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AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE REGULATION
AND IMPROVEMENT OF BULLS AND OTHER LIVE
STOCK USED FOR BREEDING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS OF SAORSTÁT
EIREANN AS FOLLOWS:—

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Keeping bulls.

1.—(1) On and after the appointed day it shall not be lawful for any person to keep or have in his possession any bull to which this Act applies save in so far as such keeping or possession is authorised by a licence or permit granted to such person under this Act and for the time being in force.

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(2) Every person who shall keep or have in his possession any bull to which this Act applies in contravention of this section shall be guilty of an offence under this section and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

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(3) In any prosecution for an offence under this section the burden of proof that a licence or permit had been granted under this Act in respect of the bull and was in force and (where the age of the bull is in issue) the burden of proof of the age of the bull shall lie on the person prosecuted and unless and until the contrary is proved it shall be presumed that no such licence or permit had been granted or that if such licence or permit had been granted it was no longer in force on the day on which the offence was alleged to have been committed.

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(4) For the purpose of a prosecution for an offence under this section a bull shall be deemed to be kept by and to be in the possession of each and every of the following persons, that is to say—

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(a) the owner of the bull, and

(b) the owner of the lands or premises on which the bull was when the offence was alleged to have been committed, and

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(c) the person having the charge or management of the lands or premises aforesaid.

Minister may
grant licences.

2.—(1) The Minister may, subject to the provisions of this Act and on payment of such fee (not exceeding five shillings) as may be prescribed, grant to any person a licence to keep and have in his possession a specified bull to which this Act applies.

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(2) Every application for a licence under this section shall be in the prescribed form and shall be made in the prescribed manner and at the prescribed time.

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(3) The Minister may subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, including payment of such additional fee (not exceeding five pounds) as may be prescribed, grant a licence under this section notwithstanding that the application therefor is made at a time other than the prescribed time.

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(4) Where the Minister is satisfied that a licence granted under this section has been lost or destroyed he may, subject to the prescribed conditions and on payment of the prescribed fee, issue to the holder of such licence a duplicate thereof, and such duplicate licence shall for all purposes have the same force and effect as the original licence, and all the provisions of this Act with respect to a licence granted under this Act shall apply to a duplicate licence issued under this section.

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3.—(1) The Minister may refuse to grant a licence under this Act in respect of any bull which appears to him—

Conditions for granting a licence.

- (a) to be calculated to beget defective or inferior progeny, or
- 5 (b) to be of a breed or type unsuitable for the district in which it is kept or is proposed to be kept, or
- (c) to be affected by any contagious or infectious disease, or
- (d) to be affected by any other disease or defect prescribed as a disease or defect rendering a bull unsuitable for
- 16 breeding purposes, or
- (e) to have been inadequately prolific.

(2) In the case of a pure-bred bull the property of one person and used exclusively for the service of cows the property of that person, the Minister shall not refuse to grant a licence under this Act solely on the ground mentioned in paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The Minister may for the purposes of this section cause an inspection and examination to be made of any bull in respect of which an application for a licence under this Act has been

20 made.

4.—The Minister may at any time suspend or revoke any licence granted by him under this Act if he is satisfied that the bull to which such licence relates—

Suspension and revocation of licences.

- (a) is calculated to beget defective or inferior progeny; or
- 25 (b) is of a breed or type unsuitable for the district in which it is kept; or
- (c) is affected by any contagious or infectious disease; or
- (d) is affected by any other disease or defect prescribed as a disease or defect rendering such bull unsuitable for
- 30 breeding purposes, or
- (e) has proved inadequately prolific.

5.—(1) It shall be the duty of the holder of a licence granted under this Act to produce or cause to be produced on demand such licence, at the place where the bull to which it relates is

35 kept, for inspection by—

Production of licence for inspection.

- (a) an inspector, or
- (b) a member of the Dublin Metropolitan Police or of the
- Gárda Síochána, or
- (c) the person in charge of a cow about to be served by such
- 40 bull.

(2) Every holder of a licence granted under this Act who fails to produce such licence or to cause the same to be produced on any occasion on which he is required by this section so to do shall be guilty of an offence under this section and shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

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(3) A demand for the production of a licence shall be deemed for the purpose of this section to have been made to the holder of the licence if such demand is made verbally at the place where the bull to which the licence relates is kept to any person in the employment of the holder of the licence and having the care, custody, or charge of the bull.

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6.—(1) It shall be the duty of any person having custody of any bull to which this Act applies, and of the owner or the person having the charge or management of the lands or premises on which any such bull is found, if so required by an

55 inspector or by any member of the Dublin Metropolitan Police or of the Gárda Síochána, to give to such inspector or such member the name and address of the owner of such bull and of the person by whom such bull is kept, so far as the same are

60 known to him.

Duty on persons having custody of bulls.

(2) Every such person as aforesaid who, knowing the name or address of the owner of a bull to which this Act applies or of the person by whom such bull is kept, refuses when so required to give such name or address to an inspector or to any member of

the Dublin Metropolitan Police or of the *Gárda Síochána* shall be guilty of an offence under this section and shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding two pounds.

Permits for fattening for slaughter.

7.—(1) The Minister may grant to any person on payment of such fee (not exceeding two shillings and sixpence) as may be prescribed a permit to keep and fatten off for slaughter subject to and in accordance with the prescribed conditions a specified bull to which this Act applies. 5

(2) A permit granted under this section shall authorise the person to whom it is granted to keep and have in his possession subject to and in accordance with the prescribed conditions the bull mentioned in the permit during the period of time specified in the permit or during any extension thereof endorsed on the permit. 10

(3) The provisions (including the penal provisions) of this Act in relation to the production and inspection of licences shall apply to the production and inspection of permits granted under this section. 15

Transfer of licences and permits.

8.—(1) Save in the manner and to the extent authorised by this section licences and permits granted under this Act shall not be transferable. 20

(2) Where the right to the possession of a bull in respect of which a licence or permit granted under this Act is in force passes from the holder of the licence or permit to another person (in this section called the transferee) either by a transfer or devolution of the property in the bull or by a loan, hire, or lease of the bull for a period exceeding one month, or by the cesser or surrender of any such loan, hiring, or lease, the Minister may, on the application of the transferee and on notice to the holder of the licence or permit or his personal representative and on compliance with the prescribed conditions, transfer the licence or permit in the prescribed manner to the transferee. 25 30

(3) On the death of the holder of a licence or permit, his personal representative may retain possession of the bull to which the licence relates for a period not exceeding three months from the death of the holder or until the sooner determination of the licence or permit without obtaining a transfer to himself of the licence or permit. 35

Effect of loans, etc., of bulls.

9.—(1) Where the holder of a licence or permit granted under this Act lends, hires, or leases the bull to which the licence or permit relates to another person for a period not exceeding one month, such bull shall be deemed for the purposes of this Act to continue during such lending, hiring, or lease in the possession of and to be kept by the holder of such licence or permit. 40 45

(2) Where the holder of a licence or permit granted under this Act lends, hires, or leases the bull to which the licence or permit relates to another person for a period exceeding one month, such bull shall be deemed for the purposes of this Act to have passed into the possession and keeping of such other person. 50

Duties of holder of licences and permits.

10.—(1) It shall be the duty of the holder of a licence or permit granted under this Act and for the time being in force—

(a) to send within the prescribed time and in the prescribed form to the Minister the prescribed particulars of— 55

(i) any transfer (whether by sale or otherwise) or devolution of the property in the bull to which the licence or permit relates, and

(ii) any loan, lease, or hiring of such bull,

(iii) the castration of such bull,

(iv) the death of such bull; 60

(b) to permit the bull to which the licence or permit relates to be inspected, examined, and marked by an inspector at any reasonable time;

(c) to return to the Minister within the prescribed time the licence or permit after the termination thereof by suspension, revocation, effluxion of time, death or castration of the bull, or otherwise.

5 (2) If and whenever the holder of a licence or permit granted under this Act refuses, neglects, or omits to comply with any of the provisions of this section he shall be guilty of an offence under this section and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

10 11.—(1) An inspector may inspect, examine, and mark, and any member of the Dublin Metropolitan Police or the *Gárda Síochána* may inspect and examine at all reasonable times any bull to which this Act applies or any bull which is reasonably believed by such inspector or member to be a bull to which
15 this Act applies.

Inspection, etc.,
of bulls.

(2) Any inspector or any member of the Dublin Metropolitan Police or the *Gárda Síochána* may for the purpose of exercising all or any of the powers conferred on him by this section enter at all reasonable times any lands or premises on which any
20 such bull as is mentioned in the foregoing section is for the time being kept or is reasonably believed by such inspector or member to be so kept.

(3) Every person who shall obstruct or impede an inspector or any member of the Dublin Metropolitan Police or the *Gárda Síochána* in the exercise of any of the powers conferred on him
25 by this section shall be guilty of an offence under this section and shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

30 12.—(1) Where the Minister refuses an application for a licence under this Act or revokes or suspends a licence granted under this Act, or is of opinion that a bull to which this Act applies is not suitable for breeding purposes the Minister may serve on the owner, reputed owner, or other person keeping or having possession of the bull the subject of such application,
35 licence, or opinion a notice in the prescribed form requiring such person within the time (not being less than seven days) specified in such notice to do, at his own option, any one of the following things, that is to say—

Minister may
order slaughter
or castration of
certain bulls.

40 (a) to take out a permit under this Act in respect of the bull, or
(b) to have the bull slaughtered, or
(c) to have the bull castrated.

(2) In the event of a notice served under the foregoing sub-section not being complied with within the time limited therein,
45 the Minister may cause the bull the subject of the notice to be slaughtered or to be castrated at the expense of the owner of the bull, and for that purpose any persons authorised in that behalf by the Minister may enter any premises in which the bull may be or may reasonably be believed to be.

50 (3) The cost of the slaughter or castration of a bull pursuant to this section shall be paid by the owner of the bull to the Minister on demand and may be recovered by the Minister from such owner as a civil debt.

(4) Any person who shall obstruct or impede the Minister or any
55 person duly authorised by him in the exercise of any of the powers conferred by this section shall be guilty of an offence under this section and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

(5) The exercise by the Minister of the powers conferred on
60 him by this section shall not relieve any person from any penalty which he may have incurred under any other section of this Act.

(6) Where the owner of a bull is not known, a notice under this section in relation to that bull may be addressed to "the

owner of a bull" without naming him, and in any case a notice under this section may be served by delivering it to the person to whom it is addressed, or by delivering it to a person over sixteen years of age on the lands or premises on which the bull to which it relates is then kept, or by sending it by post to the person to whom it is addressed at his last known place of abode or the place at which the bull to which it relates was last known to be kept.

Establishment of panel of referees.

13.—(1) There shall be established and maintained for the purposes of this Act a panel of referees consisting of such number of fit and proper persons as shall from time to time be found necessary for the purposes aforesaid.

(2) The members of the panel of referees shall be appointed by the Executive Council, and every such member shall hold office for five years from the date of his appointment and shall be eligible for re-appointment at the expiration of any such term of office.

(3) Every member of the panel of referees shall be paid such fees and expenses for every inspection and examination made by him in pursuance of this Act as the Minister shall, with the approval of the Minister for Finance, direct.

Requisition for examination by a referee.

14.—(1) Where the Minister—

- (a) refuses to grant a licence or permit under this Act, or
- (b) refuses to transfer a licence or permit granted under this Act or to grant a new licence or permit in lieu of such transfer, or
- (c) revokes or suspends a licence granted under this Act, or
- (d) serves a notice under this Act requiring that either a permit be taken out in respect of a bull or the bull be slaughtered or castrated,

the owner or any person keeping or having possession of the bull to which the application, licence, permit, or notice relates shall be entitled on application in the prescribed manner and within the prescribed time and on payment of the prescribed fee not exceeding one pound, to have such bull inspected and examined by a referee.

(2) Upon receipt of an application under the foregoing subsection the Minister shall cause the bull to which the application relates to be inspected and examined by a referee nominated by the Minister from the panel of referees, and such referee shall make a report in writing to the Minister of the result of his inspection and examination of the bull.

(3) The Minister shall thereupon consider the said report and shall either confirm, with or without modification, reverse, or cancel the refusal, revocation, suspension, or notice aforesaid.

(4) Where an application for inspection and examination of a bull is made under this section on account of the refusal to grant or to transfer a licence or permit or to grant a new licence, no offence under this Act shall be deemed to be committed by the keeping or having possession of the bull to which the application relates pending the decision of the Minister on the report of the referee.

(5) Where an application for inspection and examination of a bull is made under this section on account of the revocation or suspension of a licence or the service of a notice, such revocation, suspension, or notice shall be deemed to be withdrawn, pending the decision of the Minister on the report of the referee, and if such revocation, suspension, or notice is confirmed, with or without modification, by the Minister under this section, the revocation or suspension as so confirmed shall take effect as on and from the date of such confirmation or the notice as so confirmed shall be deemed for the purposes of this Act to have been served on the date of such confirmation.

(6) When selecting a member of the panel of referees to inspect and examine a bull under this section, the Minister shall not

nominate any member who has within one year previously been employed by the person making the application or by the Minister to inspect or examine the bull.

(7) Where the Minister reverses or cancels under this section any such refusal, revocation, suspension, or notice as aforesaid the fee paid on the application for the examination and inspection of the bull by a referee shall be returned to the person by whom the same was paid.

15.—All expenses of carrying this Act into effect shall, to such extent as shall be sanctioned by the Minister for Finance, be paid out of moneys to be provided by the Oireachtas. Expenses.

16.—Every person who fraudulently alters or uses or permits the fraudulent alteration or use of any licence, duplicate licence, or permit granted under this Act shall be guilty of an offence under this section and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or, at the option of the court, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both such imprisonment and fine. Penalty for fraudulent use of licences, etc.

17.—Every offence under any provision of this Act may be prosecuted by or at the suit of the Minister as prosecutor. Offences.

18.—(1) The Minister may by order make regulations in regard to any matter or thing referred to in this Act as prescribed or to be prescribed, but no such regulation shall be made in relation to the amount or collection of fees without the consent of the Minister for Finance. Regulations.

(2) All regulations made by the Minister under this section shall be laid before each House of the Oireachtas as soon as may be after they are made, and if a resolution is passed by either such House within the next subsequent twenty-one days on which that House has sat annulling such regulations, such regulations shall be annulled accordingly but without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under such regulations.

19.—(1) This Act shall apply to all bulls of such age as shall be prescribed for that purpose by regulations made under this Act. Application of the Act.

(2) The Minister may at any time after the appointed day by order apply the provisions of this Act with such modifications as may be specified in such order to boars or rams or to both boars and rams, and any such order shall have effect as if enacted in this Act, but may be varied or revoked by any subsequent order of the Minister.

20.—The Minister may by order appoint a day to be the appointed day for the purpose of this Act, and the expression "the appointed day" when used in this Act means the day so appointed. Appointed day

21.—In this Act—
the expression "the Minister" means the Minister for Lands and Agriculture; Definitions.

the word "prescribed" means prescribed by regulations made under this Act;

the word "inspector" includes any person authorised (either generally or for a special purpose) by the Minister to exercise all or any of the powers and perform all or any of the duties conferred and imposed on an inspector by this Act.

22.—This Act may be cited as the Live Stock Breeding Act, 1924. Short title.

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Acht chun forálacha do dhéanamh chun tairbh agus eallach stuic eile a húsáidtear i gcóir síolrúcháin do regleáil agus d'fheabhasú.

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