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An Act to amend The Veterinary Surgeons Acts 1936 to 1964 in certain particulars

[Assented to 20th December, 1973]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

- 1. Short title and citation. (1) This Act may be cited as the Veterinary Surgeons Act Amendment Act 1973.
- (2) The Veterinary Surgeons Act of 1936 as subsequently amended is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.
- (3) The Principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1936-1973.

2. New long title. The long title to the Principal Act is omitted and the following long title substituted:—

"An Act relating to the qualifications and registration of veterinary surgeons and the regulation and control of the practice of veterinary surgery, and for purposes connected therewith".

- 3. Amendment of s. 3. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by—
 (a) inserting before the definition "Board" the following definitions:—
 - ""Animal"—An animal, bird, fish or reptile, of any species;
 - "Animal attendant"—A person other than a veterinary surgeon who, under the supervision of a veterinary surgeon, engages in the care and handling of animals;
 - "Animal nurse"—A person who has successfully completed a course of training approved by the Board and who performs in relation to veterinary surgery such duties as are prescribed;";
- (b) omitting the definition "Minister" and substituting the following definition:—
 - ""Minister"—The Minister for Primary Industries or other Minister of the Crown who, at the material time, is charged with the administration of this Act: the term includes any Minister of the Crown who is temporarily performing the duties of the Minister;";
- (c) inserting after the definition "Pharmaceutical chemist" the following definition:—
 - ""Practice" as regards veterinary surgery includes the doing or performance for fee or reward of any act, procedure, matter or thing that forms part of veterinary surgery, whether on one or more than one occasion;";
- (d) inserting after the definition "This Act" the following definitions:—
 - ""Veterinary centre"—Premises at which veterinary surgery is practised, approved by the Board as a veterinary centre;
 - "Veterinary clinic"—Premises at which veterinary surgery is practised, approved by the Board as a veterinary clinic;
 - "Veterinary hospital"—Premises at which veterinary surgery is practised, approved by the Board as a veterinary hospital;";
- (e) omitting the definition "Veterinary medicine" and substituting the following definition:—
 - "" Veterinary medicine"—A medicine within the meaning of that term in the Agricultural Standards Act 1952-1972;";
- (f) adding to the definition "Veterinary surgery" the following words:—
 - ": the term includes-
 - (a) the diagnosis of diseases in and injuries to animals including tests performed on animals for diagnostic purposes;
 - (b) the giving of advice based upon a diagnosis pursuant to subparagraph (a);
 - (c) the medical or surgical treatment of animals;
 - (d) the undertaking or performance of surgical operations on animals:
 - (e) the doing or performance with respect to animals of any act, procedure, matter or thing declared by Order in Council to be veterinary surgery".

- 4. Repeal of and new s. 4. The Principal Act is amended by repealing section 4 and substituting the following section:—
 - "4. Constitution and composition of Board, appointment and tenure of office of members. (1) There shall be constituted a Board called "The Veterinary Surgeons Board of Queensland", which shall have and may exercise and discharge the powers, authorities, duties and functions conferred or imposed upon it by or under this Act.
 - (2) The Board shall consist of a president and four other members, appointed by the Governor in Council by notification published in the Gazette, all of whom shall be veterinary surgeons.

The president shall, in addition to being a veterinary surgeon, be a person who is, for the time being, a senior officer of the Department of Primary Industries of the State.

- (3) (a) The president of the Board and one other member shall be persons nominated by the Minister.
- (b) The three remaining members shall be persons elected by veterinary surgeons from among themselves.
- (c) The member of the Board, other than the president, nominated by the Minister shall be the deputy president of the Board.
- (4) (a) The president of the Board shall hold office at the pleasure of the Governor in Council.
 - (b) A member of the Board other than the president—
 - (i) shall hold office for a term of three years, but if at the expiration of that term his successor has not been appointed, shall, subject to this Act, hold office until his successor is duly appointed;
 - (ii) shall be eligible for re-appointment.
- (5) The Governor in Council may at any time remove a member of the Board other than the president from office.
- (6) Notwithstanding this section, the Board shall continue to be constituted by the members by whom it is constituted immediately prior to the date of commencement of the *Veterinary Surgeons Act Amendment Act* 1973 and those members shall continue in office as members of the Board in terms of their appointments thereto.".
- 5. Amendment of s. 5. Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended by—
 - (a) in subsection (3),
 - (i) omitting the words " or election as the case may be,";
 - (ii) omitting the words " or elected ";
 - (iii) adding the following paragraphs:—
 - "In the case of an elected member, a vacancy shall be filled by the appointment as prescribed of a person recommended by the Minister from a panel of three persons nominated by the Queensland Division of the Australian Veterinary Association.

If that association fails within 14 days after a request in writing in that behalf by the Minister to submit a nomination, the Minister may without that nomination recommend to the Governor in Council a person who is in the opinion of the Minister a suitable person, as a member of the Board, and the person so recommended shall be deemed to be duly nominated.";

(b) omitting subsection (4).

6. Amendment of s. 7. Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in subparagraph (a), omitting the word "insane" and substituting the words "a patient within the meaning of that term in *The Mental Health Acts* 1962 to 1964";
- (b) omitting subparagraph (g) and substituting the following subparagraph:—
 - "(g) Ceases to be a veterinary surgeon.".
- 7. Repeal of and new s. 10. The Principal Act is amended by repealing section 10 and substituting the following section:—
 - "10. Business of Board. The Board shall meet as often as is necessary for the due administration of this Act at such times and places as it thinks fit and shall conduct its business in the manner prescribed or, so far as not prescribed, as it determines from time to time.".
- 8. Amendment of s. 13. Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended by, in subsection (1), adding the following paragraph:—
 - "In appointing a deputy to act during the absence of an elected member, the Governor in Council may have regard to the nomination of the Queensland Division of the Australian Veterinary Association.".
- 9. Amendment of s. 16. Section 16 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from subsection (2) subparagraph (c) and substituting the following subparagraph:—
 - "(c) Such other titles, descriptions, qualifications and particulars as are prescribed for or in respect of persons registered under this Act.".
- 10. Amendment of s. 17. Section 17 of the Principal Act is amended by—

(a) omitting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:—

- "(1) Save where exemption from payment thereof is provided for by the regulations, every veterinary surgeon shall, on or before the thirty-first day of January in each year, pay to the registrar the prescribed annual roll fee.";
- (b) in subsection (2), inserting after the words "the prescribed" the word "annual".

- 11. Repeal of and new s. 18. The Principal Act is amended by repealing section 18 and substituting the following section:—
 - "18. Qualifications for registration. (1) A person shall be entitled to be registered as a veterinary surgeon if he applies to the Board in the prescribed form and satisfies the Board that he is of good fame and character and that—
 - (a) he is—
 - (i) the holder of a degree or diploma in veterinary surgery of a university or other body; or
 - (ii) a member of a college or other body of veterinary surgeons;
 - in either case granted after due examination and recognized by the Governor in Council by Order in Council—
 - (iii) as entitling the holder or member, as the case may be, to practise veterinary surgery in the country in which the degree, diploma or membership was obtained; and
 - (iv) as furnishing sufficient evidence that he possesses the skill, knowledge and ability efficiently to practise veterinary surgery in the State;
 - (b) he is—
 - (i) the holder of a degree or diploma in veterinary surgery of a university or other body; or
 - (ii) a member of a college or other body of veterinary surgeons,

other than a university, college or other body specified in an Order in Council made pursuant to paragraph (a) or (c), in either case granted after due examination and recognized by the Governor in Council by Order in Council as entitling the holder or member, as the case may be, to practise veterinary surgery in the country in which the degree, diploma or membership was obtained but as not furnishing sufficient evidence that he possesses the skill, knowledge and ability efficiently to practise veterinary surgery in the State without compliance with such of the further requirements specified in subsection (2) as the Board in its discretion determines and he has complied with such further requirements as are so determined; or

- (c) he is—
 - (i) the holder of a degree or diploma in veterinary surgery of a university or other body; or
 - (ii) a member of a college or other body of veterinary surgeons,

other than a university, college or other body specified in an Order in Council made pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b), in either case granted after due examination and recognized by the Governor in Council by Order in Council as entitling the holder or member, as the case may be, to practise veterinary surgery in the country in which the degree, diploma or membership was obtained but as not furnishing sufficient evidence that he possesses the skill, knowledge and ability efficiently to practise veterinary surgery in the State without compliance with the further requirements specified in subsection (2) and he has complied with those further requirements.

- (2) The further requirements referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) are—
 - (a) that he has been resident in the Commonwealth for the prescribed period;
 - (b) that he has undergone and passed prescribed examinations conducted in the English language.
- (3) The Board may refuse the application for registration as a veterinary surgeon of a person who is a patient within the meaning of that term in *The Mental Health Acts* 1962 to 1964.".
- 12. New s. 18A. The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 18 the following section:—
 - "18A. Performance of certain acts by approved persons. (1) The Board may upon application grant approval to a person who possesses the qualifications specified in paragraph (b) or (c) of section 18, but who has not complied with the further requirements specified in subsection (2) of that section, to do or perform any act, procedure, matter or thing the doing or performance of which forms part of the practice of veterinary surgery, in the course of his employment with and under the supervision of a veterinary surgeon.
 - (2) An application under this section—
 - (a) shall be in the prescribed form;
 - (b) shall contain the prescribed particulars;
 - (c) shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee;
 - (d) shall be supported by such evidence as the Board requires.
 - (3) The Board shall consider each application made under this section and may grant or refuse it, and where the Board grants an application it shall issue an approval.
 - (4) An approval granted and issued under this section—
 - (a) shall be in the prescribed form;
 - (b) shall be subject to such terms, conditions or restrictions as are prescribed, and specified therein;
 - (c) shall remain in force-
 - (i) until the person to whom it was granted is registered under this Act as a veterinary surgeon; or
 - (ii) until the expiration of the period of five years commencing on the date on which the approval was granted,

whichever first occurs, and thereupon shall cease to be of any force or effect.

- (5) Where a person in respect of whom an approval is in force under this section—
 - (a) is convicted in the State of an indictable offence, or elsewhere of an offence which, if committed in the State, would be an indictable offence;
 - (b) is convicted of an offence against this Act;
 - (c) is adjudged by the Board after an inquiry to be guilty of misconduct which, if he had been a veterinary surgeon, would be misconduct in a professional respect;
- (d) contravenes or fails to comply with any term, condition or restriction subject to which the approval was granted, the Board may cancel the approval or suspend the approval for such period as the Board determines.

Where an approval is suspended under this subsection that approval shall be of no force or effect during the period of suspension and shall remain in force only for the period during which it would have remained in force but for the suspension.".

- 13. Amendment of s. 19. Section 19 of the Principal Act is amended
- (a) in subsection (1), in subparagraph (c), inserting after the word "fee" the words ", save where exemption from the payment thereof is provided for in the regulations";
 - (b) omitting subsection (2).
- 14. New s. 19A. The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 19 the following section:—
 - "19A. Provisional registration. (1) Where a person has applied to the Board in the prescribed form to be registered as a veterinary surgeon and has paid the prescribed fee for registration, the president or in the absence of the president a member of the Board authorized generally in that behalf by the Board, upon being satisfied that such person is entitled to be registered as a veterinary surgeon, may grant to him a certificate in the prescribed form of provisional registration as a veterinary surgeon.
 - (2) A person to whom a certificate of provisional registration as a veterinary surgeon has been granted shall be deemed to be registered under this Act as a veterinary surgeon and this Act shall apply to and with respect to that person accordingly—
 - (a) until the date stated in the certificate; or
 - (b) until such later date as is fixed by the Board.
 - (3) The date stated or the later date fixed by the Board pursuant to subsection (2) shall not in any case be more than three months from the date on which the certificate was granted.
 - (4) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), the Board may at any time before the date stated or fixed, as the case may be, cancel a certificate granted and thereupon the person to whom it was granted shall cease to be deemed to be registered as a veterinary surgeon under this Act, and the cancellation shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be a refusal by the Board of the application of that person to be registered as a veterinary surgeon.

- (5) If a person to whom a certificate of provisional registration has been granted becomes registered as a veterinary surgeon while that certificate is still in force, his registration shall, unless otherwise determined by the Board, date from the granting of that certificate."
- 15. Repeal of s. 21. The Principal Act is amended by repealing section 21.
- 16. Amendment of s. 22. Section 22 of the Principal Act is amended by—

(a) in subsection (1),

- (i) in subparagraph (i), omitting the word "practice" and substituting the word "practise";
- (ii) omitting subparagraph (ii) and substituting the following subparagraph:—
 - "(ii) Becomes a patient within the meaning of that term in The Mental Health Acts 1962 to 1964;";
 - (b) in subsection (2),
- (i) in subparagraph (ii), adding the words "or other prescribed title or description";
 - (ii) adding the following subparagraphs:—
 - (iv) Signs or gives under his name and authority a certificate, notice, report or like document that is false, misleading or improper, signed or given by him in his professional capacity for use in a court, or for administrative or governmental purposes or for his pecuniary interest or that of another person concerned; or
 - (v) Contravenes or fails to comply with, or counsels, procures, aids, abets, or does or omits to do any act for the purpose of enabling, another person to contravene or fail to comply with any Act or law with respect to dangerous drugs whether or not the contravention or failure to comply is the subject of court proceedings; or
 - (vi) Advertises directly or indirectly otherwise than in accordance with the regulations, sanctions advertisements or employs or sanctions the employment of agents for the purpose of procuring clients; or
 - (vii) Contravenes or fails to comply with subsections (3), (4), (6) and (8) of section 25";
- (c) omitting subsection (3) and substituting the following subsection:—
 - "(3) If upon its inquiry the Board adjudges a veterinary surgeon guilty of misconduct in a professional respect, the Board, instead of erasing his name from the register, may make one or more of the following orders—
 - (a) suspend his registration as a veterinary surgeon for a period specified by the Board;
 - (b) require him to pay to the Board by way of penalty a sum fixed by the Board not exceeding \$500;
 - (c) admonish or reprimand him.

The Board may publish in the Government Gazette the finding of its inquiry and particulars of any order made under this subsection.":

- (d) in subsection (4), inserting after the word "suspended" the words "or other order made":
- (e) in subsection (5), inserting after the words "Supreme Court" where they occur the words "or a District Court" in each case;
 - (f) omitting subsection (6);
 - (g) adding the following subsection:-
 - "(7) The registrar shall secure compliance with an order of the Board made pursuant to subsection (1) or subparagraph (a) or (b) of subsection (3), and to that end, when an order is made under subparagraph (a) of subsection (3), shall enter in the register against the relevant registration a memorandum of the suspension and the cause thereof"
- 17. New ss. 22A, 22B. The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 22 the following sections:—
 - "22A. Appeals. (1) A person aggrieved by—
 - (a) a refusal by the Board, on any ground other than the ground that he does not possess the prescribed qualifications, of his application to be registered as a veterinary surgeon;
 - (b) a decision of the Board under section 22,

may appeal therefrom to a Judge of the District Court at Brisbane who shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine the appeal and whose decision thereon shall be final and be given effect to by the Board.

(2) An appeal shall be by way of re-hearing, and shall be instituted within 30 days after notification of the refusal or decision to the person aggrieved and no later, by filing a notice of appeal in the registry of the District Court at Brisbane and by complying with any rules of court made with respect thereto.

Rules of Court may be made under the *District Courts Act* 1967–1972 with respect to the institution, conduct and disposal of an appeal.

- (3) Where upon an appeal the Judge orders a penalty to be paid by an appellant he shall order the penalty to be paid to the Board and, for the purposes of its enforcement, the order shall be deemed to be an order made by the Board.
- (4) (a) The Judge may make such order as to costs to be paid by either party to the appeal as he thinks just.
- (b) An order for costs made pursuant to paragraph (a) may be enforced in the same manner as a judgment of the District Court.
- **22B.** Removal of name from register by request. The Board may upon application in writing by a veterinary surgeon remove his name from the register.".

- 18. Repeal of and new s. 23. The Principal Act is amended by repealing section 23 and substituting the following section:—
 - "23. Surrender of certificate. A person whose name has been removed from the register under section 17, 22 or 22B or whose registration as a veterinary surgeon has been suspended under section 22 shall, within 14 days from the date of receipt by that person of the notification of removal or suspension, surrender to the Board the certificate of registration issued to him under this Act.

The Board may dispense with the requirement contained in this section upon evidence satisfactory to the Board being given that the certificate has been lost or destroyed.".

- 19. Amendment of s. 24. Section 24 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words "the Supreme Court" and substituting the words "a Judge of the District Court at Brisbane".
- 20. Repeal of and new s. 25. The Principal Act is amended by repealing section 25 and substituting the following section:—
 - "25. Prohibited practices. (1) A person other than a person registered under this Act as a veterinary surgeon and a corporation, firm or association other than a corporation, firm or association consisting wholly of persons registered under this Act as veterinary surgeons shall not practise veterinary surgery or take or use or by inference adopt the name, initial, title, symbol or description of veterinary surgeon or any word or words being a combination or an abbreviation of the words "veterinary surgeon" or use or have attached to or exhibited at his place of business or residence or at its place of business any name, initial, title, symbol or description that implies or is calculated to imply or is likely to imply that he or the corporation, firm or association is registered under this Act or is entitled to practise veterinary surgery or is carrying on the practice of veterinary surgery.
 - (2) A person other than a veterinary surgeon shall not advertise or hold himself out as being, or in any manner pretend to be or to possess the status of, a veterinary surgeon, or take or use or by inference adopt alone or in combination with any other name, title, word or initial, the name, title, word or initial of veterinary doctor, veterinary chemist, animal surgeon, animal physician, animal doctor, or any other veterinary, medical or surgical name, title, word or initial that implies or is calculated to imply or is likely to imply that he is registered under this Act or entitled to practise veterinary surgery or is carrying on the practice of veterinary surgery.
 - (3) A veterinary surgeon, in any advertisement, poster or other public notice—
 - (a) shall not hold out a person who is not registered under this Act as being his partner, assistant or associate;
 - (b) shall not use words that imply or are calculated to imply that a person who is not registered under this Act is his partner, assistant or associate.

- (4) Save by or under the authority of this Act, a veterinary surgeon—
 - (a) shall not hold out that a person who is not registered under this Act will do or perform any act, procedure, matter or thing in relation to veterinary surgery;
 - (b) shall not cause, suffer or permit a person who is not registered under this Act to do or perform any act, procedure, matter or thing in relation to veterinary surgery that has been entrusted to or is in the charge of that veterinary surgeon.
 - (5) A person other than a veterinary surgeon at any time—
 - (a) shall not by advertisement or in any other manner hold out that he or any other person who is not a veterinary surgeon will do or perform any act, procedure, matter or thing in relation to veterinary surgery;
 - (b) shall not do or perform any act, procedure, matter or thing in relation to veterinary surgery for fee or reward.

For the purposes of this subsection, the Governor in Council may from time to time by Order in Council declare certain operations that may be done in or in connexion with animal husbandry and specified therein not to constitute veterinary surgery.

- (6) A veterinary surgeon shall not practise veterinary surgery under a name other than his own name.
- (7) Where a corporation, firm or association consisting wholly of veterinary surgeons practises veterinary surgery, there shall be exhibited in or on any sign at the place of business thereof and on office stationery and in any advertisement, in addition to the name of that corporation, firm or association the name and qualifications in respect of which registration has been granted of every veterinary surgeon comprising that corporation, firm or association.
- (8) A veterinary surgeon shall not, without the approval of the Board first had and obtained, take or use, or have attached to or exhibited at his residence or any place of business (either alone or in combination with other words or letters) the words "veterinary services" "veterinary rooms" or similar words or any word or words being a combination or an abbreviation thereof, or the word "consultant", "specialist" or similar word or an abbreviation thereof.
- (9) (a) Notwithstanding any other Act or law, a person commits an offence against this section, if the act complained of is done or omitted on one occasion only.
- (b) A person who is guilty of an offence against this section is liable upon conviction to a penalty of \$500 and in addition to a penalty of \$50 for every day during which that offence continues after the date of conviction.".
- 21. New s. 25A. The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 25 as inserted by this Act the following section:—
 - "25A. Restriction on use of certain names. (1) A veterinary surgeon shall not, without the approval of the Board in writing first had and obtained, take or use or by inference adopt, or use

or have attached to or exhibited at his place of business or residence the name, initial, title, symbol or description of "veterinary centre", "veterinary clinic" or "veterinary hospital" or any word or words being a combination or an abbreviation thereof, or by advertisement or in any other manner hold out that the premises at which he practises veterinary surgery are a "veterinary centre", "veterinary clinic" or "veterinary hospital".

- (2) The approval of the Board for the purposes of this section shall be in the discretion of the Board upon such terms, conditions or restrictions as are prescribed or so far as not prescribed as the Board determines."
- 22. Amendment of s. 28. Section 28 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsection (2) and substituting the following subsection—
 - "(2) A person shall not, in proceedings before the Board, make a false statement or utter or attempt to utter or represent as true a false, forged or counterfeit degree, diploma, certificate, licence, letter, testimonial or other document of any kind.

Penalty: \$1,000.".

- 23. Amendment of s. 29. Section 29 of the Principal Act is amended by, in subsection (2),
- (a) omitting the words "twenty pounds" and substituting the expression "\$200":
- (b) omitting the words "The Official Inquiries Evidence Acts, 1910 to 1929" and substituting the words "The Commissions of Inquiry Acts 1950 to 1954".
- 24. New s. 29A. The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 29 the following section:—
 - "29A. Construction, management and the like of veterinary centres, clinics and hospitals. Veterinary centres, veterinary clinics and veterinary hospitals shall be constructed and equipped, and controlled, managed and operated in such manner as is prescribed or so far as not prescribed as the Board determines."
- 25. Amendment of s. 30. Section 30 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words "imprisonment with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding six months" and substituting the words "a penalty of \$1,000".
- 26. Amendment of s. 31. Section 31 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words "as correct by the Auditor-General" and substituting the words "by the Auditor-General as in his opinion exhibiting a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the Board for the period to which the statement relates".
- 27. Amendment of s. 34. Section 34 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words "" The Veterinary Medicines Act of 1933"" where they occur and substituting in each case the words "the Agricultural Standards Act 1952–1972".

28. Amendment of s. 35. Section 35 of the Principal Act is amended by—

(a) in subsection (2), omitting the words "twenty pounds" and substituting the expression "\$200":

- (b) in subsection (3), omitting the word "six" where it occurs and substituting in each case the figures "12".
- 29. Repeal of and new s. 37. The Principal Act is amended by repealing section 37 and substituting the following section:—
 - "37. Regulations. The Governor in Council may make regulations not inconsistent with this Act for or with respect to—
 - (a) the powers, duties and functions of the registrar and officers appointed by the Board;
 - (b) registers and the manner of their keeping and the titles (including titles approved by the Board in specific cases on the application of a veterinary surgeon), descriptions, qualifications and particulars to be inserted therein;
 - (c) the forms to be used for the purposes of this Act and the particular purposes for which those forms shall respectively be used;
 - (d) proceedings of the Board;
 - (e) fees payable under this Act, the purposes for which those fees are payable, the variation of fees for different classes of veterinary surgeons; exemption from payment of fees and the persons to be so exempted;
 - (f) fees and allowances payable to Board members, examiners and other persons under this Act;
 - (g) applications to and approvals by the Board;
 - (h) penalties not exceeding \$200 for contravention of or failure to comply with a regulation;
 - (i) elections held under this Act:
 - (j) proceedings in connexion with complaints or charges against veterinary surgeons in respect of prohibited practices or for alleged misconduct in a professional respect;
 - (k) the manner in which and the extent to which a veterinary surgeon—
 - (i) may advertise himself as qualified to practise and the place where that practice takes place;
 - (ii) may make radio broadcasts or telecasts;
 - (iii) may write articles for or give statements to the press;
 - (1) the holding of examinations and the persons required or eligible to sit for them; fees payable by examinees; appointment of examiners;
 - (m) the rules of professional conduct for veterinary surgeons;
 - (n) the common seal of the Board and the attesting of documents by or on behalf of the Board;
 - (o) operation, control and management of veterinary centres, veterinary clinics and veterinary hospitals; care and attention of animals accommodated therein; the manner in which and the extent to which they may be advertised;

- standards of construction of buildings used in connexion therewith; equipment and staff thereof; methods of hygiene and standards of cleanliness therein:
- (p) qualifications and courses of training for animal nurses and animal attendants, their functions and duties and regulation and control thereof;
- (q) the universities, colleges or like bodies and the degrees, diplomas or certificates granted by them that the Governor in Council may recognize in connexion with applications for registration of persons as veterinary surgeons, and for approvals pursuant to section 18A;
- (r) the issue of certificates with respect to animals on which veterinary surgery has been done or performed; the circumstances in which and the purposes for which those certificates may be issued; the persons who may sign them:
- (s) all matters required or permitted by this Act to be prescribed and in respect of which the manner of prescription is not specified;
- (t) all matters that may be convenient for the administration of this Act or that may be necessary or expedient to achieve the objects and purposes of this Act.".