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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for the Licensing of Stallions, and the Improvement of the Breed of Horses in New Zealand. Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Stud Act, 1904"; and it shall commence on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and five. Short Title.
2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,— Interpretation.
"Minister" means Minister for Agriculture :
"Prescribed" means prescribed by this Act or by regulations made under this Act :
"Stallion" means any male horse over the age of twenty months, and not wholly castrated :
"Stud purposes" means the service of mares for fee or reward, and does not include such service in cases where the stallion and the mare are the *bonâ fide* property of the same person.
3. (1.) The owner of every stallion intended for stud purposes shall, not later than the thirtieth day of June in every year, in the form prescribed by regulations under this Act, apply to the Chief Veterinarian of the Department of Agriculture to have such stallion examined by two veterinary surgeons appointed by the Minister (hereinafter referred to as "the examiners"), and shall with such application transmit a fee of *three* pounds. Owner to apply for examination of stallion.
- (2.) The Chief Veterinarian shall, as soon as practicable after receipt thereof, cause the owner to be notified that the examiners will attend at a specified time and place for the purpose of examining stallions.

(3.) In the case of a stallion arriving in New Zealand after the thirtieth day of June in any year, or which for any reasonable cause was not present to be examined, application shall be made as aforesaid within one month after such arrival in New Zealand, or from the time when the stallion could be present to be examined. 5

(4.) This and the succeeding sections of this Act shall not apply to stallions foaled prior to the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and two :

Provided that the owner of any such stallion may in the manner aforesaid apply to have the stallion examined, and, if the stallion is free from the diseases mentioned in the Schedule hereto, shall be entitled to a license as hereinafter mentioned. 10

License in respect of stallion.

4. (1.) The examiners shall report to the Chief Veterinarian the result of every examination made by them.

(2.) Such report shall be in the prescribed form, and shall state whether or not the stallion referred to therein is, in the opinion of the examiners, free from the diseases mentioned in the Schedule hereto, and a copy of the report shall be sent to the owner of the stallion. 15

(3.) On receipt of any such report the Chief Veterinarian, if satisfied that the stallion referred to in the report is free from the diseases aforesaid, shall issue a license under his hand authorising the owner of that stallion to use it for stud purposes. 20

(4.) Such license shall be in the prescribed form, and shall be in force until the thirtieth day of June then next, and may be transferred with the stallion to any subsequent owner thereof. 25

(5.) If as the result of any such report the Chief Veterinarian refuses to issue a license in respect of any stallion, the owner shall be entitled, on application, to a refund of one-half of the fee paid by him as aforesaid.

(6.) Such refund shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund without further appropriation than this Act. 30

Examiners to determine age.

5. Any question as to the age of any stallion shall be conclusively determined by the examiners on examination.

Using stallion without license.

6. Every owner of a stallion who uses the same for stud purposes, or allows it to be so used, without having in his possession a valid license in respect of that stallion is liable to a fine of *twenty* pounds. 35

Owner of mare to satisfy himself as to license.

7. The owner of any mare intended to be served by any stallion shall satisfy himself that a valid license has been issued in respect of such stallion ; and if he knowingly allows any mare belonging to him to be served by a stallion in respect of which no valid license is issued he shall be liable to the same penalty as the owner of the stallion. 40

Penalty.

In case of dispute, decision of Chief Veterinarian to be final.

8. Where the examiners disagree on any matter coming before them, or where the owner of any stallion is dissatisfied with the report of the examiners, such matter shall be decided by the Chief Veterinarian, whose decision shall be final. 45

Powers of Inspector of Stock.

9. (1.) An Inspector appointed under "The Stock Act, 1893," may at any reasonable time enter upon any land or premises in order to ascertain if the provisions of this Act are being complied with, and may require the occupier to produce any license under this Act in respect of any stallion the Inspector finds on the land or premises. 50

(2.) Every person who obstructs or hinders an Inspector in the exercise of his powers under this section, or who, on demand, fails to produce any license as aforesaid, is liable to a fine not exceeding *ten* pounds.

Obstructing
Inspector.

5 10. Every person who knowingly gives any false information respecting the pedigree or age of any stallion (of whatever age) or mare is liable to a fine not exceeding *ten* pounds.

False information
as to pedigree.

11. All fees and fines paid under this Act shall be paid into the Public Account, and form part of the Consolidated Fund.

Application of fees
and fines.

10 12. The Governor, by Order in Council gazetted, may from time to time make regulations for effectually carrying out this Act.

Regulations.

SCHEDULE.

Schedule.

Bone-spavin.

Ringbone.

Side-bone.

Navicular arthritis.

Laryngeal muscular atrophy,
causing roaring or whistling
during the act of inspiration.

Stringhalt.

Shivering.

Multiple recurrent fibroids.

Any inferiority in the structure or
quality of the hoof which impairs,
or is likely to impair, the animal's
usefulness, and is in the exami-
ners' opinion transmissible to the
progeny.