
A LOCAL ACT
FOR THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT (TINIAN)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT OF TINIAN
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4 OF DIVISION 1 OF TITLE 1 OF THE
COMMONWEALTH CODE

1 Section 1. Short Title. This Act may be cited as "Tinian Cattle
2 Act of 1986."

3 Section 2. Purpose. The Legislators of the Second Senatorial
4 District for the island of Tinian find that a serious problem exists on
5 the island of Tinian, whereby stray cattle that are wandering around on
6 public land and private property are being shot, killed, taken, destroyed
7 and consumed without the permission and consent of their owners.

8 Section 3. Slaughter Permit. It shall be unlawful for any
9 person(s) to slaughter cattle for local consumption or for export without
10 first obtaining a slaughter permit from the Resident Director of Natural
11 Resources Office for the island of Tinian. The slaughter permit shall
12 state the applicant's name, address, number and description of cattle to
13 be slaughtered, ownership of the cattle, date of aquisition and type of
14 weapon to be used. If the date of aquisition of the subject cattle is
15 within the past six months, the source of aquisition shall also be
16 indicated.

17 Section 4. Resident Director's Authority. The Resident Director
18 of Natural Resources may issue slaughter permits and certifications in
19 accordance with this Act.

1 Section 5. Prohibition: Cattle-Killing.

2 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt stray cattle
3 with dogs or otherwise, to shoot, kill, injure or destroy or attempt
4 to shoot, kill, injure or destroy, cattle belonging to another
5 person, unless such person has first obtained the permission of the
6 owner, for such hunting, shooting, killing or destruction.

7 (b) Any person convicted of violating subsection (a) of this
8 Section 5 shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand
9 dollars, or imprisoned of not more than five years or both such
10 fine and imprisonment.

11 Section 6. Reporting of Stray Cattle. Any person losing or finding
12 stray cattle shall report it to the Resident Director of Natural
13 Resources within 24 hours. The Resident Director of Natural Resources
14 shall then report it to the Mayor of Tinian who will announce it over the
15 public media at least four (4) times a day for three days.

16 Section 7. Reporting of Cattle Damages. Any person, upon
17 discovering their property were damaged, by stray cattle shall report it
18 to the Mayor within 24 hours. The Mayor shall send a representative to
19 verify the damages. The damage report will include but not limited to:

20 (a) Date/Time/Place of Damages

21 (b) Description and extent of Damages to Property (Building,
22 agricultural products, domestic animal, fence, etc)

24 (c) Number and Identification of Cattle

25 Section 8. Detention of Stray Cattle. When stray cattle are

1 caught, they will be held by the Resident Director of Natural Resources
2 for 72 hours. Any cattle remaining unclaimed after 72 hours shall be
3 considered ownerless and shall become the property of the Municipality
4 of Tinian.

5 Section 9. Compensation for Cattle Damages. The Mayor shall
6 compensate those persons suffering damages from cattle described in
7 Section 8 by:

8 (a) Selling such cattle to the public and any funds gained
9 from the sale of such cattle shall be divided equally among such
10 person(s); or

11 (b) Authorizing the Resident Director of Natural Resources to
12 slaughter such cattle and to divide the meat equally among such
13 person(s).

14 Section 10. Liability for Cattle Damages. The owner of stray
15 cattle causing damage to the property of another shall be civilly liable
16 for all damages caused by such stray cattle.

17 Section 11. Disposal of Cattle Carcasses and Internal Organs. It
18 shall be unlawful for any person(s) who slaughter cattle under a
19 slaughter permit from the Resident Director of Natural Resources to
20 dispose of carcasses and internal organs in public or private places.
21 All carcasses and internal organs must be burned in order to prevent
22 health hazards.

23 Section 12. Penalty. Any person convicted of violating Section 11
24 shall be punished by a fine or not more than five hundred dollars, or
25 imprisonment of not more than one month or both such fine and

1 imprisonment.

2 Section 13. Export Control.

3 (a) No commercial or private air or surface carrier shall
4 transport or permit to be transported from Tinian any beef which is
5 not accompanied by a slaughter permit, or some other form of
6 certification from the Resident Director of Natural Resources
7 indicating that the beef was slaughtered in compliance with this Act.

8 (b) Any person, whether an individual or business entity,
9 convicted of violating subsection (a) of Section 13 shall be guilty
10 of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not more than one
11 thousand dollars, or imprisonment of not more than 6 months, or
12 both such fine and imprisonment.

13 Section 14. Cattle Population Census. The Resident Director of
14 Natural Resources is hereby authorized to take a cattle population
15 census annually in January of each year to determine their ownership and
16 location. The Resident Director is further authorized to make rules and
17 regulations to effectively carry-out the intent of this Act.

18 Section 15. Repealer. Any Tinian Municipal Ordinance that is
19 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed.

20 Section 16. Severability. If any provision of this Act or any rule
21 rule, regulation, or order promulgated hereunder, or the application of
22 any such provision, rule, regulation or order to any person or
23 circumstances shall be held invalid, by a court of competent
24 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or any rules, regulations or
25 order promulgated pursuant thereto or the application of such provisions,

1 regulations, rules or orders to persons or circumstances other than those
2 to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

3 Section 17. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its
4 approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

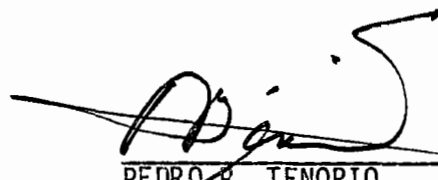
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