

Unofficial Translation

VETERINARY PROFESSION ACT

B.E. 2545 (2002) <sup>1</sup>

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BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ, REX;  
Given on the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of April B.E. 2545;  
Being the 57<sup>th</sup> Year of the Present Reign

His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej is graciously pleased to proclaim that:

Whereas it is expedient to have the law on veterinary profession;

This Act contains certain provisions in relation to the restriction of right and liberty of person, in respect of which section 29, in conjunction with section 31, section 35, section 48 and section 50 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand so permit by virtue of law;

Be it, therefore, enacted by the King, by and with the advice and consent of the National Assembly, as follows:

**Section 1.** This Act is called the “Veterinary Profession Act B.E. 2545 (2002)”.

**Section 2.** This Act shall come into force as from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette. <sup>2</sup>

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**Section 3.** The Animal Protection and Therapy Act B.E. 2505 shall be repealed.

**Section 4.** In this Act:

“Veterinary profession” means a profession which is related to any act on animal bodies in order to inspect, diagnose, prevent, treat or eliminate animal diseases and such action is acted upon animal bodies directly via injection or insertion of any material into the animal bodies for decoration or treatment, castration or breeding with a technique which prevents sexual reproductive diseases and it shall include contagious diseases between animals and humans, food protection and food contamination which comes from animal origins.

“Animal” means a living being which is neither a plant nor a human being.

“Disease” means illness, pain or abnormality of animal bodies or minds and it shall include symptoms from such conditions.

“License” means a license to practice veterinary profession from the Veterinary Council of Thailand.

“Veterinary practitioner” means a practitioner who has registered and holds a license to practice the veterinary profession from the Veterinary Council of Thailand.

“Member” means a member of Veterinary Council of Thailand.

“Board” means Board of the Veterinary Council of Thailand.

“Secretary-General” means Secretary-General of the Veterinary Council of Thailand.

“Deputy Secretary-General” means Deputy Secretary-General of the Veterinary Council of Thailand.

“Competent Official” means person appointed by the Minister to perform under this Act.

“Minister” means the Minister having charge and control of the execution of this Act.

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**Section 5.** In the case where any provision in any Act refers to “Treatment of Animals” or “Treatment of Animals Practitioner” under the Treatment of Animals Act B.E. 2505 (1962) shall include “veterinary profession” or “veterinary practitioner” as the case may be.

**Section 6.** The Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives shall have charge and control of the execution of this Act and shall have the power to appoint competent officials and issue Ministerial Regulations, Rules and Notifications for the execution of this Act.

Such Ministerial Regulations, Rules and Notifications shall come into force upon their publication in the Government Gazette.

## CHAPTER I

### The Veterinary Council

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**Section 7.** There shall be the Veterinary Council, a legal entity, whose duties and powers are stipulated in this Act.

**Section 8.** The Veterinary Council shall contain purposes as follows:

- (1) to control the veterinary profession;
- (2) to control behaviors of a veterinary practitioner to be in accordance with the code of conduct for veterinary profession;
- (3) to promote education, research and veterinary profession;
- (4) to promote unity and honor of members;
- (5) to help, advice, disseminate and provide education to people and other organizations relating to veterinary profession;

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- (6) to provide advice or recommendations to the government concerning policies and problems on veterinary profession;
- (7) to be a representative of veterinary profession in Thailand;
- (8) to provide justice and promote welfare to members;
- (9) to execute other acts as stipulated in the Ministerial Regulations.

**Section 9.** The Veterinary Council shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) to register and issue licenses to applicants for a veterinary practitioner;
- (2) to give orders under section 45;
- (3) to accredit academic degrees, certificates or diplomas in the field of veterinary of institutions for the benefits of member application;
- (4) to accredit curriculums for training programs on specialization of veterinary profession of institutions;
- (5) to accredit academic standing of the training institutions in (4);
- (6) to issue approval letters or diplomas stating knowledge and specialization in the veterinary profession and issue other letters stating qualifications in the field veterinary profession;
- (7) to execute in accordance with purposes of the Veterinary Council.

**Section 10.** The Veterinary Council may obtain incomes from the following sources:

- (1) subsidy from the government budget;
- (2) member registration fee, maintenance fee and other fees under this Act;
- (3) profits from asset management and activities under the purposes specified in section 8;
- (4) money and assets donated to the Veterinary Council;
- (5) interests on money and assets in (1) (2) (3) and (4).

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**Section 11.** The Minister shall hold the position of Honorary Chairperson of the Veterinary Council and have charge as stipulated in this Act.

**Section 12.** The Office of Veterinary Council shall have execute all administrative duties for the Board and the Veterinary Council and there shall be branches as necessary. This shall be stipulated by the Board.

## CHAPTER II Membership

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**Section 13.** An applicant for membership of the Veterinary Council shall have qualifications and not be under any of prohibition as follows:

- (1) being not less than twenty years of age;
- (2) having knowledge in veterinary profession illustrated by an academic degree, a certificate or diploma in the field of veterinary from an academic institute accredited by the Veterinary Council or having knowledge in veterinary profession by obtaining a degree in other fields which is not a Bachelor of Veterinary Science ;
- (3) not being a person whose behaviors are damaging and the Board sees that such behaviors would make professional reputation damaged;
- (4) not having been sentenced by a final judgment of the Court to a term of imprisonment in the case which the Board sees that it will bring damages to professional reputation;
- (5) not being an incompetent, quasi-incompetent or having any disease stipulated in the rule of the Veterinary Council.

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**Section 14.** Members shall have the following rights and duties:

- (1) to apply for a registration and license for a veterinary practitioner, to request for an approval letter or a diploma stating knowledge and specialization in any field of veterinary profession or to request a letter stating other academic standings in the veterinary profession by following the relevant rules of the Veterinary Council;
- (2) to give opinion or to ask questions in writing on the operation of the Veterinary Council and submit it to the Board for consideration and in the case where over fifty members submit a request to the Board to consider any operation of the Veterinary Council, the Board shall consider and notify the result of its consideration to the proposers within ninety days from the date of being notified;
- (3) to elect or to be elected as a member of the Board;
- (4) to maintain honor of the profession and to act in accordance with this Act.

**Section 15.** A membership shall expire upon:

- (1) death;
- (2) resignation;
- (3) being disqualified or being under any of the prohibitions under section 13(1) (2) or (5);
- (4) being removed from being a member by the resolution of the Board as the Board sees that such person will bring damages to the profession honor under section 13(3) or (4);
- (5) failing to pay membership fee, maintenance fee or charge without a reasonable cause in accordance with rules, procedures and conditions specified by the Rules of Veterinary Council.

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CHAPTER III  
Veterinary Council Board

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**Section 16.** There shall be a board called the Veterinary Council Board consisting of:

(1) Director of Department of Livestock Development, Dean of Faculty of Veterinary Science of state and private universities established under the law on private universities, Chairperson of the Veterinary Practitioner Association and Chairperson of Thai Veterinary Medical Association as *ex officio* members;

(2) one representative from the Ministry of Defense, one representative from the Ministry of Interior, one representative from the Ministry of Public Health, one representative from the Department of Fisheries, one representative from the Department of Livestock Development, one representative from the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration;

(3) members elected by members of the Council shall have the amount as the members in (1) and (2) add up together in each election.

**Section 17.** The Board may appoint qualified persons as consultants and shall have power to remove such consultants.

The consultant shall be in office for the same term as a member of the Board under section 14(4).

**Section 18.** The Board shall select a member of the Board within thirty days from the Election Day under section 16(3) to be Chairperson of the Veterinary Council, the first vice Chairperson of the Veterinary Council and the second vice chairman of the Veterinary Council, one person for each position.

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Chairperson of the Veterinary Council shall appoint members of the Board to be in the position of Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General, Public Relations, and Treasurer, one person per each position and may select members of the Board to hold other positions as seen necessary and shall have power to remove the mentioned from office with the approval of the Board.

The term of office for Chairperson of the Veterinary Council, the first vice Chairperson of the Veterinary Council and the second vice chairman of the Veterinary Council shall be the same as members of the Board under section 16(3).

When Chairman of the Veterinary Council vacates the office, the Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General, Public Relations, Treasurer and other positions under paragraph two, shall also vacate their offices.

**Section 19.** An election of a member of the Board under section 16(3), an appointment of consultant under section 17, a selection of a member of the Board to be in different positions under section 18 and selection of member of the Bard under section 23 shall be in accordance with Rule of the Veterinary Council.

**Section 20.** A member of the Board under section 14, besides Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Public Health, shall have the following qualifications:

- (1) being a veterinary practitioner;
- (2) not being a person whose license had been suspended or withdrawn under this Act or under the law on animal protection and therapy;
- (3) not being a bankrupt.

**Section 21.** Members of the Board under section 16(3) shall hold office for a term of three years and may be re-elected but not more than two consecutive terms.

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The member whose term of office has expired shall be in office to continue to perform his or her duties until a new member is elected. The Board shall hold an election under section 16(3) within ninety days from the date of expiration under paragraph one.

**Section 22.** In addition to vacating office on the expiration of term, a member of the Board under section 16(3) vacates office upon:

- (1) death;
- (2) resignation;
- (3) expiration of membership under section 15;
- (4) lack of qualifications or having prohibitions under section 20.

**Section 23.** In the case where a member of the Board under section 16(3) vacates the office before the expiration of the term, the Board shall select a member who is qualified and does not have prohibitions under section 20 to be a member of the Board within thirty days from the date that the office has become vacant.

In the case where members of the Board under paragraph one vacates for more than one half of the elected members, the Board shall hold an election to replace such members of the Board within ninety days from the day that such members are no longer in office.

In the case where the remaining term of office of a member under section 16(3) is less than ninety days, the Board may or may not hold an election to replace such members.

The member shall be in office for the unexpired term of office of the member he or she replaces.

**Section 24.** The Board shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) to manage and execute operations of the Veterinary Council in accordance with purposes and functions stipulated in section 8 and section 9;

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(2) to appoint an ethic sub-committee, an inquiry sub-committee and other sub-committees to execute other tasks or consider matters within the scope of purposes and powers of the Veterinary Council;

(3) to establish a branch for Veterinary Council;

(4) to issue rules of the Veterinary Council on:

(a) membership application;

(b) specification of diseases under section 11 (5);

(c) an increase in membership fee, maintenance fee and other fees besides of the fees specified in the annex of this Act;

(d) election of a member of the Board under section 16 (3), appointment of a consultant and selection of members of the Board to positions under section 18;

(e) meeting of the Board, sub-committees, team of consultants and members;

(f) powers and duties of consultants under section 17;

(g) powers and duties of other positions under section 18 paragraph two;

(h) rule on examination of veterinary practitioner under section 35;

(i) qualifications of veterinary practitioner under section 33;

(j) forms and licenses, rule, procedures and conditions in registration, issuance of licenses, period of licenses, renewal of licenses, issuance of approval letter or certificate stating knowledge or skills in veterinary profession, issuance of a license replacement, approval letter or certificate or letter stating qualifications;

(k) rule on establishment, management and abolishment of training institutions in different fields of veterinary profession;

(l) terms and conditions in veterinary profession under section 35;

(m) code of conduct of the veterinary profession under section 36;

(n) rules on suspension and withdrawal of licenses;

(o) rule on inquiry or investigation in the case of accusation or allegation of veterinary practitioner;

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(p) other matters within the scope of purposes or powers of the Veterinary Council under this Act or other relevant laws.

(5) act in accordance with the law specifying that they are duties and powers of the Board.

Rule of the Veterinary Council under (a), (b), (c), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), and (o) shall come into force upon their publication in the Government Gazette.

**Section 25.** Chairperson of the Veterinary Council, Vice Chairperson of the Veterinary Council, Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General, Public Relations and Treasurer shall have the following duties and powers:

(1) Chairperson shall have the following duties and powers:

(a) to manage and operate the Veterinary Council in accordance with resolutions of the Board;

(b) to represent the Veterinary Council in matters relating to external personnel;

(c) to preside over the Board meeting

Chairperson of the Veterinary Council may assign, in writing, any other members of the Board to perform his or her duties for him or her as he or she sees fit.

(2) First vice chairperson shall be an assistant to the Chairperson of the Veterinary Council in matters within the scope of powers and duties of the Chairperson, as assigned by the Chairperson. He or she shall be the person who acts on behalf of the Chairperson of the Veterinary Council when he or she is not present at the office or unable to perform his or her duty;

(3) Second vice chairperson shall be an assistant to the Chairperson of the Veterinary Council in matters within the scope of powers and duties of the Chairperson, as assigned by the Chairperson. He or she shall be the person who acts on behalf of the

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Chairperson of the Veterinary Council when neither the Chairperson nor the first vice chairperson is not present at the office or unable to perform his or her duty;

(4) Secretary-General shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) to supervise every level of officers of the Veterinary Council;

(b) to be in charge of general administrative work of the Veterinary Council;

(c) to be responsible in keeping the record of membership registration, record of veterinary practitioners and other records of the Veterinary Council;

(d) to control and supervise assets of the Veterinary Council;

(e) to be a secretary of the Board meetings;

(5) deputy Secretary- General shall be an assistant to the Secretary- General in matters within the scope of powers and duties of the Secretary – General, as assigned by the Secretary- General. He or she shall be the person who acts on behalf of the Secretary- General when he or she is not in the office or cannot perform his or her duty;

(6) public relation shall have powers and duties in publicizing, providing recommendations and disseminating the work of the Veterinary Council to the members, public and other organizations;

(7) treasurer shall have powers and duties in controlling, supervising and being in charge of accounting, finance and budget of the Veterinary Council;

Consultant under section 17 and other personnel under section 18 paragraph two shall have powers and duties as specified by the Board.

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CHAPTER IV  
Execution of the Board

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**Section 26.** At a meeting of the Board, the presence of not less than one-half of existing members is required to constitute a quorum.

A resolution of a meeting shall be by a majority of the votes. In casting votes, each member shall have one vote. In case of an equality of votes, the person presiding over the meeting shall have an additional vote as a casting vote and is the decisive vote.

A resolution of a meeting to withdraw a membership under section 15(4) or to suspend or withdraw a license under section 45 paragraph three shall be voted for by not less than two-thirds of the existing members in office.

Paragraph one and paragraph two shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to a meeting of a sub-committee.

A meeting of consultants shall be in accordance with the Rule of the Veterinary Council.

**Section 27.** Honorary chairperson can attend any meeting and give opinion to a meeting of the Board or send an opinion, in writing, to the Veterinary Council.

**Section 28.** A resolution of the Board in the following matters shall be approved by the honorary chairperson prior to its execution:

- (1) issuance of any Rule;
- (2) budget plan of the Veterinary Council;
- (3) withdrawal of a membership under section 15(4);
- (4) a decision to suspend or withdraw a license under section 45 paragraph three (2) (a) or (c).

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Chairman of the Veterinary Council shall present a resolution under paragraph one to honorary chairperson without any delay and the honorary chairperson may veto such resolution. In the case that the resolution is not vetoed within fifteen days from the date of being notified of the resolution, it shall deem to be approved by the honorary chairperson. If the honorary chairperson vetoes a resolution, the Board shall hold a meeting and consider such matter again within thirty days from the date that the resolution has been vetoed. In the case where two third of the total existing members insists on the resolution, the Board shall act accordingly.

## CHAPTER V

### Control of practice of the veterinary profession

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**Section 29.** No one shall perform veterinary profession or any practice which would make others understand that he or she has the right to be a veterinary practitioner except in one of the following circumstances:

(1) a veterinary profession done to his or her animal except in the case that it is a commercial animal farming with the size, type and amount of animals specified by the Board and published in the Government Gazette;

(2) animal treatment without any fee and such act is not be a surgery, radiotherapy, acupuncture, or anesthetic or especially controlled medicine, narcotics, or drugs under such laws, as the case may be;

(3) student, university student or trainee who practices or being trained under the state controlled veterinary science institutes or institutes granted by a state permission to be established or educational institutes or other medical institutes accredited by the Veterinary Council. It is under supervision of a trainer official or trainer who is a veterinary practitioner;

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(4) Civil servant, official, employees or officials of the Minister, bureau, department, municipality, Provincial Administrative Organization, Sub-district Administrative Organization, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, Pattaya Metropolitan Administration, other extraordinary regional administrative organizations as stipulated by law, or Thai Red Cross, to perform veterinary profession in accordance with powers and duties or accordance with the written assigned by a government organization or such organizations;

(5) Any person whom the Minister, bureau, department, municipality, Provincial Administrative Organization, Sub-district Administrative Organization, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, Pattaya Metropolitan Administration, other extraordinary regional administrative organizations as stipulated by law, or Thai Red Cross assigns to perform veterinary profession in accordance with the regulation specified by the Minister;

(6) veterinary profession practiced by consultants or government specialist or teachers in educational institutions or other veterinary science institution accredited by the Veterinary Council with the foreign license to perform veterinary profession. This shall be approved by the Board.

**Section 30.** No one who does not register and holds a license shall use the word or statement in Thai or foreign letter “veterinarian” “male veterinarian” “female veterinarian” or “male/female veterinarian” or abbreviation of such words with his or her name or surname or use any word or statement bearing the same meaning or perform with any mean to make people understand that he or she is a veterinary profession including using, hiring, asking or approving other people to act for him or her. This shall be in accordance with the Rule of the Veterinary Council.

**Section 31.** Form and type of license, rule, measures and conditions for registration, license issuance, license renewal, issuance of approval letter or diploma stating knowledge and specialization in veterinary profession and other diplomas in veterinary

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profession and issuance of license replacement, approval letter or diploma or letter stating certification shall be in accordance with the Rule of the Veterinary Council.

**Section 32.** Veterinary practitioner shall be divided into two classes as follows: first class veterinary practitioner and secondary veterinary practitioner.

**Section 33.** A person who has the right to register and holds a license to be a veterinary profession under section 32 shall have the following knowledge:

(1) to be a first class veterinary practitioner, he or she must:

(a) hold a degree in veterinary science from an educational institute in Thailand accredited by the Ministry of University Affairs or;

(b) hold a degree in veterinary science from foreign educational institute and hold a license to be a practitioner in the country where he or she receives the degree except if he or she is a Thai national, he or she may not hold a license to practice veterinary profession in that country but he or she has to pass the exam in accordance with the Rule of the Veterinary Council.

(2) a secondary class veterinary practitioner must have knowledge in veterinary profession and holds a degree in another field which is not veterinary science or a diploma from an educational institute which is accredited by the Veterinary Council and pass the exam in accordance with the Rule of the Veterinary Council.

**Section 34.** An applicant for registration and license shall be a member of the Veterinary Council and obtains other qualifications as specified in the Rule of the Veterinary Council.

When a membership of a veterinary practitioner expires, his or her license shall expire from the date of membership expiration.

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A person whose membership of the Veterinary Council expires under section 15(2) or (3) shall return the license to the Secretary-General within fifteen days from the date of being notified that the membership expires under section 15(4) or (5).

**Section 35.** A veterinary practitioner shall practice his or her profession within the terms and conditions specified in the Rule of the Veterinary Council.

**Section 36.** A veterinary practitioner shall practice within the code of practice specified by the Rule of the Veterinary Council.

**Section 37.** A person who has been injured from a breach of terms and condition of veterinary profession under section 35 or from a breach of code of conduct under section 36 shall have the right to accuse the veterinary practitioner by submitting in writing a letter to the Veterinary Council.

Members of the Board or other persons who have seen or know that a veterinary practitioner breaches terms and condition of veterinary profession under section 35 or from a breach of code of conduct under section 36 have the right to accuse a the veterinary practitioner by submitting in writing a letter to the Veterinary Council.

The rights to accusation under paragraph one or the right to allegation under paragraph two exhausts after one year limitation period, calculated from the date that the injured or the person who made an accusation has learnt about the issue and identification of the wrongdoer but this shall not exceed the three year limitation period, calculated from the date of wrongdoing.

A withdrawal of accusation or allegation letter, which has already been submitted shall not be a reason to withdraw the proceeding under this Act.

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**Section 38.** Once the Veterinary Council receives the accusation or allegation under section 37, the Secretary-General shall, without delay, submit the issue to the chairperson of the ethic sub-committee.

**Section 39.** The Board shall appoint an Ethic sub-committee from members consisting of one chairperson and no less than two members of the sub-committee. It shall have duties and powers to investigate the fact in matters received under section 38 and conduct a report including its opinion and submit it to the Board for consideration.

The Board may appoint more than one Ethic sub-committees.

**Section 40.** Once the Board receives the report and opinion of the ethic sub-committee, it shall consider the report and opinion and shall have one of the following resolutions:

(1) to order the Ethic sub-committee to find out additional facts and submit it to the Board for consideration;

(2) to order the Inquiry sub-committee to examine in the case where there is a reasonable ground to believe that the accusation or allegation is well-grounded;

(3) to lift the accusation or allegation in the case where the Board sees that there is no reasonable ground to believe that such accusation or allegation is well-grounded.

**Section 41.** The Board shall appoint an inquiry sub-committee from members consisting of one Chairperson and no less than two members of the sub-committee. It shall have duties and powers to investigate, conclude the investigation and present file of a case including its opinion to the Board for a decisive judgment.

The Board may appoint more than one Inquiry sub-committees.

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**Section 42.** The Board, the Ethic sub-committee and the Inquiry sub-committee shall have powers to call upon any person for statement and shall order any person to send documents or articles for the benefits of the execution of the Board and sub-committees.

For the execution of the Board, the Ethic sub-committee and the Inquiry sub-committee, the members of the Board, Ethic and Inquiry sub-committees shall be competent officials under the Criminal Code.

**Section 43.** Chairperson of the Inquiry sub-committee shall send a letter notifying the accusation or allegation, including a photocopy of the matter of accusation or allegation, to the accused or incriminated person for no less than fifteen days prior to the beginning of the investigation.

The accused or alleged person shall have the right to submit explanation or to bring in witnesses or evidence to the Inquiry sub-committee.

Explanation or evidence shall be submitted to the chairperson of the Inquiry sub-committee within fifteen days from the date of being notified by the chairperson of the Inquiry sub-committee or within the time period the chairperson has extended to.

**Section 44.** When the Inquiry sub-committee completes the inquiry, it shall submit, without delay, the report including its opinion to the Board for it to make a decisive judgment.

**Section 45.** When the Board has received the inquiry report and opinion of the sub-committee, it shall, without delay, consider the report and opinion.

The Board may request the Inquiry sub-committee for an additional investigation prior it its decisive judgment.

The Board has powers to make one of the following decisive judgments:

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(1) to lift the accusation or allegation in the case where it sees that a veterinary profession did not perform any wrongdoing as accused or incriminated or;

(2) to punish one of the followings in the case where it sees that a veterinary profession acted wrongly as accused or incriminated:

(a) to give a warning;

(b) to put on probation;

(c) to suspend a license for the reasonable amount of time but shall not exceed two years;

(d) to withdraw a license.

Under the application of section 28, the decisive judgment of the Board under this section shall be made in the form of Order of the Veterinary Council and state the reasoning of the judgment. The judgment shall be final.

**Section 46.** The Secretary-General shall notify Order of the Veterinary Council to the accused or incriminated person within fifteen days from the date of issuance of the Order and shall record the Order in the registration of veterinary practitioner.

Measure and procedure for the notification under paragraph one shall be in accordance with the Rule specified by the Board.

**Section 47.** Under the application of section 29, a veterinary practitioner whose license is suspended or withdrawn shall not perform veterinary profession or any act which could be mistaken by others that he or she has the right to perform veterinary profession from the date of being notified of the Order of the Veterinary Council on the suspension or withdrawal of such license.

**Section 48.** A veterinary profession who is under a license suspension and breaches section 47 shall have his or her license withdrawn by the Board.

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**Section 49.** A veterinary practitioner whose license is withdrawn may apply for a license after a lapse of two years from the date of license withdrawal. In the case where the Board considers the license application and refuse to issue, that person shall be able to apply for the license again after a lapse of one year from the date of refusal. If the Board refuses to issue the license for the second time, that person shall lose the right to apply for the license.

Paragraph one shall apply to a person who practices animal protection and therapy, under the law on animal protection and therapy, and whose license is withdrawn prior to the enforcement of this Act as for the license application for a veterinary practitioner under the Act.

## CHAPTER VI

### Supervision

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**Section 50.** The Minister shall have powers to supervise the execution of the Veterinary Council and veterinary profession and order competent officials to inquire facts on the execution of work of the Veterinary Council and veterinary profession.

**Section 51.** In the course of execution of duties in accordance with order of the Minister under section 50, competent officials shall have the following powers:

(1) to enter into the office of a veterinary practitioner during its operating hours to inspect or control in accordance with this Act;

(2) to enter into any place or vehicle where there is a reasonable ground to believe that there will be a wrongdoing, under this Act, during the sunrise and sunset or during its operating hours in order to inspect any document or article which could be used as evidence in the wrongdoing under this Act and if there is a reasonable ground to believe that if it is left

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until the search warrant is issued, such documents or articles will be moved, hidden, destroyed or transformed;

(3) to seize any document or article which may be used as an evidence in the prosecution of wrongdoing under this Act;

In the execution of duties of the competent official under paragraph one, the concerned person facilitate thereto.

**Section 52.** A competent official shall, in the execution under this Act, produce his or her identification card.

The identification card shall be in accordance with the form specified by the Minister and is published in the Government Gazette.

**Section 53.** In the execution of duties under this Act, a competent official shall be the official under the Penal Code.

## CHAPTER VII

### Penalties

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**Section 54.** Any person who violates section 29 or section 47 shall be liable to imprisonment for a term of not exceeding three year or to a fine of not exceeding sixty thousand Baht or to both.

**Section 55.** Any person who violates section 30 shall be liable to imprisonment for a term of not exceeding one year or to a fine of not exceeding twenty thousand Baht or to both.

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**Section 56.** Any person who violates section 34 paragraph three or fails to facilitate a competent official in the execution of his or her duties under section 51 paragraph two shall be liable to a fine of not exceeding one thousand Baht.

**Section 57.** Any person who fails to give a testimony statement or fails to hand in requested documents or articles under section 42 paragraph one without any reasonable cause shall be liable to imprisonment for a term of not exceeding one month or to a fine of not exceeding one thousand Baht or to both.

#### Transitory Provision

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**Section 58.** Any person who has registered and holds a license to practice the treatment and animal therapy under the law on treatment and animal therapy when this Act comes into force shall be considered a member of the Veterinary Council under this Act.

A member of the Veterinary Council under paragraph one shall pay membership fee, maintenance fee and other related fee within ninety days from the date that the Rule of Veterinary Council under section 24(4) (c) comes into force. In the case where he or she fails to pay within the specified time, his or her membership shall expire and section 34 paragraph two and paragraph three shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

**Section 59.** Any person who has registered and holds a license to practice animal treatment and therapy under the animal treatment and therapy Act B.E. 2505 and the license is still in effect on the date that this comes into force shall be considered that that person has registered and hold a license for veterinary profession under this Act as follows:

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(1) any person who has registered and holds a license to practice first class animal treatment and therapy shall be deemed to be registered and holds a first class license for veterinary profession;

(2) any person who has registered and holds a license to practice second class animal treatment and therapy shall be deemed to be registered and holds a second class license for veterinary profession;

A veterinary practitioner under (1) and (2) has the right to perform veterinary profession under conditions specified in the animal treatment and therapy Act B.E. 2505 and conditions stated in the license for the remaining time of such license except in the case where that person has submitted a registration and received a license to be a veterinary practitioner under this Act prior to the license expires, he or she shall has the right to continue practicing a veterinary profession unless the Board order not to issue the license and section 34 paragraph three shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

**Section 60.** In the beginning where there is no election for the Board members under section 16 (3), the members shall consist of the Director of Department of Livestock development as chairperson of the Veterinary Council and members of the Board under section 16(1) and (2) as members.

Appointment of the members under section 16(2) shall be completed within thirty days from the date that this Act comes into force.

Director of Department of Livestock development shall appoint members under paragraph one as Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary- General, public relation and treasurer, one person for each position until such positions are filled by election under section 18 paragraph two.

Election of members under section 16(3) shall be completed within one hundred and twenty days from the date that this Act comes into force.

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**Section 61.** Application for registration and license of the animal treatment and therapy practitioner and application for amendment or addition of statements of the registration submitted under the Animal Treatment and Therapy Act B.E. 2505 prior to the effective date of this Act shall be dealt as follows:

(1) if the Board of animal treatment and therapy under the Animal Treatment and Therapy Act B.E. 2505 has not yet considered such applications, they shall be considered the applications under this Act and when an applicant applies to be a member of the Veterinary Council, the application shall continue to be dealt with under this Act;

(2) if the Board of animal treatment and therapy under the Animal Treatment and Therapy Act B.E. 2505 has considered such applications and ordered accordingly, such applications shall be dealt under the provisions of the Animal Treatment and Therapy Act until a license for animal treatment and therapy practitioner has been issued and section 58 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

**Section 62.** An inquiry and consideration for a revocation or withdrawal of license for animal treatment and therapy practitioner which is under the consideration process under the Animal Treatment and Therapy Act B.E. 2505 on the date that this Act comes into force shall be dealt under this Act except:

(1) in the case where an inquiry under the Animal Treatment and Therapy Act B.E. 2505 has completed before this Act comes into force but the Board of Animal Treatment and Therapy has not yet made any order, the inquiry shall be deemed proper, the Board and Secretary-General under this Act shall continue to proceed under section 45 and section 46 of this Act;

(2) in the case where an inquiry has been conducted and the Board of Animal Treatment and Therapy has made an order under the Animal Treatment and Therapy Act B.E. 2505 before this Act comes into force but has not yet notified the accused licensee, the inquiry

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and order shall be deemed proper and it shall be proceeded under section 46 of this Act and section 45 paragraph four of this Act shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

**Section 63.** Under the application of section 60 and section 61 of this Act, any ongoing execution under the Animal Treatment and Therapy Act B.E. 2505 on the date that this Act comes into force shall continue to proceed as specified by the Board.

**Section 64.** Ministerial Regulation, Rule, or Notification by virtue of the Animal Treatment and Therapy Act B.E. 2505 shall be in force so far as they are not contradictory or inconsistent with this Act until Ministerial Regulation, Rule, or Notification is issued by virtue of this Act which shall not exceed one hundred and eighty days from the date that this Act comes into force.

Countersigned by

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Prime Minister

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### Rate of Fees

Fee for registration of a license for a first class veterinary practitioner and license renewal	5,000 Baht each
(1) Fee for registration of a license for a second class veterinary practitioner and license renewal	3,000 Baht each
(2) Fee for a certificate of registration for a veterinary practitioner	500 Baht each
(3) Fee for approval letter or diploma stating knowledge And expertise in veterinary profession and Diploma stating other qualifications in veterinary profession	2,000 Baht each
(4) Fee for a license substitute under (1) and (2) And substitution of document under (4)	500 Baht each

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