

**THE MAURITIUS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO
ANIMALS (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) BILL**
(No. III of 2013)

Explanatory Memorandum

The object of this Bill is to set up an interim Management Committee which will temporarily, in lieu of the Council of the Society, assume the function of administering the Mauritius Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and be vested with all the necessary powers for that purpose.

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A BILL

**To provide for the setting up of an interim Management Committee of
the Mauritius Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to
Animals and for related matters**

ENACTED by the Parliament of Mauritius, as follows –

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Mauritius Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Temporary Provisions) Act 2013.

2. Interpretation

In this Act –

“existing Act” means the Mauritius Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act;

“existing Council” means the Council of the Society, set up under the existing Act;

“interim Committee” means the interim Management Committee referred to in section 3(1);

“Minister” means the Minister to whom responsibility for the subject of agriculture is assigned;

“Society” has the same meaning as in the existing Act.

3. Interim Committee

(1) There shall be an interim Management Committee of the Society which shall consist of –

- (a) a representative of the Ministry, who shall be the Chairperson;
- (b) a representative of the Veterinary Council of Mauritius established under the Veterinary Council Act; and
- (c) 3 other suitable persons to be appointed by the Minister.

(2) Where the members of the interim Committee have been designated or appointed, as the case may be, the existing Council shall be suspended and the Minister shall forthwith notify the existing Council that it is suspended and that the office-bearers shall cease to hold office.

(3) The interim Committee shall –

- (a) be vested exclusively with the power to convene a general meeting of the Society;

- (b) have and exercise all the powers necessary to manage the Society, including all the powers vested by the existing Act in the existing Council;
- (c) fix the quorum for its meetings and other proceedings and conduct them in such manner as it considers appropriate.

(4) The Chairperson of the interim Committee shall have and exercise all the powers vested by the existing Act in the President of the existing Council.

(5) (a) The interim Committee shall appoint a Director who shall have such responsibilities as the interim Committee may assign to him.

(b) The Director shall be appointed on such terms and conditions as the interim Committee may determine.

4. Application of Act

This Act shall have effect notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the existing Act or in any rules or regulations made under the existing Act.

5. Commencement and termination of Act

This Act shall come into operation, and cease to have effect, on a date to be fixed by Proclamation.
