

Noxious Animals Prohibition.

ANALYSIS.

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1. Short Title.

2. Repeal of 29th section of No. 35, 1867.
3. Prohibition of introduction of certain noxious animals.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to repeal the Twenty-ninth Section of "The Protection of Animals Act, 1867," and to make other provisions in lieu thereof. Title.

WHEREAS by an Act of the General Assembly (No. 35, 1867) intituled "An Act to provide for the Protection of certain Animals and for the Encouragement of Acclimatization Societies in New Zealand," it was enacted in the twenty-ninth section of the said Act that certain animals were not to be introduced into the Colony of New Zealand: And whereas it is desirable to repeal the said twenty-ninth section of the said Act for the purpose of extending the provisions of the same: Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE 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 shall be "The Noxious Animals Prohibition Act, 1876." Short Title.

2. The twenty-ninth section of the Act (No. 35, 1867) intituled "An Act to provide for the Protection of certain Animals, and for the Encouragement of Acclimatization Societies in New Zealand," is hereby repealed. Repeal of 29th section of No. 35, 1867.

3. In lieu of the said section the following provisions shall henceforth be in force:— Prohibition of introduction of certain noxious animals.

20 It shall not be lawful for any person to introduce any fox, polecat, stoat, weasel, venomous reptile, hawk, vulture, or other bird of prey into the colony, or to liberate or allow to go at large any polecat, stoat, weasel, venomous reptile, hawk, vulture, or other bird of prey which may have already been introduced. or to have any fox, **25** polecat, stoat, weasel, venomous reptile, hawk, vulture, or other bird of prey not indigenous to the colony in his possession; and every person offending against any of the above provisions shall be liable, on conviction before any two Justices of the Peace, to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds, and in default of payment to be imprisoned for **30** a period of not more than six months.