



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

No. 19—1955

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I ASSENT,

M. H. DORMAN
Acting Governor.

23rd April, 1955.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Veterinary Surgeons
(Registration) Ordinance, Ch. 25. No. 1.

Commencement

[4th May, 1955.]

Enactment

ENACTED by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof.

Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Veterinary Surgeons (Registration) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1955; and shall be read as one with the Veterinary Surgeons (Registration) Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

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2. Section 2 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by substituting for the words "paragraphs (a) and (b)" occurring in the definition of the expression "Board", the words "paragraph (a) or paragraph (b)".

Section 2 of
Principal
Ordinance
amended

3. The following sections are hereby respectively substituted for sections 4 and 5 of the Principal Ordinance—

Sections 4
and 5 of
Principal
Ordinance
replaced

"Restriction
of practice of
veterinary
surgery by
unqualified
persons

4. (1) No person shall practise, or hold himself out as practising or as being prepared to practise veterinary surgery unless he is registered in the Register.

(2) In this section "veterinary surgery" shall not include—

(a) the doing of anything specified in Part I of the First Schedule to this Ordinance and not excluded by Part II of that Schedule;

(b) any minor treatment, test or operation specified by order of the Governor in Council made after consultation with the Board, so long as any conditions specified in the order are complied with.

(3) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this section shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of five hundred dollars.

Use of
descriptions as
to professional
status

5. (1) If any person who is not for the time being registered in the Register takes or uses the title of veterinary surgeon or any name, title, addition or description calculated to lead to the belief that he is registered in the Register, he shall be guilty of an offence.

(2) If any person who is not for the time being registered in the Register takes or uses the title of veterinary practitioner or any name, title, addition or description calculated to lead to the belief that he is a practitioner of, or qualified to practice, veterinary surgery to any greater extent than is authorised by or under subsection (2) of section 4 of this Ordinance, he shall be guilty of an offence.

(3) Without prejudice, in the case of an individual, to the foregoing provisions of this section, if any person uses any description in connection with any business carried on by him or on any premises at which such a business is carried on, being in either case a description calculated to lead to the belief that he or any person acting for the purposes of the business possesses any veterinary qualifications which he does not in fact possess, he shall be guilty of an offence.

(4) Any person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of five hundred dollars."

Section 7 of
Principal
Ordinance
amended

4. Subsection (1) of section 7 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by inserting the word "Second" between the word "the" and the word "Schedule" occurring in the second line thereof.

Section 13 of
Principal
Ordinance
amended

5. Section 13 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by substituting for the words "four hundred and eighty dollars" occurring in the seventh line thereof the words "five hundred dollars".

The Schedule
to Principal
Ordinance
amended

6. The Schedule to the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended as follows—

(a) by substituting for the caption "THE SCHEDULE" the caption "SECOND SCHEDULE"; and

(b) by inserting immediately before the said Schedule the following Schedule—

"FIRST SCHEDULE

(Section 4 (2)).

EXEMPTIONS FROM RESTRICTIONS ON PRACTICE OF VETERINARY SURGERY

PART I

Treatment and operations which may be given or carried out by unqualified persons

1. Any treatment given to an animal by the owner thereof.
2. The rendering in an emergency of first aid for the purpose of saving life or relieving pain.
3. The destruction of an animal by painless methods.
4. The performance of any of the following operations, that is to say—
 - (a) castration or caponising of any animal other than a horse, pony, ass or mule;
 - (b) the docking of the tail of a dog before its eyes are open;
 - (c) the amputation of the dew claws of a dog before its eyes are open;

Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall authorise the performance of any operation by a person under the age of eighteen.

PART II

Exclusions from Provisions of Part I

Nothing in paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 4 of this Ordinance shall authorise the castration of any animal mentioned in the first column of the following Table after it has reached the age shown in the second column thereof:

<i>Animal</i>					<i>Age</i>
Bull	...	...	...	...	6 months
Goat	...	...	...	...	3 months
Sheep	...	...	...	...	3 months
Boar	...	...	...	...	3 months
Dog	...	...	...	...	3 months
Cat	...	...	...	...	3 months."

Passed in Council this eighteenth day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five.

G. E. L. LAFOREST

Clerk of the Council.