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Hon. Mr. Buddo.

ANIMALS PROTECTION AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

<p>Title. 1. Short Title. 2. Section 6 of principal Act amended. 3. Section 26 of principal Act amended.</p>	<p>4. Section 30 of principal Act amended. 5. Section 32 of principal Act amended. 6. Importation of animals for zoological gardens, &c.</p>
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Animals Protection Act, 1908.

Title.

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

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| <p>5</p> | <p>1. This Act may be cited as the Animals Protection Amendment Act, 1910, and shall form part of and be read together with the Animals Protection Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).</p> | <p>Short Title.</p> |
| <p>10</p> | <p>2. Section six of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection two the words " which has a greater depth than two feet six inches and is not open at both ends."</p> | <p>Section 6 of principal Act amended.</p> |
| <p>15</p> | <p>3. Section twenty-six of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding, after the words " native game " where they first occur, the words " (other than godwits)."</p> | <p>Section 26 of principal Act amended.</p> |
| <p>20</p> | <p>4. (1.) Section thirty of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to subsection one the words—
" Provided that the Minister may, if he thinks fit, grant permission to any person to hold native game in possession for a longer period than seven days after the close of such season for exhibition purposes only, but such permission shall not be deemed to authorise the killing of any native game after the close of the season."</p> | <p>Section 30 of principal Act amended.</p> |
| <p><i>New.</i></p> | | |
| <p>25</p> | <p>(2.) Nothing in the said section thirty or this section shall be deemed to affect the right of Natives to hold preserved game known as <i>huahua</i>.</p> | |
| <p>30</p> | <p>5. Section thirty-two of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the word " take " in subsection one, the words " any native game or " ; and by adding to the same subsection the words " or for any scientific purpose."</p> | <p>Section 32 of principal Act amended.</p> |

Importation
of animals for
zoological gardens,
&c.

6. (1.) Notwithstanding anything in the principal Act, the Minister may from time to time, on the application in writing of any person, authorise the introduction into New Zealand of such animals as the Minister thinks fit, for the purpose of exhibition only, whether in a zoological garden or a travelling menagerie. 5

(2.) Such authority may be given subject to such conditions as the Minister in each case thinks fit to impose, and shall not be given unless the Minister is satisfied that the arrangements made by the applicant for the safe custody and care of any animal proposed to be introduced as aforesaid are sufficient for the protection of the public, 10 nor unless the applicant enters into a bond or other security in an amount sufficient in the opinion of the Minister to indemnify any person against any loss or damage he may sustain by reason of the introduction into New Zealand of the animals specified in the application, or any of them, or of the escape from custody of any such 15 animal.

(3.) The provisions of sections thirty-nine to forty-two of the principal Act shall not apply in the case of any animal introduced into New Zealand under this section so long as the conditions (if any) subject to which the authority was given are faithfully observed. 20

New.

Protection of
hares, weasels,
&c., removed.
Limitation of last
section.

7. Notwithstanding anything in any Act, it shall be lawful for any person to destroy hares, weasels, or stoats.

8. Notwithstanding anything in the *last preceding* section, the Governor in Council may, on the recommendation of an acclimatization society, suspend, within the district of that society, the operation of that section with respect to hares; or, on the recommendation of the Minister of Agriculture or any local authority, suspend, within any specified area, the operation of that section with respect to weasels and stoats. 25 30

Section 31 of
principal Act
amended.

9. Section thirty-one of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "native game" wherever they occur, the words "or the skin or feathers of any native game."

Section 40 of
principal Act
amended.

10. Section forty of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the word "scorpion," and inserting, after the word "reptile," 35 the words "scorpion or insect."