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An Act to amend the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1956

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BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of New Zealand as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Veterinary Surgeons Amendment Act 1992, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1956 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Board to pay for certain services—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 5, the following section:

“5A. On written demand by the chief executive of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Board shall, out of its funds, pay to the chief executive the actual and reasonable costs to the Ministry of the provision by the Ministry (whether by the Secretary or by other employees of the Ministry) of secretarial and other services to the Board.”

3. Remuneration and travelling expenses—(1) The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing section 9 (as amended by section 5 of the Veterinary Surgeons Amendment Act 1964), and substituting the following section:

“9. (1) The Board is a statutory Board within the meaning of the Fees and Travelling Allowances Act 1951.

“(2) Every member of the Board, and every assessor appointed under section 15 of this Act, is entitled to receive, out of the Board’s funds,—

“(a) Remuneration by way of fees, salary, or allowances, for the member’s services as a member of the Board or (as the case may be) assessor appointed under section 15 of this Act:

“(b) Payment of travelling allowances or expenses in respect of time spent travelling in the service of the Board or (as the case may be) as an assessor appointed under section 15 of this Act.”

(2) Section 5 of the Veterinary Surgeons Amendment Act 1964 is hereby consequentially repealed.

4. Application for registration—Section 12 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection (2), and substituting the following subsection:

“(2) Every application shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee, which shall be paid into the Board’s account.”

5. Mode of registration—Section 16 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:

“(3) The fee shall be paid into the Board’s account.”

6. Disciplinary powers of Board—Section 25 of the principal Act (as substituted by section 14 of the Veterinary Surgeons Amendment Act 1964) is hereby amended by repealing subsection (6), and substituting the following subsection:

“(6) Every monetary penalty imposed, and all costs and expenses payable,—

“(a) Shall be recoverable as a debt due to the Board; and

“(b) Shall be paid into the Board’s account.”

7. Fees for certain examinations—Section 32 of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words “Public Account”, and substituting the words “Board’s account”.

8. Annual practising certificates—(1) Section 32A of the principal Act (as inserted by section 20 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1964) is hereby amended by repealing subsections (5) and (6), and substituting the following subsections:

“(5) All payments made to the Board shall be paid into the bank account established by the Board under the name of the Veterinary Surgeons Special Fund.

“(6) The Board’s funds shall be used—

“(a) For the purposes of the performance of the Board’s functions; and

“(b) In making from time to time to the Council any contribution the Board thinks fit towards the costs incurred by the Council in—

“(i) Any investigation made by the Council under section 24 of this Act; or

“(ii) Any inquiry held by the Council under section 24A of this Act.”

(2) Subsection (7) of the said section 32A is hereby amended by omitting the words “money in the Veterinary Surgeons Special Fund”, and substituting the words “of the Board’s funds”.

(3) Section 2 of the principal Act is hereby consequentially amended by inserting, after the definition of the word “Board”, the following definitions:

“ ‘Board’s account’ means the account established (under the name of the Veterinary Surgeons Special Fund) under section 32A (5) of this Act:

“ ‘Board’s funds’ means money in the Board’s account:”.

This Act is administered in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.
