee thereof, or the owner, or master of any steam or sailing or other vessel or boat in any place declared under quarantine, shall receive for transportation or transport from any quarantined province, island, municipality, barrio, parcel of land, or district, any domestic animal, without the written authority of the Director of Agriculture; nor shall any person, company, or corporation, or employee thereof, deliver in such quarantined district to any person or railroad company or to the master or owner of any boat or vessel, for transportation, any cattle or live stock, without the written authority of the Director of Agriculture; nor shall any person, firm, company, or corporation, or employee thereof, drive on foot, or cause to be driven on foot, or transport in private conveyance, or cause to be transported in private conveyance, from a quarantined place or district, any domestic animal, without the written authority of the Director of Agriculture.

SEC. 3. The Director of Agriculture is hereby authorized to rules, declare any place or district to be free from infection, to establish with the approval of the Secretary of Public Instruction, lines or of Agriculture. districts for the protection of animals free from disease, and to prescribe rules and regulations and take such measures as he may deem necessary to prevent or regulate the movement of domestic animals across, into, or through such lines or districts; and he shall have authority to seize, quarantine, and dispose of, or to make regulations concerning any hay, straw, forage, or similar material, or any meats, hides, or other animal products coming into such place or district so declared to be free from infection, whenever, in his opinion, such action is advisable in order to guard against the introduction or dissemination of disease.

Sec. 4. When a quarantine is imposed upon any place or district the Director of Agriculture shall give written or

printed notice to the proper officers of railroad, steamboat, or other transportation companies, and when practicable to the master or owner of any steam or sailing boat or vessel doing business in or through such quarantined districts, and he shall give written or printed notice to the municipal president of the places, districts, or barrios declared under quarantine within his jurisdiction and it shall be the duty of the municipal president to notify the inhabitants of such place, district or barrio, township or settlement by bandillos and by posting written or printed notice of such quarantine; he is authorized to serve written or printed notice upon the registered owner or the person in charge of any domestic animal that such animal is infected with a dangerous communicable animal disease, or that the place, district, or barrio wherein any domestic animal may be, has been declared under quarantine.

SEC. 5. Any person, firm, or corporation, or employee thereof, who knowingly violates any of the provisions of sections two and three of this Act, or any regulation of the Director of Agriculture approved by the Secretary of Public Instruction in pursuance thereof, shall upon conviction be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five pesos nor more than one thousand pesos, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SEC. 6. The powers and duties conferred and imposed on the Director of Agriculture by the provisions of this Act may be exercised and performed by agents duly authorized by him, and all regulations made by the Director of Agriculture, in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall have the force and effect of law when approved by the Secretary of Public Instruction.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, February 6, 1912.

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