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## LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 27th June, 1956

No. 24-Leg/56.—The following Act of the Legislature of the State of Punjab received the assent of the President on 21st June, 1956, and is hereby published for general information :-Punjab Act No. 15 of 1956

THE PUNJAB PROHIBITION OF COW SLAUGHTER ACT, 1955

ACT

to prohibit the slaughter of cow and its progeny in Punjab.

BE it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Punjab in the Seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows :-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Punjab Pro-Short title, extent and

- (2) It extends to the whole of the State of Punjab, ment.
- (3) It shall come into force at once.

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2. In this Act, unless there is anything repug-Definitions. nant in the subject or context-

- (a) "beef" means flesh of cow in any form but does not include flesh of cow contained in sealed containers and imported into Puniab :
  - (b) beef-products include extraction from beef ;

(c) "cow" includes a bull, bullock, ox, heifer. '(ce)' or calf ;

(d) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;

- (e) "slaughter" means killing by any method whatsoever and includes maining and inflicting of physical injury which in the ordinary course will cause death;
- (f) "Government" means the Government of Punjab; and ... WE WILL
- (g) "uneconomic cow" includes stray. unprotected, infirm, disabled, diseased or

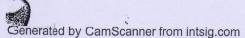
3. Notwithstanding anything contained in any of cow other law for the time being in force or any, usage slaughter, other law for the contrary, no person shall slaughter or custom to the contrary, no person shall slaughter or cause to be slaughtered or offer or cause to be offered for slaughter any cow in any place in Punjab;

> Provided that killing of a cow by accident or in self defence will not be considered as slaughter under the Act.

4. (1) Nothing in section 3 shall apply to the Exceptions. slaughter of a cow-

> (a) whose suffering is such as to render its destruction desirable according to the certificate of the Veterinary Officer of the area or such other Officer of the Animal Husbandry Department as may be prescribed; or

(b) which is suffering from any contagious or infectious disease notified as such by the Government; or



(c) which is subjected to experimentation in the interest of medical and public health research by a certified medical practitioner of the Animal Husbandry Department.

· (2) Where it is intended to slaughter a cow for the reasons specified in clause (a) or clause (b) of subsection (1) it shall be incumbent for a person doing so to obtain the prior permission in writing of the Veterinary Officer of the area or such other Officer of the Animal Husbandry Department as may be prescribed.

cribed. પાં–તા રહિમાન ૧ 5. Except as herein excepted and notwithstand- Prohibition ing anything contained in any other law for the time of sale of being in force, no person shall sell or offer for sale beef. or cause to be sold beef or beef-products in any form except for such medicinal purposes as may be prescribed.

6. There shall be established by the Govern- Establishment or by any local authority, when so directed by ment of the Government, institutions for the reception, maintenance and care of uneconomic cows.

7. The State Government or the local authority, if so authorised, may levy such fees as may be prescribed for care and maintenance of uneconomic cows in the institution.

8, (1) Whoever contravenes or attempts contravene or abets the contravention of the provisions of section 3 or 5 shall be guilty of an offence punishable with rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees or with both.

(2) Whoever fails to lodge the information in the manr and within the time stated in subsection (2) of section 4 shall be guilty of an offence punishable with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees or with both.

(3) In any trial for an offence punishable under subsection (1), or, subsection (2) the burdern of prov-ing that the slaughtered cow belonged to the class specified in clause (a) or (b) of subsection (1) of section 4 shall be on the accused.

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9. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, an offence punish able under subsection (I) of section 8 shall be cognisable and non-bailable.

10. (1) The State Government may make rules for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of foregoing powers, such rules may provide for—
  - (a) the conditions and the cricumstances under which cows may be slaughtered under subsection (1) of section 4;
  - (b) the manner in which diseases shall be notified under subsection (1) (b) of section 4
  - (c) the manner in which permission snall be obtained under subsection (2) of section 4;
  - (d) the form and contents of the certificate mentioned in sub-clause (a) of subsection (1) of section 4 and the authorities com-

(e) the manner in which and conditions under which beef or beef-products are to be sold under section 5:

- (f) the matters relating to the establishment, maintenance, management, supervision and control of institutions referred to in section 6;
- (g) the duties of any officer or authority having jurisdiction under this Act, the procedure to be followed by such officer or authority; and
- (h) the matters which are to be and may be prescribed.

SHAMSHER BAHADUR, Secretary to Government, Punjab, Legislative Department.

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