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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Animals Protection Acts.

Title.

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 Acts Amendment Act, 1899." Short Title.

#### GAME SEASON.

2. The season for taking or killing native and imported game throughout the colony shall begin on the first day of May and close on the thirty-first day of July, both inclusive, in each year: Time for killing native and imported game.

Provided that, upon the written application of any duly registered acclimatisation society, it shall be lawful for the Governor, by notification, to further restrict such season in any particular district or portion thereof, but within the respective dates or periods aforesaid; or, in his discretion, to close such season absolutely for such period or periods and within such district or districts, or with respect to such particular species of native or imported game, as he may from time to time deem advisable. Governor may restrict or close season.

20 The dates fixed for the opening and closing of the season shall be notified in the *Gazette* not less than thirty days prior to the date of opening.

#### EXPORT OF GAME.

3. No game or native game shall be exported from the colony, unless with the written consent of the Colonial Secretary, under a penalty not exceeding *twenty* pounds; nor shall any game or native game be held in possession for a greater period than seven days after the close of the game season, under a like penalty, and whether such game or native game be frozen, chilled, or not. Game and native game not to be exported, or held in possession after certain period.

## PROTECTION OF NATIVE BIRDS.

Stoats, weasels, &c.,  
not to be liberated  
on certain islands.

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in "The Rabbit Nuisance Act, 1882," or any other Act, it shall not be lawful to liberate any stoat, weasel, ferret, or other animal of a like nature upon any island adjacent to the mainland of New Zealand upon which native birds exist, and upon which there are no rabbits at large. 5