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AN ACT TO AMEND THE BUTCHERS ORDINANCE.

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BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Representatives of Ceylon in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Butchers (Amendment) Act, No. 2 of 1951.

Short title.

2. Section 4 of the Butchers Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as "the principal enactment") is hereby amended in sub-section (1) thereof, by the substitution, for the words "an annual licence", of the words "an annual licence or a temporary licence".

Amendment of
section 4 of
Chapter 201.

3. Section 7 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in sub-section (5) thereof, by the substitution, for the words "Effect shall not", of the words "Subject to the provisions of paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) of section 9A, effect shall not".

Amendment of
section 7 of
the principal
enactment.

4. Section 9 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following new section substituted therefor:—

Replacement
of section 9
of the principal
enactment.

Fees for
licences.

9. Every annual licence issued to a licensed butcher shall bear a stamp of five rupees, or of such higher amount not exceeding twenty-five rupees as may be determined by the proper authority, which shall be supplied to the proper authority by the butcher before the issue of the licence.

In this section—

"proper authority" has the same meaning as in sub-section (2) of section 22 of this Ordinance.

5. The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 9 of the principal enactment, and shall have effect as section 9A of that enactment:—

Insertion of
new section 9A
in the principal
enactment.

Temporary
licences.

9A. (1) The proper authority may issue to any person a temporary licence to carry on the trade of a butcher—

(a) in any case where an appeal in respect of an application by such person for a licence to carry on the trade of a butcher has been duly made to the Minister under sub-section (4) of section 7; or

(b) on written application made to the proper authority by such person for such temporary licence for the purposes of any festival, carnival or other special event; such application shall be signed by the applicant and shall state his name and the premises at which he intends to carry on such trade.

(2) Every such temporary licence shall—

(a) come into force on such date as shall be specified in the licence; and

(b) bear a stamp of five rupees, to be supplied to the proper authority by the licensed butcher before the issue of the licence.

(3) (a) Every temporary licence issued under paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) shall, unless earlier revoked, cease to be in force on the date on which the Minister makes a decision on the appeal confirming or setting aside the order of the proper authority.

(b) Every temporary licence issued under paragraph (b) of sub-section (1) shall, unless earlier revoked, be in force for such period not exceeding fourteen days as shall be specified in the licence.

(4) The proper authority may in his discretion make order revoking any such temporary licence; any licence so revoked shall cease to be in force on the date of such order or on such later date as may be specified in the order.

(5) Nothing in sections 5 to 9 shall apply to or in relation to an application for or the issue of, any such temporary licence, or to any butcher to whom such temporary licence is issued.

6. The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 13 of the principal enactment, and shall have effect as section 13A of Chapter 1 of that enactment:—

Insertion of new section 13A in the principal enactment.

Power to prohibit slaughter of animals.

13A. (1) The proper authority for any area may from time to time by Order published in the *Gazette*, prohibit the slaughter of animals in that area or any specified part thereof during any specified period:

Provided, however, that the proper authority may, for the purpose of permitting the slaughter of animals on the occasion of any religious festival or other special event, by notice exhibited at the office of the proper authority, declare that the Order shall not apply on such day or days as may be specified in such notice.

(2) Every person (notwithstanding that he may be a licensed butcher or the holder of a permit issued under section 14) who slaughters or causes or permits any other person on his behalf to slaughter any animal in contravention of an Order under sub-section (1), shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding fifty rupees.