



CHAPTER 39.

An Act respecting Fur-farms.

[Assented to 3rd April, 1947.]

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Fur-farm Act." Short title
2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:— Interpretation.
 - "Commissioner" means the person holding the office of Live Stock Commissioner in the Department of Agriculture:
 - "Fur-bearing animals" means all animals whose pelts are commonly used for commercial purposes and that are wild by nature but are kept in captivity, but does not include any species of animal if the Lieutenant-Governor in Council declares by regulation that this Act shall not apply to that species:
 - "Fur-farm" means a place in which two or more fur-bearing animals are kept in captivity:
 - "Inspector" means a person appointed as an Inspector pursuant to the provisions of section 4:
 - "Licence" means a licence to keep a fur-farm issued under this Act:
 - "Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture.
3. The administration of this Act and the regulations made thereunder shall be supervised by the Commissioner under the control of the Minister. Administration.
4. Such persons as the Minister thinks competent and proper to act as Inspectors to carry out the provisions of this Act and Inspectors.

of the regulations made thereunder shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of the "Civil Service Act," all of whom shall hold office during pleasure.

- Fur-farm licence.* 5. No person shall operate a fur-farm unless he is the holder of a licence in respect of that farm.
- Expiry date of licence.* 6. Every licence shall expire on the thirty-first day of December following the date on which the licence is issued.
- Licence fees.* 7. (1.) Fees for licences shall be those set forth in the Schedule.
(2.) Licence fees shall belong to His Majesty in the right of the Province, and shall be paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
- Application for licence.* 8. An application for a licence shall be made in writing to the Commissioner on a form to be prescribed by him, and the applicant shall furnish such information about the farm for which the licence is desired as is required by the Commissioner.
- Issue of licence.* 9. Upon compliance with the provisions of section 8 and upon payment of the prescribed licence fee, the Commissioner shall issue a licence to the applicant.
- Particulars inscribed on licence.* 10. A licence shall state the name and address of the licensee, the location of the fur-farm in respect of which the licence is issued, the species of fur-bearing animal intended to be kept, and the number of animals for which there is accommodation at the farm.
- Renewal of licence.* 11. Every licensee shall annually, before the thirty-first day of December, make application for renewal of his licence, and the application shall be on a form to be supplied by the Commissioner, and shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee.
- Prohibition in respect of feeding.* 12. No person shall feed or offer for food to any fur-bearing animal the carcass, or any part of the carcass, of any fur-bearing animal.
- Cleanliness of premises.* 13. Every licensee shall maintain the premises in which any fur-bearing animal is kept in a clean and sanitary condition, and shall observe the provisions of every regulation made under this Act.
- Contagious or infectious disease.* 14. If any fur-bearing animal kept by a licensee contracts a contagious or infectious disease, and if the licensee is aware

of the existence of such disease, he shall forthwith notify the Commissioner.

15. An Inspector shall have the right, between nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon on any day except Sunday, to enter any fur-farm and any buildings thereon for the purpose of inspecting them and the animals thereon, and the records and books kept by the licensee. Inspection.

16. If an Inspector finds that any fur-bearing animal kept by a licensee has contracted a contagious or infectious disease, he shall report that fact to the Commissioner. Report of disease.

17. (1.) The Commissioner may order into quarantine any fur-farm in which he has reason to believe that there is any fur-bearing animal that has contracted a contagious or infectious disease, or he may direct that such animal be isolated. Quarantine.

(2.) When the Commissioner orders a fur-farm into quarantine or directs that a fur-bearing animal be isolated, he shall cause to be served on the person in charge of the fur-farm a notice in writing setting forth the provisions to be observed by the person in charge in order to make the quarantine effective or to isolate the fur-bearing animal, and the duration of the quarantine or isolation, and the person in charge shall observe these provisions.

18. Every licensee shall keep such records and books and make such returns to the Commissioner as are prescribed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. Records and books

19. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make regulations:— Regulations

- (a.) To prescribe the fees to be paid for licences:
- (b.) To prescribe the forms to be used for the purposes of this Act:
- (c.) To prescribe the measures to be taken by a licensee for the purpose of maintaining his premises in a sanitary condition and for the control of disease of the fur-bearing animals on a farm:
- (d.) To provide for the recording of brands or marks for the exclusive use of a licensee in the branding or marking of the fur-bearing animals kept by him; and for prohibiting the imitation or the improper use of any brand or mark; and for imposing fees for the allotment, registration, renewal, and transfer of brands; and for searches made in the register of brands:
- (e.) To prescribe that any species of fur-bearing animal specified by him shall not be subject to the provisions of this Act:

(f.) To regulate or prohibit the transportation of fur-bearing animals and pelts within the Province.

Penalties

20. Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty of not more than fifty dollars.

Moneys required for administration

21. Any moneys required for the administration of this Act, or for the carrying-out of any of the provisions of this Act, shall, in the absence of any vote of the Legislative Assembly available therefor, be paid out of Consolidated Revenue.

Commencement.

22. This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor by his Proclamation.

 SCHEDULE.

LICENCE FEES FOR FUR-FARMS

(Section 7)

Licence fee for a fur-farm on which there are not more than twenty-five fur-bearing animals	\$5 00
Licence fee for a fur-farm on which there are more than twenty-five but not more than one hundred fur-bearing animals	10 00
Licence fee for a fur-farm on which there are more than one hundred fur-bearing animals	15 00

For the purpose of ascertaining how many fur-bearing animals there are on a fur-farm, the Commissioner shall cause a census to be taken each year on dates to be decided by him

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