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(Assented to , 1968)

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

1. *The Veterinary Surgeons Act* is hereby amended.

2. Section 2 is amended by striking out clause (d) and by substituting the following:

(d) "Universities Co-ordinating Council" means the body by that name established by section 58 of *The Universities Act*;

3. Section 12, subsection (1), clause (c) is amended

(a) as to subclause (i) by striking out the words "Registrar of the University of Alberta" and by substituting the words "secretary of the Universities Co-ordinating Council",

(b) as to subclause (ii) by adding at the end thereof the words "the College of Veterinary Medicine, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, or",

(c) as to subclause (iii) by striking out the words "General Faculty Council" and by substituting the words "Universities Co-ordinating Council".

4. Section 18 is struck out and the following section is substituted:

18. (1) The council shall enter into an agreement with the Universities Co-ordinating Council for the conduct of examinations.

(2) The examination of candidates for admission to practise veterinary surgery in the Province shall be under the control of the Universities Co-ordinating Council.

(3) The Universities Co-ordinating Council shall examine the qualifications of every applicant for registration.

(4) An applicant for registration other than an applicant referred to in subsection (7) shall present his qualifica-

Explanatory Notes

1. This Bill amends chapter 359 of the Revised Statutes. Most of the changes relate to either (a) recognition of a new veterinary college in Saskatchewan, or (b) corrections of references consequential of the passing of The Universities Act, Statutes of Alberta, 1966, chapter 105.

2. Section 2 (d) presently reads:

- (d) "General Faculty Council" means the General Faculty Council of the University of Alberta;

This amendment is consequential of the enactment of the repeal and replacement of The University Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 1955, chapter 351 by The Universities Act, Statutes of Alberta 1966, chapter 105. By the latter Act certain functions carried out formerly under this Act by the General Faculty Council of The University of Alberta are now performed by the Universities Co-ordinating Council.

3. These amendments

- (a) effect minor amendments consequential of the passing of The Universities Act, and
- (b) give recognition to a third Canadian veterinary college, the new one at the University of Saskatchewan, which is scheduled to graduate its first class in 1969.

Section 12, (1), (c) reads:

12. (1) The registrar shall register as a member every candidate
.....
(c) who produces
 (i) a certificate from the Registrar of the University of Alberta certifying that the applicant is entitled to registration under subsection (5) of section 18,
 (ii) a certificate of graduation from the Ontario Veterinary College of Guelph, Ontario or the Ecole de Medicine Veterinaire, St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, or
 (iii) a certificate of qualification from the General Faculty Council under subsection (6) of section 8,
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4. Section 18 presently reads:

18. (1) The council shall enter into an agreement with the General Faculty Council for the conduct of examinations.
(2) The examination of candidates for admission to practise veterinary surgery in the Province shall be under the control of the University of Alberta.
(3) The General Faculty Council shall examine the qualifications of every applicant for registration.
(4) An applicant for registration other than an applicant referred to in subsection (7) shall present his qualifications to the General Faculty Council for inspection.
(5) An applicant who
 (a) satisfies the General Faculty Council that his qualifications at the time they were acquired were at least the equivalent of those required for registration in the Province at that time, and
 (b) produce a certificate from the Registrar of the University of Alberta so certifying,
shall be deemed to have satisfactory qualifications.
(6) The General Faculty Council may issue a certificate of qualification to any person who does not have satisfactory qualifications under subsection (5) or (7) if that person passes the examinations prescribed by the General Faculty Council.
(7) Notwithstanding subsection (3), an applicant who holds a certificate from the Ontario Veterinary College, Guelph, Ontario or the Ecole de Medicine Veterinaire, St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, shall be deemed to have satisfactory qualifications.

This section is re-enacted to include reference to the new veterinary college in Saskatchewan and to correct a number of references, consequential of the passing, by chapter 105 of Statutes of Alberta 1966, of The Universities Act.

tions to the Universities Co-ordinating Council for inspection.

(5) An applicant who

(a) satisfies the Universities Co-ordinating Council that his qualifications at the time they were acquired were at least the equivalent of those required for registration in the Province at that time, and

(b) produces a certificate from the secretary of the Universities Co-ordinating Council so certifying,

shall be deemed to have satisfactory qualifications.

(6) The Universities Co-ordinating Council may issue a certificate of qualification to any person who does not have qualifications under either subsection (5) or subsection (7) if that person passes the examinations prescribed by the Universities Co-ordinating Council.

(7) Notwithstanding subsection (3), an applicant who holds a certificate from the Ontario Veterinary College, Guelph, Ontario, the Ecole de Medicine Veterinaire, St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, or the College of Veterinary Medicine, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, shall be deemed to have satisfactory qualifications.

5. Section 19 is amended by striking out the words "General Faculty Council" and by substituting the words "Universities Co-ordinating Council".

6. Section 28, subsection (1) is amended

(a) as to clause (a) by striking out the words "four years of training" and by substituting the words "all but his final year of undergraduate training",

(b) as to clause (b)

(i) by striking out the words "General Faculty Council" and by substituting the words "Universities Co-ordinating Council",

(ii) by adding at the end thereof the word "or",

(c) by adding the following clause after clause (b):

(c) an applicant for registration who produces

(i) a certificate of qualification from the Universities Co-ordinating Council, or

(ii) a certificate of graduation from

(A) the Ontario Veterinary College, Guelph, Ontario, or

(B) the Ecole de Medicine Veterinaire, St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, or

(C) the College of Veterinary Medicine, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan,

5. This follows the above changes. Section 19 presently reads:

19. The General Faculty Council may from time to time
- (a) approve of certain veterinary schools or colleges as places of instruction,
 - (b) prescribe the conditions under which any veterinary school or college may be approved, and
 - (c) determine the fee for examination payable by an applicant for registration.

6. Section 28 (1) presently reads:

28. (1) Notwithstanding section 21
- (a) a student who has completed four years of training at an approved veterinary college and who is entitled to enroll in the following year at an approved veterinary college, or
 - (b) an applicant for registration who is required by the General Faculty Council to take an examination pursuant to subsection (6) of section 18 before being qualified for registration,
- may enter into the employment of a preceptor and perform veterinary services at or under the direction of the preceptor for a period not exceeding six months in total.

This amendment, by the change in clause (a) of section 28, takes cognizance of the fact that most veterinary courses are now four years long (preceded, of course, by two years of pre-veterinary college or university training) instead of the formerly prevalent system of five years in the veterinary course itself with no pre-veterinary college or university education. The addition of the new clause (c) allows an applicant to work under a preceptor even though he may not be registerable because he is not 21 years old, has not yet proven good character or that his name has not been erased from the register of a veterinary association.

but who has not yet met all the particular prerequisites for registration required under clause (a) of subsection (1) of section 12,

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

