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An Act to amend and consolidate the law relating to the registration and control of dogs and the prevention of rabies; and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Control of Dogs Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

"**dog**", other than in regulations dealing only with registration, includes any tame or partly tame carnivorous animal in captivity.

3. Regulations

The Minister may, from time to time by statutory instrument, make, alter and repeal regulations—

- (a) to prohibit or regulate the introduction of dogs into Zambia from all or any of the adjacent countries and to authorise the destruction of any dogs unlawfully introduced into Zambia;
- (b) to prohibit or regulate the removal of dogs from any place to any other place within Zambia;
- (c) to authorise or require the control, isolation, inoculation, muzzling or destruction of any dogs within Zambia or any part thereof and to prescribe the manner in which the carcasses of any dogs so destroyed as aforesaid shall be dealt with or disposed of;
- (d) to prescribe the manner in which and by whom and to whom notice of the fact shall be given if any dog is suspected of suffering from rabies;
- (e) to provide for the registration of dogs in any particular area and to prescribe the persons or authorities by whom such registration shall be carried out, the forms to be used, the badges to be issued and the fees to be paid, and any other matters or things he deems it necessary to prescribe in connection with such registration;
- (f) providing that fees collected under this Act by a rural council shall be paid into the general fund of the rural council;
- (g) to prescribe penalties for the contravention or attempted contravention of any regulation, such penalties not to exceed one year's imprisonment with or without hard labour or a fine of three thousand penalty units or both;

and generally for carrying into effect the purposes or provisions of this Act.

[As amended by No. 6 of 1940; No. 3 of 1953; G.N. No. 319 of 1964; No. 69 of 1965 and Act No. 13 of 1994]

4. Fabrication of certificate or badge

Any person who shall—

- (a) fabricate any certificate or badge prescribed by any regulations made under the preceding section with intent that it shall be used as a certificate or badge lawfully issued under such regulations;
- (b) use or utter any fabricated certificate or badge knowing the same to have been fabricated with intent as aforesaid;
- (c) steal or be found in possession of any certificate or badge issued under such regulations to another person without being able to account satisfactorily for such possession;

shall be guilty of an offence against this Act and shall be liable, on conviction, to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding two years.