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A Bill to regulate the Artificial Insemination of
Domestic Animals

HON. MR. HALMRAST

Explanatory Note

General. This Act is intended to give authority to regulate persons commercially engaged in all aspects of the artificial insemination of domestic animals. It is not intended to control persons who use the procedures only in respect of their own animals.

2. Definitions.

3. An artificial insemination advisory committee may be established by the Minister of Agriculture.

4. (a) Licensing authority.

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(Assented to _____, 1959)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Artificial Insemination of Domestic Animals Act*".

2. In this Act,

- (a) "domestic animal" includes poultry;
- (b) "inseminating business" means a person who provides an artificial insemination service for domestic animals;
- (c) "semen bank" means a person who stores semen of domestic animals from one or more semen producing business for distribution to inseminating businesses or technicians;
- (d) "semen producing business" means a person who undertakes the collection of semen to be used for the artificial insemination of domestic animals;
- (e) "technician" means a person who engages in the technical processes involved in the artificial insemination of domestic animals, including the collection of semen and the processing of semen.

3. (1) The Minister of Agriculture may appoint an artificial insemination advisory committee, consisting of one or more persons, to advise him on matters relating to artificial insemination.

(2) The members of the committee shall receive such allowances and expenses as may be determined by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

4. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

- (a) providing for the licensing of technicians, inseminating businesses, semen producing businesses and semen banks, or any of them, and prescribing the duration of the licences and the fees payable therefor,

(b) Regulatory powers.

(c) Classes of technicians.

(d) Qualifications of technicians.

(e) Minimum standards of sanitation, etc.

(f) Health tests.

(g) Control of semen used.

(h) Records.

(i) Grants.

(j) General.

5. Penalty section.

6. The Act does not apply to a person artificially inseminating his own animals.

- (b) prescribing the conditions under which any class or type of licence may be issued, suspended or revoked and the conditions under which any person may be prohibited from acting as a technician or from operating a semen producing business, inseminating business or a semen bank,
- (c) prescribing classes of technicians,
- (d) prescribing the qualifications required by technicians or by any class of technicians,
- (e) prescribing requirements and minimum standards of sanitation, equipment and construction for the premises of semen producing businesses, semen banks and inseminating businesses, or any of them,
- (f) prescribing health tests, necessary for male domestic animals kept by a semen producing business,
- (g) prescribing conditions governing the standard of semen that
 - (i) may be stored by a semen bank or inseminating business, or
 - (ii) may be used by an inseminating business or technicians,
- (h) requiring the keeping of records and the making of returns or the furnishing of information by inseminating businesses, technicians, semen producing businesses and semen banks,
- (i) providing for the payment of grants or other assistance for the furtherance of artificial insemination practices, including grants for training purposes, and
- (j) respecting any other matter or thing necessary or advisable to carry out effectively the intent and purpose of this Act.

5. (1) A person who contravenes this Act or the regulations hereunder is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction

- (a) where the offender is a technician to a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars for a first offence and not more than one hundred dollars for a subsequent offence, or
- (b) where the offender is a semen producing business, a semen bank or an inseminating business to a fine of not more than one hundred dollars for a first offence and not more than two hundred and fifty dollars for a subsequent offence.

(2) A prosecution under subsection (1) may be commenced within two years of the commission of the alleged offence, but not afterward.

6. This Act does not apply

- (a) to the collection of semen from domestic animals

by the person who owns the animals, or his servant, for the artificial insemination of other animals owned by the person, or

- (b) to the artificial insemination of domestic animals by the person who owns the animals, or his servant.

7. This Act comes into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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