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VETERINARY CLINIC (REGISTRATION) LAW

**<lawdescription> A Law to provide for the registration of veterinary clinics in the state. </lawdescription>**

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1. **<heading> Short title and application </heading>**

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1. This law may be cited as the Veterinary Clinics (Registration) Law.
2. The provisions of this Law shall not apply to any premises being used or intended to be used as a Veterinary Clinic by the Government of the Federation, the State Government, the Local Government or their agencies. </body> </section>

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1. **<heading> Interpretation </heading>**

<body> In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires—

**"Commissioner"** means the State Commissioner charged with responsibility for animal health matters;

"**Licensing Authority"** means the Authority in the State Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources for the time being carrying out functions relating to the registra¬tion of Veterinary Clinics

**Permanent Secretary** means the permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources;

**"the State"** means the Kwara State of Nigeria. </body> </section>

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1. **<heading> Registration of Clinics </heading>**

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As from the commencement of this Law no premises within the State shall be used as a Veterinary Clinic without such premises having been first registered with the Licencing Authority and a licence issued in respect of the premises </body> </section>

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**<heading> 4. Breach of obligation to licence </heading>**

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1. A person commits an offence if, for the purpose of procuring the registration of premises as a Veterinary Clinic he makes a statement which he knows to be false.
2. A person commits an offence if being a Private Veterinary Surgeon; he has a place of business which is not entered in the register for the area in which the place of business is situated and carries on business as a Veterinary Surgeon at that place.

(3) Any person who commits an offence under this section shall on conviction be liable to a fine of two thousand naira or to three months imprisonment. </body> </section>

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1. **<heading> Manner of application </heading>**

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An application for the grant of a licence under this Law shall be made to the Licensing Authority and shall be made in such form and manner and shall contain or be accompanied by such information, document, fees and other materials as may be prescribed. </body> </section>

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**<heading> 6. Criteria for licence </heading>**

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Where an application is made to the Licensing Authority in accordance with section 5 of this Law and is accompanied by the prescribed fee and a report from the State Chief Veterinary Officer, the Licensing Authority shall, if satisfied—

1. that the premises is constructed and equipped to such standards as may be prescribed; and

(b) that the applicant—

1. is capable of complying with such conditions as may be imposed or attached to the licence;
2. is in all other respects a suitable person to be granted a licence,

issue subject to such conditions as it may impose or as may be attached a licence in such form as may be prescribed to the applicant in respect of the premises for which the application is made.

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**<heading> 7**. **Duration and renewal </heading>**

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1. Unless cancelled under section 9 of this Law or surrendered under section 12 of this Law, a licence shall remain in force for one year beginning on the day when it comes into force and may be renewed from time to time.

(2) When renewing a licence, the Licensing Authority may vary the conditions attached to the licence and may impose additional conditions. </body> </section>

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**<heading> 8. Power to vary conditions </heading>**

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The Licensing Authority may by instrument in writing, vary or revoke at any time, any condition for the time being attached to a licence. </body> </section>

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**<heading> 9. Suspension and cancellation </heading>**

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(1) Where the Licensing Authority has reasonable ground to believe—

1. that the premises of a Veterinary Surgeon are no longer fit to be used as a Veterinary Clinic; or
2. that the Veterinary Clinic is being kept in an unclean or insanitary condition; or
3. that the licensee has failed to comply with any regulations made under the provisions of this Law,

the Licensing Authority may, after giving the licensee the opportunity of being heard or making representations by notice in writing, require him before the date specified in the notice to remedy, to the satisfaction of the Licensing Authority, the defects specified in the notice.

1. If the licensee fails to comply with the requirements of a notice under subsection (1) before the date specified therein, the Licensing Authority, after calling upon the licensee to show cause why his licence should not be cancelled, may cancel the said licence. </body> </section>

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**<heading> 10. Exhibition of licence </heading>**

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1. The proprietor of every registered Veterinary Clinic shall exhibit and keep exhibited in a prominent place on the registered premises and on every branch clinic in which the business of a Veterinary Surgeon is conducted, so as to be easily read from outside that office, a notice of his name and of the fact that the premises is registered together with the name or style under which he carries on business as a Veterinary Surgeon if the business is not carried on in his own name.
2. The information required under subsection (1) of this section to be specified in the notice referred to in that subsection shall also be clearly shown on all notices, advertisements and other publications issued by the licensee and in all letters and other documents sent out by or on behalf of the licensee in or in the course of or in connection with his business as a Veterinary Surgeon. </body> </section>

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**<heading> 11. Production of licence <heading>**

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Any person to whom a licence has been issued shall on being so required by a police officer or any person authorised in writing for the purpose by the Licensing Authority produce the licence for examination. </body> </section>

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**<heading> 12. Revocation or expiration of licence </heading>**

<body> (1) Where a licence granted under this Law is revoked or expires, then, if the holder of the licence fails to surrender it when called upon to do so, a police officer or a person authorised by the Licensing Authority under section 11 may require him to produce it and may seize it and deliver it to the Licensing Authority.

(2) If a person who is required under such sections 11 and 12 of this Law to produce a licence fails to do so, then unless within five days beginning with the day next after that on which the production of the licence was required it is produced, he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of two thousand naira or to three months imprisonment. </body> </section>

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**<heading> 13. Replacement of licence </heading>**

<body> Any holder of a licence issued under this Law whose licence has been lost or destroyed may on payment of the prescribed fees obtain a duplicate licence from the Licensing Authority by which the original licence was issued. </body> </section>

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**<heading> 14. Appeals against refusal or cancellation or withdrawal of licence </heading>**

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(1) Any person aggrieved by—

(a) the refusal of the Licensing Authority to grant or renew a licence; or

(b) the cancellation of a licence,

may within thirty days after receiving from the Licensing Authority notification of his decision appeal to the Commissioner.

1. Where the Licensing Authority has cancelled a licence under section 9, the cancellation shall not have effect until the expiry of the period within which an appeal against such cancellation may be made or if an appeal has been made until the appeal has been determined. </body> </section>

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**<heading> 15. Yearly returns </heading>**

<body> (1) The proprietor of every registered Veterinary Clinic shall keep proper records of his activities at the registered Veterinary Clinic and at the end of every year shall prepare a report of his activities during the year which said report shall highlight the number of cases handled, clinical treatments, diseases outbreaks, returns of vaccination plus some other matters in which a return might be required by the Licensing Authority.

(2) Any person required to make a return under this Law who fails to make a return within the time which he is required to make the return or on being so required fails to give any information or explanation in respect of the return which it is in his power to give shall be liable to fine of not exceeding five hundred naira for every day during which the default continues. </body> </section>

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**<heading> 16. Veterinary Clinics </heading>**

<body> (1) Every registered Veterinary Clinic shall be paved or concreted and drained and the sanitary arrangements in the premises shall be to the satisfaction of the Licensing Authority.

(2) The area of each room used as a registered Veterinary Clinic shall in no case be less than 3.8 square metres and the minimum height of the ceiling shall be 3 meters

(3) Every registered Veterinary Clinic shall contain—

1. a waiting room;
2. receiving, examination and surgery room; and
3. lockable apartment for the safe keeping of drugs.
4. All clinical facilities, equipment and utensils shall be maintained and kept clean to the satisfaction of the Licensing Authority </body> </section>

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**<heading> 17. Power to make regulations </heading>**

<body> The Commissioner may, with the approval of the Governor, make regulations generally for the purpose of this Law. </body> </section>

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