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CHAPTER 68.

AN ACT to regulate the registration of, and the granting of certificates of pedigrees for horses and other animals sold or kept for breeding purposes in this state.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly do enact as follows:

Who may keep books of registration and grant pedigrees.

SECTION 1. Such corporations, persons and voluntary associations as may from time to time be certified by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States as being reliable and worthy of recognition, and which said Secretary of Treasury under the regulations adopted by him, shall accept and recognize as competent to grant registration and certificates of pedigrees for animals imported for breeding purposes which certificates he allows to protect the owners of such animals against the payment of duty under paragraph 473 of the tariff act of July 24th, 1897, shall be, and they are hereby authorized and permitted, to keep books of registration and to grant pedigrees for all horses and other animals which may be kept, sold or offered for sale for breeding purposes in this state, or the services of which shall be offered for breeding purposes, and all certificates of registration and all pedigrees granted by such authority, shall be taken and held prima facie evidence of the facts stated therein and shall fully protect the holders thereof under this act.

What books of registration and pedigrees are prohibited.

SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or voluntary association, other than some one of those designated in section 1 of this act, to keep any books of registration or to issue, or to offer to issue, any certificate of registration or any pedigree on any horse or other animal, or to hold themselves out as being authorized to issue any such certificate of registration or pedigree within the state of Wisconsin, under the penalty hereinafter set forth, and any certificate of registration or pedigree issued in violation of this section shall be deemed null and void.

Possession and exhibition of certain pedigrees prohibited.

SECTION 3. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or association in this state to have in his or its possession, or to claim to have in his or its possession, or to exhibit in the course of business, any certificate of registration or any pedigree issued by any person, firm, corporation or association other than those designated in section 1 of this act.

Pure blood stock defined. **SECTION 4.** It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer to sell any horse or other animals as pure blood stock or to offer to the public the services of any horse or other animal for breeding purposes whose certificate of registration or whose pedigree may have been issued by any person, firm, corporation or association other than those designated in section 1 of this act.

Penalty provided. **SECTION 5.** Any person, firm, corporation or association violating any one of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall on conviction be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred and fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars for each and every offense, or shall be imprisoned in the county jail or state prison not exceeding one year, or by both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 8, 1905.