

# VETERINARIANS ACT

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Act No. 6570, Dec. 31, 2001

Act No. 6611, Jan. 14, 2002

Act No. 7546, May 31, 2005

Act No. 8181, Jan. 3, 2007

Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008

Act No. 9847, Dec. 29, 2009

Act No. 9950, Jan. 25, 2010

Act No. 10310, May 25, 2010

Act No. 10888, Jul. 21, 2011

Act No. 10945, Jul. 25, 2011

Act No. 11005, Aug. 4, 2011

Act No. 11354, Feb. 22, 2012

Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013

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Act No. 12432, Mar. 18, 2014

Act No. 13028, Jan. 20, 2015

## Article 1 (Purpose)

The purpose of this Act is to contribute to the promotion of animal health, the development of the livestock industry and the improvement of public sanitation by prescribing necessary matters concerning functions of veterinarians and veterinary business.

## **Article 2 (Definitions)**

The definitions of terms used in this Act shall be as follows: *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

1. The term "veterinarian" means a person in charge of veterinary business, who has obtained a license from the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs;
2. The term "animals" means cattle, horses, swine, sheep, rabbits, cats, birds, honeybees, aquatic animals and other animals prescribed by Presidential Decree;
3. The term "animal diagnostic and treatment business" means a business diagnosing and treating animals (including an autopsy of an animal; hereinafter the same shall apply) or preventing animal diseases;
4. The term "veterinary hospital" means a medical institution where animal diagnostic and treatment business is conducted, which has been reported pursuant to Article 17.

## **Article 3 (Duties)**

The duties of a veterinarian is diagnosing and treating animals, improving animal health, and sanitary inspection of livestock products.

## **Article 4 (Licenses)**

A person who intends to be a veterinarian shall pass a national examination for veterinarians pursuant to Article 8 and then obtain a license from the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, as prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

## **Article 5 (Grounds for Disqualification)**

No person that falls under any of the following subparagraphs shall be a veterinarian: *<Amended by Act No. 9950, Jan. 25, 2010; Act No. 11005, Aug. 4, 2011; Act No. 12432, Mar. 18, 2014>*

1. A mental patient prescribed in subparagraph 1 of Article 3 of the Mental Health Act: Provided, That this shall not apply to a person that is recognized by a mental health specialist that he/she is able to perform his/her duties as a veterinarian;
2. An incompetent person under adult guardianship or a person under limited guardianship;
3. A person that is addicted to narcotics, marijuana, or any other psychotropic drug: Provided, That this shall not apply to a person that is recognized by a mental health specialist that he/she is able to perform his/her duties as a veterinarian;
4. A person who was sentenced to imprisonment or more severe punishment, in violation of this Act, the Act on the Prevention of Contagious Animal Diseases, the Sanitary Processing of Livestock Products Act, the Animal Protection Act, the Medical Service Act, the Pharmaceutical Affairs Act, the Food Sanitation Act or the Narcotics Control Act and in whose cases the execution thereof (including where the execution is deemed to have been completed) has not been completed or exempted.

## **Article 6 (Registration of Licenses)**

(1) When the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs issues a license pursuant to Article 4, he/she shall register matters on the license in the license register and issue a license certificate. *<Amended by Act*

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(2) A license certificate pursuant to paragraph (1) shall not be lent to another person.

(3) Matters necessary for the registration of a license and the issuance of a license certificate shall be prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

**Article 7 Deleted.** *<by Act No. 4747, Mar. 24, 1994>*

**Article 8 (National Examination for Veterinarians)**

(1) The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs shall conduct a national examination for veterinarians each year. *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

(2) The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs shall conduct a national examination for veterinarians with respect to veterinary science necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of animals, and knowledge and functions related to public sanitation to be retained by a veterinarian.

(3) The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs may entrust the management of a national examination for veterinarians pursuant to paragraph (1) to any relevant specialized institution deemed capable of managing the examination, as prescribed by Presidential Decree. *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

(4) Matters necessary for the conduct of a national examination for veterinarians shall be prescribed by Presidential Decree.

**Article 9 (Qualifications for Examination)**

(1) A person qualified to apply for a national examination for veterinarians shall be any of the following persons who does not fall under any of the subparagraphs of Article 5: *<Amended by Act No. 11354, Feb. 22, 2012; Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

1. A person who graduated from a college specializing in veterinary science (including the department of veterinary science in a college within which the same department is established) and has obtained a bachelor's degree in veterinary science. In such cases, this shall include any person who is to graduate from a college and to obtain a bachelor's degree in veterinary science within six months;

2. A person who graduated from a school (referring to a school meeting standards for recognition determined and publicized by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs) falling under the former part of subparagraph 1 in a foreign country and obtained a veterinary license of such country.

(2) Where a person falling under the latter part of paragraph (1) 1 fails to obtain a bachelor's degree in veterinary science in the relevant period, he/she shall be deemed disqualified to apply for the examination from the beginning.

**Article 9-2 (Cheating by Examinees)**

(1) A person who applies for a national examination for veterinarians pursuant to Article 8 by unlawful means or who cheats on a national examination for veterinarians shall be suspended from the examination, or his/her passing of the examination shall be nullified.

(2) A person who is suspended from a national examination for veterinarians or his/her passing of the examination is nullified pursuant to paragraph (1) shall not be eligible to apply for the successive two national examinations for veterinarians pursuant to Article 8 thereafter.

#### **Article 10 (Prohibition on Unlicensed Diagnosis and Treatment)**

No person who is not a veterinarian shall diagnose and treat animals: Provided, That this shall exclude cases where a person who has obtained a license for aquatic disease controller pursuant to Article 37-2 of the Aquatic Life Disease Control Act diagnoses and treats aquatic animals in accordance with the same Act, and other diagnosis and treatment prescribed by Presidential Decree. *<Amended by Act No. 10888, Jul. 21, 2011>*

#### **Article 11 (Prohibition on Refusal of Diagnosis and Treatment)**

Where a veterinarian who conducts animal diagnostic and treatment business is requested to diagnose and treat an animal, he/she shall not refuse such request without justifiable grounds.

#### **Article 12 (Medical Certificates, etc.)**

(1) No veterinarian shall issue a medical certificate, death certificate, certificate or prescription, and prescribe or administer animal drugs (hereinafter referred to as "animal drugs") under Article 85 (6) of the Pharmaceutical Affairs Act without diagnosing and treating or conducting a postmortem examination for himself/herself: Provided, That where a veterinarian who has diagnosed and treated or conducted a postmortem examination is unable to issue a medical certificate, death certificate or certificate due to extenuating circumstances, another veterinarian who works with the same veterinary hospital may issue such certificate in accordance with the medical records, etc. *<Amended by Act No. 11354, Feb. 22, 2012>*

(2) A death certificate to be issued for an animal that has died during treatment pursuant to paragraph (1) may be issued by another veterinarian.

(3) When a veterinarian is requested to issue a medical certificate, death certificate, certificate or prescription on an animal he/she has diagnosed and treated, or examined, he/she shall not refuse to issue such certificate without justifiable grounds. *<Amended by Act No. 11354, Feb. 22, 2012>*

(4) Forms of, items to be mentioned in and other matters necessary for medical certificates, death certificates, certificates or prescriptions under the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (3) shall be prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. *<Newly Inserted by Act No. 11354, Feb. 22, 2012; Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

(5) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), any veterinarian regularly employed in a factory farm reported to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs may issue prescriptions of animal drugs for the purpose of administering animal drugs to livestock in the relevant farm. In such cases, the scope of veterinarians regularly employed, methods for reporting, methods for the issuance and preservation of prescriptions, preparation and reporting of medical records, education, matters to be observed, and other necessary matters shall be prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. *<Newly Inserted by Act No. 11354, Feb. 22, 2012; Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

## **Article 12-2 (Issuance of Prescriptions, etc.)**

(1) When it is necessary to administer animal drugs to animals, a veterinarian shall issue a prescription to the owner or manager of animals (hereinafter referred to as "owner, etc. of animals"): Provided, That this shall not apply to cases where he/she directly prescribe or administer animal drugs.

(2) Where a veterinarian has directly prescribed or administered animal drugs pursuant to paragraph (1) and Article 12 (5), he/she shall mention the name, usage, dosage, etc. of such animal drugs in a medical record. In such cases, when the Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs deems it necessary, he/she shall have the veterinarian report matters on the medical record or have a related public official have access to and inspect a veterinary hospital or factory farm. *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

(3) Forms of, items to be mentioned in, other matters necessary for prescriptions under paragraph (1) shall be prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

(4) When a person who compounds and sells animal drugs inquires of a veterinarian who has issued a prescription pursuant to paragraph (1) about the name, usage, dosage, etc. of animal drugs indicated in the prescription, the veterinarian shall immediately respond to such inquiry: Provided, That this shall not apply to cases where the veterinarian falls under any of the followings:

1. Where the veterinarian diagnoses and treats an animal that requires first-aid treatment;
2. Where the veterinarian conducts an operation on or treats an animal;
3. Where there is other justifiable grounds that does not allow the veterinarian to respond to the inquiry.

## **Article 13 (Medical Records and Autopsy Records)**

(1) A veterinarian shall keep medical records or autopsy records and shall record matters he/she has diagnosed and treated or examined and sign his/her name in such records.

(2) Matters to be stated in the medical records or autopsy records pursuant to paragraph (1), the period and method of retaining such records, and other necessary matters shall be prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

(3) The medical records or autopsy records pursuant to paragraph (1) may be prepared and retained in electronic form with a digital signature under the Digital Signature Act affixed.

## **Article 14 (Reporting)**

A veterinarian shall report his/her actual conditions, employment status, etc. (including changes in his/her place of work) to the Korean Veterinary Medical Association established under Article 23, as prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

## **Article 15 (Protection of Diagnosis and Treatment Techniques)**

No person shall interfere with the diagnosis and treatment by a veterinarian, except matters prescribed by this Act or other Acts and subordinate statutes.

## **Article 16 (Preferential Supply of Appliances, etc.)**

A veterinarian shall have a preferential right to be supplied with appliances, medicine, other facilities and materials necessary for diagnosis and treatment.

#### **Article 17 (Opening of Veterinary Hospitals)**

(1) No veterinarian shall conduct animal diagnostic and treatment business without opening a veterinary hospital under this Act.

(2) No person shall open a veterinary hospital unless he/she falls under any of the following subparagraphs: *<Amended by Act No. 11957, Jul. 30, 2013>*

1. A veterinarian;
2. The State or a local government;
3. A corporation incorporated for the purpose of conducting animal diagnostic and treatment business (hereinafter referred to as "animal diagnostic and treatment corporation");
4. A college specializing in veterinary science (including a college within which the department of veterinary science has been established);
5. A non-profit corporation incorporated in accordance with the Civil Act or special Acts.

(3) Where a person who falls under paragraph (2) 1 through 5 intends to open a veterinary hospital, he/she shall report the opening thereof to the Governor of a Special Self-governing Province, the Mayor of a Special Self-Governing Province, or the head of a Si/Gun/autonomous Gu (hereinafter referred to as the "head of a Si/Gun"), as prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. This shall also apply to cases where he/she intends to change any important reported matter as prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. *<Amended by Act No. 10945, Jul. 25, 2011; Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

(4) The standards of facilities of a veterinary hospital shall be prescribed by Presidential Decree.

#### **Article 17-2 (Obligation to Manage Veterinary Hospitals)**

A person who has opened a veterinary hospital shall manage the hospital on his/her own: Provided, That where he/she is unable to manage the veterinary hospital due to extenuating circumstances, he/she may appoint a manager from among veterinarians working with the a veterinary hospital and have him/her manage the same.

#### **Article 17-3 (Installation and Operation of Radiation Emitting Apparatus for Diagnosis of Animals)**

(1) A person that has opened a veterinary hospital and intends to install and operate a radiation emitting apparatus in order to diagnose animals (hereinafter referred to as "radiation emitting apparatus for diagnosis of animals") shall report such to the head of the competent Si/Gun, as prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

(2) When installing and operating a radiation emitting apparatus for diagnosis of animals, a person who has opened a veterinary hospital shall observe the following matters: *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013; Act No. 13028, Jan. 20, 2015>*

1. A person responsible for safety management shall be appointed, as prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs;

2. Where a person responsible for safety management requests a matter required for the conduct of duty, the person that has opened a veterinary hospital shall take immediate measures unless he/she has justifiable grounds to the contrary;
  3. Where a person responsible for safety management fails to conduct the duty of safety management faithfully, such person shall be dismissed from the position without delay and other employees shall be appointed to the position;
  4. Other matters concerning safety management which are prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.
- (3) Where a person who has opened a veterinary hospital installs a radiation emitting apparatus for diagnosis of animals, he/she shall undergo regular inspections and measurement at a testing institution or measurement institution designated by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs under Article 17-5 (1), and manage the exposure to radiation of employees involved with radiation. *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013; Act No. 13028, Jan. 20, 2015>*
- (4) Necessary matters concerning scope of, reporting on, inspection and measurement of, and management of the exposure to radiation from, a radiation emitting apparatus for diagnosis of animals pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) shall be prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

#### **Article 17-4 (Installation and Operation of Special Medical Equipment for Diagnosis of Animals)**

- (1) A person who has opened a veterinary hospital and intends to install and operate medical equipment publicized by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs in order to diagnose animals (hereinafter referred to as "special medical equipment for diagnosis of animals") shall register such equipment with the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, as prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*
- (2) A person who has opened a veterinary hospital shall install and operate special medical equipment for diagnosis of animals in compliance with the installation recognition standards prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*
- (3) After a person who opened a veterinary hospital has installed special medical equipment for diagnosis of animals, he/she shall obtain regular inspections for quality control from the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, as prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*
- (4) No person who has opened a veterinary hospital shall use special medical equipment for diagnosis of animals disapproved as a result of a quality control inspection pursuant to paragraph (3).

#### **Article 17-5 (Designation, etc. of Testing/Measurement Institutions)**

- (1) The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs may designate institutions in compliance with specific requirements prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, such as being equipped with testing apparatuses, as a testing institution or measurement institution for radiation emitting apparatuses for diagnosis of animals (hereinafter referred to as "testing/measurement

institution").

(2) Where a testing/measurement institution prescribed in paragraph (1) falls under any of the following cases, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs may cancel the designation or order the suspension of business for a period not longer than six months: Provided, That where falling under subparagraphs 1 through 3, he/she must cancel the designation: <Inserted by Act No. 13028, Jan. 20, 2015>

1. Where a testing/measurement institution obtains such designation by false or other unlawful methods;
2. Where a testing/measurement institution issues a false certificate of records on testing, etc. of radiation emitting apparatuses, etc. for diagnosis of animals intentionally or by gross negligence;
3. Where a testing/measurement institution provides testing/measurement services during the period of suspension of business;
4. Where a testing/measurement institution falls short of the standards for designation of testing/measurement institutions prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs;
5. Where a testing/measurement institution violates regulations for testing/measurement services the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs announces.

(3) Matters concerning procedures of designation of testing/measurement institutions prescribed in paragraph (1), cancellation of designation and suspension of business under paragraph (2) shall be prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

#### **Article 18 (Reporting on Suspension or Discontinuance of Business)**

Where a person who opened a veterinary hospital has suspended or discontinued animal diagnostic and treatment business, he/she shall, without delay, report the suspension or discontinuance of business to the head of the competent Si/Gun who has jurisdiction over the veterinary hospital: Provided, That this shall not apply to cases where he/she suspends business for not more than 30 days.

**Article 19 Deleted.** <by Act No. 5953, Mar. 31, 1999>

**Article 20 Deleted.** <by Act No. 5815, Feb. 5, 1999>

#### **Article 20-2 (Fees for Issuance)**

(1) The highest amount of a fee for the issuance of a medical certificate, etc. under Articles 12 and 12-2 shall be prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. <Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) A person who has opened a veterinary hospital shall announce or post a notice of fees for the issuance of a medical certificate, etc. that it collects from the owner, etc. of animals, as prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. <Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>

(3) No person who has opened a veterinary hospital shall collect fees exceeding the amount announced and posted pursuant to paragraph (2).

#### **Article 21 (Public Veterinarians)**

(1) In order to diagnose and treat animals in a proper manner, the head of a Si/Gun may entrust the following business affairs to a veterinarian who is running a veterinary hospital, a veterinarian who works



with a veterinary hospital, or a veterinarian who works with a non-profit corporation related to stock breeding prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs: Provided, That he/she may entrust a veterinarian who works with a non-profit corporation related to stock breeding prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs with the business affairs referred to in subparagraphs 3 and 6 only: *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

1. Diagnosis and treatment of animals;
  2. Investigation of and research on animal diseases;
  3. Preconsideration and prevention of contagious diseases of animals;
  4. Medical examination of animals;
  5. The promotion of animal health and management of environmental sanitation of animals;
  6. Other matters instructed by the head of a Si/Gun concerning the diagnosis and treatment of animals.
- (2) A veterinarian entrusted with the diagnosis and treatment of animals (hereinafter referred to as "public veterinarian") pursuant to paragraph (1) shall conduct the veterinary business so entrusted under the direction and supervision of the head of the competent Si/Gun.

#### **Article 22 (Allowances and Traveling Expenses of Public Veterinarians)**

- (1) The head of a Si/Gun shall reimburse public veterinarian allowances and traveling expenses.
- (2) The Special Metropolitan City Mayor, a Metropolitan City Mayor, Do Governor or the Governor of a Special Self-Governing Province, or the Mayor of a Special Self-Governing Province (hereinafter referred to as "Mayor/Do Governor") may reimburse some of the allowances and traveling expenses pursuant to paragraph (1). *<Amended by Act No. 10945, Jul. 25, 2011>*

#### **Article 22-2 (Permission, etc. to Incorporate Animal Diagnostic and Treatment Corporations)**

- (1) Any person who intends to incorporate an animal diagnostic and treatment corporation under Article 17 (2) shall prepare the articles of incorporation and other documents, and obtain permission from the Mayor/Do Governor having jurisdiction over the seat of the principal office of such corporation, as prescribed by Presidential Decree.
- (2) An animal diagnostic and treatment corporation shall possess facilities necessary for a veterinary hospital that such corporation opens or the funds needed to have facilities.
- (3) Where an animal diagnostic and treatment corporation intends to dispose of its property or change the articles of incorporation, it shall obtain permission from the Mayor/Do Governor.
- (4) Unless a corporation is an animal diagnostic and treatment corporation under this Act, it shall not use the name of an animal diagnostic and treatment corporation or the name similar thereto.

#### **Article 22-3 (Ancillary Business of Animal Diagnostic and Treatment Corporations)**

- (1) An animal diagnostic and treatment corporation may conduct the following ancillary business other than the diagnosis and treatment of animals in a veterinary hospital that such corporation opens. In such cases, accounts for earnings received from ancillary business shall be treated separate from other accounts of the animal diagnostic and treatment corporation:

1. Research and study on the diagnosis and treatment of animals or veterinary medicine;
2. Installation and operation of an attached parking lot under Article 19 (1) of the Parking Lot Act;
3. Business prescribed by Presidential Decree among animal diagnostic and treatment information system development and operation business incidental to the conduct of animal diagnostic and treatment business.

(2) An animal diagnostic and treatment corporation who intends to conduct ancillary business referred to paragraph (1) 2 may conduct such business by leasing or entrusting the business to another person.

(3) An animal diagnostic and treatment corporation who intends to conduct ancillary business pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) shall report to the Mayor/Do Governor having jurisdiction over the seat of a veterinary hospital in advance, as prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. The same shall also apply to cases where it intends to change reported matters.

#### **Article 22-4 (Mutatis Mutandis Application of Civil Act)**

Except as otherwise prescribed by this Act, the provisions on incorporated foundations of the Civil Act shall apply mutatis mutandis to animal diagnostic and treatment corporations.

#### **Article 22-5 (Cancellation of Permission to Incorporate Animal Diagnostic and Treatment Corporations)**

Where an animal diagnostic and treatment corporation falls under any of the following, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs or the Mayor/Do Governor may cancel his/her permission to incorporate such corporation:

1. When the corporation conducts business that is not prescribed by the articles of incorporation;
2. When the corporation fails to open a veterinary hospital within two years from the date of its incorporation;
3. When the corporation fails to open a veterinary hospital within two years after closing a former veterinary hospital it opened;
4. When the corporation violates an order issued by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs or the Mayor/Do Governor for the purpose of supervision;
5. When the corporation conducts business other than ancillary business under Article 22-3 (1).

#### **Article 23 (Establishment)**

(1) Veterinarians may establish the Korean Veterinary Medical Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Veterinary Medical Association") as prescribed by Presidential Decree, in order to efficiently conduct veterinary business, do research on and promote veterinary science, and establish ethics of veterinarians.

*<Amended by Act No. 10945, Jul. 25, 2011>*

(2) The Veterinary Medical Association shall be a juridical person.

(3) A veterinarian shall, by virtue of his/her office, be a member of the Veterinary Medical Association.

*<Newly Inserted by Act No. 10945, Jul. 25, 2011>*

#### **Article 24 (Approval for Establishment)**

Where veterinarians intend to establish the Veterinary Medical Association, its representative shall submit the articles of association and other necessary documents, as prescribed by Presidential Decree, to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and obtain approval for the establishment thereof.

*<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

#### **Article 25 (Branches)**

The Korea Veterinary Medical Association may establish branches in the Special Metropolitan City, a Metropolitan City, Do or Special Self-Governing Province or Special Self-Governing City, as prescribed by Presidential Decree. *<Amended by Act No. 10945, Jul. 25, 2011>*

#### **Article 26 (Mutatis Mutandis Application of the Civil Act)**

The provisions on incorporated associations of the Civil Act shall apply mutatis mutandis to matters not prescribed by this Act concerning the Veterinary Medical Association.

**Article 27 Deleted.** *<by Act No. 9950, Jan. 25, 2010>*

**Article 28 Deleted.** *<by Act No. 5953, Mar. 31, 1999>*

#### **Article 29 (Subsidization of Expenses)**

Where the State or a local government deems it necessary for the promotion of animal health and public sanitation, or entrusts the Veterinary Medical Association with veterinary business pursuant to Article 37 (3), it may subsidize, in whole or in part, expenses incurred in the operation of the Veterinary Medical Association or in the conduct of veterinary business.

#### **Article 30 (Guidance and Order)**

(1) Where the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Mayor/Do Governor or the head of a Si/Gun deems it necessary for policies on diagnosis and treatment of animals or deems that serious harm is caused or is likely to be caused to public sanitation, he/she may give necessary guidance and orders to veterinarians or veterinary hospitals, as prescribed by Presidential Decree. In such cases, he/she shall pay the expenses incurred by veterinarians or veterinary hospitals in relation to facilities, equipment, etc. as prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, when such facilities, equipment, etc. are necessary. *<Amended by Act No. 10945, Jul. 25, 2011; Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

(2) Where a veterinary hospital violates any provision of Articles 17-3 (1) through (3) and 17-4 (1) through (3), the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs or the head of the competent Si/Gun may restrict or prohibit the use of the whole or any part of its facilities, equipment, etc. for a specified period, as prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, or order it to correct matters it has violated. *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

(3) Where the Minister of Health and Welfare requests the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to cooperate with him/her for the prevention and treatment of a zoonosis, the latter shall comply with such request absent any extraordinary circumstances. *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

#### **Article 31 (Reporting and Supervision of Business)**

(1) The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs may require the Veterinary Medical Association to file a report on the actual conditions of its members, their employment status, etc. prescribed by

Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, or require a public official under his/her jurisdiction to inspect the conditions of its business and other related documents. *<Amended by Act No. 10945, Jul. 25, 2011; Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

(2) A Mayor/Do Governor or the head of a Si/Gun may require a veterinarian or veterinary hospital to report on the conditions of diagnosis and treatment of diseases, domestic animal disease control and veterinary business, or require a public official under his/her jurisdiction to inspect their business conditions, facilities, or medical records and autopsy records.

(3) A public official who conducts an inspection pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) shall carry a certificate indicating his/her authority and produce it to the interested persons.

### **Article 32 (Revocation of License and Suspension of Validity of License)**

(1) Where a veterinarian falls under any of the following subparagraphs, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs may revoke his/her license: Provided, That where he/she falls under subparagraph 1, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs shall revoke his/her license: *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

1. Where he/she falls under any of the subparagraphs of Article 5;
2. Where he/she conducts veterinary business while the validity of his/her license is suspended pursuant to paragraph (2) or has been subjected to the disposition of suspension of the validity of his/her license not less than three times during the period prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs;
3. Where he/she lends his/her license to another person, in violation of Article 6 (2).

(2) Where a veterinarian falls under any of the following subparagraphs, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs may suspend the validity of his/her license for a specified period not exceeding one year, as prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. In such cases, he/she shall decide on matters that require judgment on diagnosis and treatment techniques based on the opinions of the relevant experts: *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

1. Where he/she issues a medical certificate, death certificate, certificate or prescription in a deceitful or other unlawful manner;
2. Where he/she charges a fee for diagnosis and treatment in an unlawful manner, such as forging or altering the relevant documents, etc.;
3. Where he/she violates an order pursuant to Article 30 (1) without justifiable grounds;
4. Where he/she conducts diagnosis and treatment which are not approved by clinical veterinary science;
5. Where he/she falsely announces the conferment of a degree;
6. Where he/she does any act prescribed by Presidential Decree, such as over treatment or other acts related to the operation of a veterinary hospital.

(3) Where a person whose license has been revoked pursuant to paragraph (1) falls under any of the following subparagraphs, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs may reissue his/her license:

<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>

1. Where a license has been revoked for any reason referred to in paragraph (1) 1, when the reason that has caused such revocation ceases to exist;
  2. Where a license has been revoked for any reason referred to in paragraph (1) 2 and 3, when two years have passed after the license was revoked.
- (4) Where a person who has opened a veterinary hospital has been subjected to the disposition of suspension of the validity of his/her license pursuant to paragraph (2) 1 or 2, the relevant veterinary hospital shall not conduct animal diagnostic and treatment business during the period of suspension of the validity of his/her license.

### **Article 33 (Suspension of Animal Diagnostic and Treatment Business)**

Where a veterinary hospital falls under any of the following subparagraphs, the head of the competent Si/Gun may order the veterinary hospital to suspend its animal diagnostic and treatment business for a specified period not exceeding one year, as prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs: <Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>

1. Where the veterinary hospital fails to commence its business within three months from the date it reports the opening thereof without justifiable grounds;
2. Where the veterinary hospital has an unlicensed person conduct diagnosis and treatment;
3. Where the veterinary hospital fails to report a change pursuant to the latter part of Article 17 (3) or to report the suspension of business pursuant to the main sentence of Article 18;
4. Where the veterinary hospital fails to meet the standards of facilities;
5. Where the person who has opened the veterinary hospital fails to manage the veterinary hospital on his/her own or to appoint a manager of the veterinary hospital, in violation of Article 17-2;
6. Where the veterinary hospital violates an order pursuant to Article 30 (1);
7. Where the veterinary hospital violates an order to restrict or prohibit the use or fails to carry out a corrective order pursuant to Article 30 (2);
8. Where the veterinary hospital refuses, interferes with or evades the inspection of a relevant public official pursuant to Article 31 (2).

### **Article 34 (Training and Education)**

- (1) The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs may require a veterinarian to receive training and education necessary to upgrade his/her qualifications. <Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>
- (2) The State or a local government may bear expenses incurred in training and education pursuant to paragraph (1).
- (3) Matters necessary for training and education pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. <Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>

**Article 35 Deleted.** <by Act No. 5953, Mar. 31, 1999>

### **Article 36 (Hearings)**

Where the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs or the head of a Si/Gun intends to conduct any of the following dispositions, he/she shall hold a hearing: *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013; Act No. 13028, Jan. 20, 2015>*

1. Cancellation of designation of a testing/measurement institution prescribed in Article 17-5 (2);
2. An order to prohibit the use of facilities, equipment, etc. pursuant to Article 30 (2);
3. Revocation of a veterinarian's license pursuant to Article 32 (1).

### **Article 37 (Delegation and Entrustment of Authority)**

(1) The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs may delegate any part of his/her authority under this Act to the Mayor/Do Governor, as prescribed by Presidential Decree. *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

(2) The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs may entrust registration business prescribed in Article 17-4 (1), business to inspect quality control under Article 17-4 (3), business to designate testing/measurement institutions under Article 17-5 (1) and business to cancel designation under Article 17-5 (2) to administrative agencies specializing in veterinary services. *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013; Act No. 13028, Jan. 20, 2015>*

(3) The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Mayor/Do Governor may partly entrust the Veterinary Medical Association that is established pursuant to Article 23 with business affairs on veterinary medicine and public sanitation, as prescribed by Presidential Decree. *<Amended by Act No. 10945, Jul. 25, 2011; Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

### **Article 38 (Fees)**

A person falling under any of the following subparagraphs shall pay a fee, as prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs: *<Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>*

1. A person who seeks to have his/her veterinarian's license reissued pursuant to Article 6;
2. A person who seeks to apply for a national examination for veterinarians pursuant to Article 8;
3. A person who seeks to report the opening of an veterinary hospital pursuant to Article 17 (3);
4. A person who seeks to obtain his/her veterinarian's license again pursuant to Article 32 (3).

### **Article 39 (Penal Provisions)**

(1) A person who falls under any of the following subparagraphs shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than two years or by a fine not exceeding ten million won, or by such imprisonment and fine simultaneously: *<Amended by Act No. 11957, Jul. 30, 2013>*

1. A person who lends his/her veterinarian's license to another person, in violation of Article 6 (2);
2. A person who diagnoses and treats an animal, in violation of Article 10.

(2) A person who falls under any of the following shall be punished by a fine not exceeding three million won: *<Newly Inserted by Act No. 11957, Jul. 30, 2013>*

1. An animal diagnostic and treatment corporation that disposes of its property or changes the articles of incorporation without obtaining permission, in violation of Article 22-2 (3);

2. A person who uses the name of an animal diagnostic and treatment corporation or the name similar thereto, in violation of Article 22-2 (4).

**Article 40 Deleted.** <by Act No. 5953, Mar. 31, 1999>

**Article 41 (Fines for Negligence)**

(1) A person that falls under any of the following subparagraphs shall be imposed a fine for negligence not exceeding five million won:

1. A person that refuses a request for diagnosis and treatment of an animal without justifiable grounds, in violation of Article 11;
2. A person who conducts animal diagnostic and treatment business without having opened a veterinary hospital, in violation of Article 17 (1);
3. A person that uses special medical equipment for diagnosis of animals disapproved, in violation of Article 17-4 (4).

(2) A person that falls under any of the following subparagraphs shall be imposed a fine for negligence not exceeding one million won: <Amended by Act No. 10945, Jul. 25, 2011; Act No. 11354, Feb. 22, 2012; Act No. 11957, Jul. 30, 2013; Act No. 13028, Jan. 20, 2015>

1. A person that issues a medical certificate, death certificate, certificate or prescription by a deceitful or other unlawful manner, in violation of Article 12 (1);
- 1-2. A person that prescribes or administers animal drugs without directly diagnosing and treating an animal, in violation of Article 12 (1);
- 1-3. A person that refuses to issue a medical certificate, death certificate, certificate or prescription without justifiable ground, in violation of Article 12 (3);
- 1-4. A veterinarian that issues a prescription without making a report, in violation of Article 12 (5);
- 1-5. A person that fails to issue a prescription to the owner, etc. of animals, in violation of Article 12-2 (1);
- 1-6. A person that fails to prepare a medical record or prepares a false medical record, in violation of the former part of Article 12-2 (2), or who refuses, interferes with or evades a report or an inspection under the latter part of the same paragraph;
2. A person that fails to have medical records or autopsy records, or to record matters diagnosed and treated or examined, or records such matters falsely, in violation of Article 13;
- 2-2. A person that fails to file a report pursuant to Article 14;
3. A person that has opened a veterinary hospital fails to manage the veterinary hospital or to appoint a manager of the veterinary hospital, in violation of Article 17-2;
4. A person that installs and operates a radiation emitting apparatus for diagnosis of animals without reporting pursuant to Article 17-3 (1);
- 4-2. A person that violates the matters to be observed in Article 17-3 (2);
5. A person that fails to have regular inspections and measurement, or to manage the exposure to radiation of employees involved with radiation pursuant to Article 17-3 (3);

6. A person that fails to report the suspension or discontinuance of business of a veterinary hospital, in violation of Article 18;
  - 6-2. A person that collects fees exceeding the amount announced or posted, in violation of Article 20-2 (3);
  - 6-3. A person that fails to report, in violation of Article 22-3 (3);
  7. A person that violates an order to restrict or prohibit the use, or fails to carry out a corrective order pursuant to Article 30 (2);
  8. A person that fails to report or makes a false report, or refuses, interferes with or evades the inspection of a relevant public official pursuant to Article 31 (2);
  9. A person that fails to receive training and education pursuant to Article 34 without justifiable grounds.
- (3) The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Mayor/Do Governor or the head of a Si/Gun shall impose and collect fines for negligence pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2), as prescribed by Presidential Decree. <Amended by Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>

#### ADDENDA

- (1) (Enforcement Date) This Act shall enter into force 60 days after the date of its promulgation.
- (2) (Transitional Measures) A person who has acquired a veterinarian's license as at the time this Act enters into force shall be deemed a person who has acquired a veterinarian's license in accordance with this Act; a person who has the qualifications for a veterinarian in accordance with the previous provisions shall apply for a veterinarian's license within six months from the enforcement date of this Act, and a person who fails to apply for a veterinarian's license within that period shall be deemed disqualified to be a veterinarian.
- (3) (Transitional Measures) A person who has passed a preliminary examination for veterinarians as at the time this Act enters into force shall be deemed qualified to apply for a national examination for veterinarians in accordance with this Act.
- (4) (Transitional Measures) A person who is conducting domestic animal diagnostic and treatment business as at the time this Act enters into force shall be deemed a person who has registered the opening of, or obtained a permit for the opening of, a veterinary hospital in accordance with this Act: Provided, That where he/she fails to meet the standards of facilities in accordance with this Act, he/she shall cause the veterinary hospital to meet the standards of facilities in accordance with this Act within six months from the enforcement date of this Act, and where he/she violates the standards, the competent Do Governor may revoke the registration of or permit for the opening.
- (5) (Transitional Measures) A person who has been appointed as a public veterinarian as at the time this Act enters into force shall be deemed a public veterinarian in accordance with this Act.
- (6) (Transitional Measures) The Central Veterinary Medical Association as at the time this Act enters into force shall be deemed the Veterinary Medical Association in accordance with this Act.



(7) (Transitional Measures) The representative of the Central Veterinary Medical Association as at the time this Act enters into force shall amend the articles of association in accordance with this Act within three months from the date this Act enters into force and obtain a permit from the Minister for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

ADDENDA <Act No. 3441, Apr. 13, 1981>

**Article 1 (Enforcement Date)**

This Act shall enter into force 30 days after the date of its promulgation.

**Articles 2 through 8 Omitted.**

**Article 9 (Transitional Measures Following Amendments to the Veterinarians Act)**

(1) A person who has registered a veterinary hospital in accordance with Article 17 (3) of the Veterinarians Act before amended as at the time this Act enters into force shall be deemed to have reported the veterinary hospital in accordance with this Act. The same shall also apply to a person whose application for registration is pending.

(2) The previous provisions shall apply to acts done before this Act enters into force for the purpose of penal provisions.

**Articles 10 through 15 Omitted.**

ADDENDA <Act No. 4747, Mar. 24, 1994>

**Article 1 (Enforcement Date)**

This Act shall enter into force six months after the date of its promulgation.

**Article 2 (Transitional Measures concerning Qualifications to Apply for National Examination for Veterinarians)**

Notwithstanding the amended provisions of subparagraph 1 of Article 9, a person who entered a college before this Act enters into force has majored in veterinary science and obtained a bachelor's degree in veterinary science, he/she may apply for a national examination for veterinarians.

**Article 3 (Transitional Measures concerning Report)**

A veterinary hospital affiliated with a college that has opened the veterinary hospital with a permit issued by the competent Mayor/Do Governor as at the time this Act enters into force shall be deemed to have reported to the Mayor/Do Governor pursuant to this Act.

**Article 4 (Transitional Measures concerning Application of Penal Provisions)**

The previous provisions shall apply to acts done before this Act enters into force for the purpose of penal provisions.

**Article 5 (Citation of this Act by Other Acts)**

Where any provision of the previous Veterinarians Act has been cited by other Acts and subordinate statutes as at the time this Act enters into force, if there are the provision corresponding thereto in this Act, the relevant provision of this Act shall be deemed to have been cited in lieu of the previous

provision.

ADDENDA <Act No. 5153, Aug. 8, 1996>

**Article 1 (Enforcement Date)**

This Act shall enter into force on the date the Presidential Decree on the organization of the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries and the Korea Coast Guard enters into force pursuant to the amended provisions of Article 41, within 30 days after the date of its promulgation.

**Articles 2 through 4 Omitted.**

ADDENDA <Act No. 5453, Dec. 13, 1997>

**Article 1 (Enforcement Date)**

This Act shall enter into force on January 1, 1998. (Proviso Omitted.)

**Article 2 Omitted.**

ADDENDUM <Act No. 5454, Dec. 13, 1997>

This Act shall enter into force on January 1, 1998. (Proviso Omitted.)

ADDENDA <Act No. 5815, Feb. 5, 1999>

(1) (Enforcement Date) This Act shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation. (Proviso Omitted.)

(2) Omitted.

ADDENDA <Act No. 5953, Mar. 31, 1999>

(1) (Enforcement Date) This Act shall enter into force three months after the date of its promulgation: Provided, That the amended provisions of Article 9 shall enter into force on January 1, 2002.

(2) (Transitional Measures concerning Persons who have Obtained Permit for Opening) A non-profit corporation that has opened a veterinary hospital with a permit issued by the competent Mayor/Do Governor pursuant to the previous provisions as at the time this Act enters into force shall be deemed to have reported to the Do Governor pursuant to the amended provisions of Article 17 (3).

(3) (Transitional Measures concerning Veterinary Medical Association) The veterinary medical association established under the previous provisions as at the time this Act enters into force shall be deemed the Veterinary Medical Association under this Act.

(4) (Transitional Measures concerning Qualifications to Apply for National Examination for Veterinarians) The previous provisions shall apply to the qualifications to apply for a national examination for veterinarians of a person who is in college majoring in veterinary science in the relevant college in a foreign country recognized by the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry or who has obtained a bachelor's degree in veterinary science from the relevant college in accordance with the previous provision of subparagraph 2 of Article 9 before December 31, 2001. <Newly Inserted by Act No. 6570, Dec. 31, 2001>

ADDENDA <Act No. 6570, Dec. 31, 2001>

(1) (Enforcement Date) This Act shall enter into force six months after the date of its promulgation: Provided, That the amended provisions of paragraph (4) of Addenda to the Veterinarians Act (Act No. 5953) shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation.

(2) (Transitional Measures concerning Report on Opening of Veterinary Hospitals) A person who has reported the opening of a veterinary hospital to the competent Do Governor in accordance with the previous provisions as at the time this Act enters into force shall be deemed a person who has reported the opening of the veterinary hospital in accordance with the amended provisions of Article 17 (3).

ADDENDA <Act No. 6611, Jan. 14, 2002>

**Article 1 (Enforcement Date)**

This Act shall enter into force one year and six months after the date of its promulgation. (Proviso Omitted.)

**Articles 2 and 4 Omitted.**

ADDENDA <Act No. 7546, May 31, 2005>

(1) (Enforcement Date) This Act shall enter into force six months after the date of its promulgation.

(2) (Transitional Measures concerning Qualifications to Apply for National Examination for Veterinarians) The previous provisions shall apply to the qualifications to apply for a national examination for veterinarians of a person who falls under any of the following subparagraphs as at the time this Act enters into force:

1. A person who has the qualifications to apply for a national examination for veterinarians in accordance with the previous provision of subparagraph 2 of Article 9;
2. A person who has graduated with a major in veterinary science and obtained a bachelor's degree in veterinary science from a foreign university (including the department of veterinary science in a college within which it is established);
3. A person who is in a foreign university, majoring in veterinary science.

(3) (Transitional Measures concerning Commissioning of Public Veterinarians) A commissioning made by a Mayor/Do Governor in accordance with the previous provisions of Article 21 of this Act as at the time this Act enters into force shall be deemed a commissioning made by a Mayor/Do Governor in accordance with the amended provisions of Article 21 of this Act.

ADDENDUM <Act No. 8181, Jan. 3, 2007>

This Act shall enter into force six months after the date of its promulgation.

ADDENDA <Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>

**Article 1 (Enforcement Date)**

This Act shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation. (Proviso Omitted.)

**Articles 2 through 7 Omitted.**

ADDENDA <Act No. 9847, Dec. 29, 2009>

**Article 1 (Enforcement Date)**

This Act shall enter into force one year after the date of its promulgation.

**Articles 2 through 22 Omitted.**

ADDENDA <Act No. 9950, Jan. 25, 2010>

(1) (Enforcement Date) This Act shall enter into force one year after the date of its promulgation.

(2) (Transitional Measures concerning Report or Registration of Radiation Emitting Apparatus and Special Medical Equipment for Diagnosis of Animals) A person who opened a veterinary hospital and has installed and operated radiation emitting apparatus for diagnosis of animals under the amended provisions of Article 17-3 or special medical equipment for diagnosis of animals under the amended provisions of Article 17-4 as at the time this Act enters into force shall report such apparatus or equipment in accordance with the amended provisions of Article 17-3 (1) or register such apparatus or equipment in accordance with the amended provisions of Article 17-4 (1) within three months from the date this Act enters into force.

(3) (Transitional Measures concerning Standards for Administrative Dispositions) The previous provisions shall apply to administrative dispositions on offenses committed before this Act enters into force.

(4) (Amendments to other Acts) Omitted.

ADDENDUM <Act No. 10310, May 25, 2010>

**Article 1 (Enforcement Date)**

This Act shall enter into force six months after the date of its promulgation. (Proviso Omitted.)

**Articles 2 through 14 Omitted.**

ADDENDA <Act No. 10888, Jul. 21, 2011>

**Article 1 (Enforcement Date)**

This Act shall enter into force one year after the date of its promulgation.

**Articles 2 through 17 Omitted.**

ADDENDA <Act No. 10945, Jul. 25, 2011>

(1) (Enforcement Date) This Act shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation: Provided, That the amended provisions of Article 14, the latter part of Article 30 (1), Articles 31 (1) and 41 (2) 2-2 shall enter into force six months after the date of its promulgation, and the amended provisions of Articles 17 (3), 22 (2)

and 25 shall enter into force on July 1, 2012.

(2) (Transitional Measures concerning the Veterinary Medical Association) The Veterinary Medical Association established under the former provisions as at the time this Act enters into force shall be deemed the Veterinary Medical Association under this Act.

ADDENDA <Act No. 11005, Aug. 4, 2011>

**Article 1 (Enforcement Date)**

This Act shall enter into force one year after the date of its promulgation. (Proviso Omitted.)

**Articles 2 through 4 Omitted.**

ADDENDA <Act No. 11354, Feb. 22, 2012>

This Act shall enter into force on August 2, 2013: Provided, That the amended provision of Article 9 (1) 2 shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation.

ADDENDA <Act No. 11690, Mar. 23, 2013>

**Article 1 (Enforcement Date)**

(1) This Act shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation.

(2) Omitted.

**Articles 2 through 7 Omitted.**

ADDENDA <Act No. 11957, Jul. 30, 2013>

**Article 1 (Enforcement Date)**

This Act shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation.

**Article 2 (Transitional Measures concerning Corporations Incorporated for Purpose of Conducting Animal Diagnostic and Treatment Business)**

Where a corporation incorporated for the purpose of conducting animal diagnostic and treatment business in accordance with the former provisions at the time this Act enters into force incorporates an animal diagnostic and treatment corporation complying with the provisions of Articles 22-2 through 22-4 by investing its assets within ten years from the enforcement date of this Act, such veterinary hospital shall be deemed a veterinary hospital under this Act: Provided, That where the corporation fails to incorporate an animal diagnostic and treatment corporation within such period, a report on the opening of the existing veterinary hospital shall be cancelled.

ADDENDA <Act No. 12432, Mar. 18, 2014>

**Article 1 (Enforcement Date)**

This Act shall enter into force on the date of promulgation.

**Article 2 (Transitional Measures concerning Incompetents, etc.)**

An incompetent person under adult guardianship or a person under limited guardianship under the amended provisions of subparagraph 2 of Article 5 shall include persons for whom the effect of the sentence of incompetency or quasi-incompetency is maintained under Article 2 of Addenda of the partial amendments to the Civil Act (Act No. 10429).

ADDENDUM <Act No. 13028, Jan. 20, 2015>

This Act shall enter into force three months after the date of its promulgation.

