

PUNJAB LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT ACT, 1953.

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3. In any area to which this Act applies, no person Prohibition to shall keep a bull except under and in accordance with keep a bull un- marked. the provisions of this Act

4. Every person, who, in any local area, keeps Intimation about any bull which is not branded with a distinguishing mark unmarked bulls. as provided under this Act, shall give intimation of such possession to the Livestock Officer within such period as may be prescribed. X Substituted for the words "State Government" by the Punjab Reorganisation (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968. 'Substituted for the word "Punjab" by ibid, Scanned with OKEN Scanner 1953: Pb. Act XLVIII LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT 289 5. On receipt of the intimation under section 4, Submission of or on his own motion, the Livestock Officer may, by order, require any person keeping a bull to present the bull for inspection at any reasonable time and at a place specified in the order and thereupon it shall be the duty of the person keeping the bull to produce it for inspection accordingly and render all reasonable assistance in connection with such inspection

6. After such inspection of a bull the Livestock Officer, if satisfied that the bull is suitable for being used for breeding purposes in the local area, shall certify the bull as 'approved and cause it to be

branded with a mark prescribed for the purpose. 7. (1) If, after inspection, the Livestock Officer is satisfied that a bull is unsuitable for breeding purposes in a local area he shall cause it to be effectively castrated or specify by order a period during which such castrations shall be effected. (2) Such castration shall be performed or caused to be performed by the Livestock Officer unless the owner or the other person keeping the bull desires to make his own arrangements for complying with the order and if the bull is not castrated within the time allowed by the Livestock Officer, then without prejudice to any action that may be taken under section 14. the Livestock Officer shall get the bull castrated. (3) The Livestock Officer shall cause every bull so castrated to be branded with the prescribed mark. Certification of bulls as approved. Marking of castrated bulls. 8. (1) If after such enquiry as the Livestock Officer may deem fit to make, he finds that any un-castrated bull is not owned or possessed by a known Person, he shall cause the bull to be seized and inspected. (2) If, on such inspection, he finds the bull not fit for being certified as 'approved' he shall have it castrated and branded with the appropriate mark and if he finds such bull fit for breeding purposes, he shall mark it as an approved bull, Scanned with OKEN Scanner LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT [1953: Pb. Act 290 9. (1) For the purposes of this Act, Livestock Officer or any other officer or person authorised by Officers come competent to inspect and to enter him in this behalf shall have power at all reasonable times premises. (a) to inspect any bull ; (b) to brand any bull with a prescribed mark • (c) subject to such conditions and restrictions, if any, as may be prescribed, to enter any premises or other place where he has reason to believe that a bull is kept. (2) If the Livestock Officer, at any time on inspection of an approved bull, finds that the bull has become unfit as an approved bull he may take action as for an unapproved bull, in accordance with section 7

10. Every castration or marking required to be made free of charge or made under this Act by a Livestock Officer shall be done or made free of charge

11. Any notice or order which is to be given or Service of notice and order. served on any person under the provisions of this Act may be given or served on the owner or keeper of a bull primarily liable to comply with such notice or order and In case of doubt or when he is unknown, it may be given or served on the person last known as owner or keeper thereof, and any seizure or inspection under section 8' shall be deemed to have been done after compliance with the notice aforesaid. shall maintain in Maintenance of 12. The Livestock Officer registers. the prescribed form a register giving particulars Of inspections, names of owners or keepers of bulls' castrations and markings made, and bulls approved under this Act, and such other particulars as, may be prescribed. Penalty for un- 13. If any person without lawful authority brands authorised mark• or causes to be branded any bull with any mark prescribed in this Act or with any mark resembling such prescribed mark, he shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to three months or with a fine which may extend to five hundred rupees or both• Scanned with OKEN Scanner 1953 : Pb. Act LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT 14. Whoever— 291 (a) keeps a bull in contravention of this Act or of Penalty for other offences. any rule or order made (hereunder, or (b) neglects or fails to produce a bull for inspection when required to do so under the provisions of this Act, or obstructs any officer or person in the discharge of his functions under this Act or rules made thereunder, or (c) neglects or fails to comply with any order under this Act or rules thereunder, shall on conviction be punishable with fine which may extend to fifty rupees, and in the case of a second or any subsequent offence with fine which may extend to one hundred rupees

15. No Magistrate or Court shall take cognizance of any offence under this Act except upon a complaint. made by a Livestock Officer or any person authorized by him In this behalf. 16. (1) No suit, prosecution or other proceedings shall lie against an officer or servant of the Government for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done under or in pursuance of this Act. (2) No suit, or other legal proceedings shall lie against the Government or against any of its officers for any damage caused or likely to be caused by anything in good faith done or intended to be done under or in pursuance of this Act. Power to make 17. (1) The Government may make rules to carry out the purposes of this Act. (2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality Of the foregoing provision, such rules may provide for— (a) all matters required to be prescribed under *Substituted for the words "State Government" by the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1956. (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Scan 292 LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT [1953 : Pb. Act XLVII (d) the powers and duties to be exercised performed by officers or persons acting under this Act and the procedure to be adopted by them in so acting ; and (c) the approved age of a bull for purposes of breeding,

in any local area. (3) All rules shall be subject to the condition of previous publication. Scanned with OKEN Scann

