

## New Zealand.



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1903, No. 46.

AN ACT to amend "The Animals Protection Act, 1880."

Title.

[12th November, 1903.]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Animals Protection Amendment Act, 1903"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Animals Protection Act, 1880" (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act").

Short Title.

2. (1.) The season for taking or killing native and imported game (other than deer and godwits) shall begin on the first day of May and close on the thirty-first day of July in each year.

Game season.

(2.) This section is in substitution for the first paragraph of section two of "The Animals Protection Acts Amendment Act, 1900," which paragraph is hereby accordingly repealed.

3. (1.) In any district where hares are protected the annual license fee to be charged for the coursing of hares shall be a sum not exceeding one pound.

License fee for coursing.

(2.) The conditions under which and the season or times at which such coursing shall take place shall be fixed by regulations under this Act.

4. (1.) Any person in *bona fide* occupation of any land, or any son of such person, or any one person appointed in writing by such first-mentioned person, may take or kill game upon any lands so occupied by such first-mentioned person within the periods allowed under this Act without being liable to any penalty for so doing.

Who may kill game without license.

(2.) This section is in substitution for section seven of the principal Act, which section is hereby accordingly repealed.

5. (1.) A license to take or kill game (other than deer) shall be issued to any person on payment of a license fee of one pound.

License fee to kill game.

(2.) Section nine of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

Weasels, &c., may be killed in certain cases.

6. Notwithstanding anything in sections twenty-eight and twenty-nine of "The Rabbit Nuisance Act, 1882," the Governor may from time to time, on the petition of any local authority or acclimatisation society, by Order in Council gazetted, declare that weasels, stoats, or any other animal declared under the first-mentioned section to be a natural enemy of the rabbit, and which have since proved to be the enemies of game and poultry, may be killed within any district defined by such Order; and thereupon, and so long as such Order is in force, the provisions of those sections shall not apply within the district so specified.

Regulations.

7. The Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council gazetted, make regulations prescribing—

- (a.) The duties of Rangers, the mode of their appointment and removal from office, and for the control of such officers;
- (b.) For the registration of acclimatisation societies, and for regulating the formation of any new society within an existing district, for the re-registration of any existing society, and for the dissolution of societies registered under this Act or any repealed Act;
- (c.) The mode of keeping books or registers by carrying companies, whether by land or sea, by refrigerating companies or proprietors of freezing-chambers, and forwarding agents, showing the receipt and delivery of all packages or parcels containing game or native game, and for the inspection by any Ranger of any such books or registers;
- (d.) For the inspection of freezing-chambers or refrigerating-works;
- (e.) The deer-shooting season in each district, and the conditions affecting the same, the form of licenses and the fees payable therefor, and for regulating or prohibiting the sale of deer or venison or stags' heads;
- (f.) The season during which godwits may be killed or taken;
- (g.) For prohibiting the killing or taking of any game or native game within any domain or forest reserve;
- (h.) The mode of registering or recording appointments made under section four of this Act;
- (i.) The fines (not exceeding twenty pounds in any case) payable in respect of the breach of any such regulations.