

Chap. 204. AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ADMINISTERING OF DRUGS TO HORSES PARTICIPATING IN CONTESTS AT AGRICULTURAL FAIRS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 128 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2B the following section:—

Section 2C. No person shall administer or cause to be administered any drug, internally or externally by injection, drench or otherwise, to any animal for the purpose of retarding, stimulating or in any other manner affecting the performance of such animal in or in connection with a contest conducted under the provisions of paragraph (f) of section two.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to make such tests of the saliva or urine of any animal entered in a pulling contest as he may deem necessary. If a drug is found in the chemical analysis of said saliva or urine, it shall be prima facie evidence that a drug has been administered.

The owner of any animal which has been tested and in which a drug has been found, his representative, and any animals owned by or leased to such person shall be ineligible to participate in or receive premiums offered at any agricultural fair or any pulling contest in the commonwealth pending an investigation, finding, and order of the commissioner.

The commissioner may make rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

Approved May 9, 1974.

Chap. 205. AN ACT DESIGNATING NOVEMBER ELEVENTH AS VETERANS DAY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

- SECTION 1. Clause Eighteen of section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 215 of the acts of 1970, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 5, the words “the fourth Monday in October” and inserting in place thereof the words:— November eleventh.

SECTION 2. Section 12A of chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the words “the fourth Monday in October”, inserted by section 3 of said chapter 215, and inserting in place thereof the words:— November eleventh.

SECTION 2A. Section 13 of chapter 136 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 2 of chapter 271 of the acts of 1972, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 4 and in line 7, the words “the fourth Monday in October” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the words:— November eleventh.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-five, or upon the date federal legislation becomes effective designating November eleventh for the annual observance of Veterans Day, if such date is earlier.

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