

ANIMALS PROTECTION AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill amends the Animals Protection Act 1960.

Clause 1 relates to the Short Title.

Clause 2 inserts a new clause in the principal Act making it an offence to use spring jaw animal traps.

Clause 3 provides for the repeal of the paragraphs inserted in the Municipal Corporations Act 1954 and the Counties Act 1956 by amending Acts in 1972 which empowered local bodies to make bylaws regulating or prohibiting the use of spring jaw traps.

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ANIMALS PROTECTION AMENDMENT

ANALYSIS

Title	2. Principal Act amended
1. Short Title	"6A. Offence to place or set spring jaw animal traps"
	3. Repeals

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Animals Protection Act 1960

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

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Animals
Protection Amendment Act 1973 and shall be read together
with and deemed part of the Animals Protection Act 1960
(hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.)

10 **2. Principal Act amended**—The principal Act is hereby
amended by inserting after section 6 the following section:

"6A. Offence to place or set spring jaw animal traps—

(1) Every person commits an offence who places or sets or
causes to be placed or set any gin trap or other similar trap
15 having 2 jaws closing on each other and operated by a spring:

Provided that this section shall not apply to traps nor-
mally used for catching mice or rats having an arm operated
by a spring and commonly known as a "break-back trap".

“(2) Every person who commits an offence under subsection 1 of this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$200 and, if the offence is a continuing one, to a further fine not exceeding \$20 for every day during which the offence continues.”

3. Repeals—The enactments specified in the Schedule to this Act are hereby repealed.

Section 3

SCHEDULE

ENACTMENTS REPEALED

- 1954, No. 76—The Municipal Corporations Act 1954: paragraph 40 of subsection (1) of section 386. (Reprinted 1969, Vol. 4, p. 2439.)
- 1956, No. 64—The Counties Act 1956: paragraph 41 of subsection (1) of section 401. (Reprinted 1969, Vol. 2, p. 1077.)
- 1972, No. 131—The Municipal Corporations Amendment Act 1972: section 11.
- 1972, No. 132—The Counties Amendment Act 1972: section 16.