

(Mr. Buckland.)

Protection of Animals Act Amendment.

ANALYSIS.

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| <p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Superintendent of a Province may withdraw districts from operation of "The Protection of Animals Act, 1873."</p> | <p>3. On coming into operation of Proclamation, districts to cease to be under Act.</p> |
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Protection of Animals Act, 1873."

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 shall be "The Protection of Animals Act Amendment Act, 1874;" and it shall be read with and as part of "The Protection of Animals Act, 1873," (hereinafter called "the said Act").

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in the said Act, it shall be lawful for the Superintendent of any Province from time to time, by Proclamation published in the *Gazette* of the province, to declare that districts to be defined in such Proclamation shall be withdrawn from the operation of the said Act and in which game or native game, for the time being subject to the provisions of the said Act, may be shot hunted taken or killed.

The boundaries of every such district shall be defined in the Proclamation declaring the same; and any such Proclamation may be in like manner altered varied or re-defined, and may prescribe a day or time when such Proclamation shall come into operation, and when it shall cease to be in operation, or such Proclamation may be made generally, and without prescribing any or either of such days or times.

3. From and after the day fixed for the coming into operation of any such Proclamation as aforesaid, the district therein defined shall be deemed to be wholly withdrawn from the operation of the said Act.

province formerly included in the district erected by such revoked Proclamation; and it shall not be lawful thereafter, without fresh Proclamation, to hunt take shoot or kill any animal or bird referred to in such revoked Proclamation, excepting in accordance with the provisions of the said Act.

Section 17 of former Act amended.

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5. Section seventeen of the said Act is hereby amended by adding the following words at the end thereof:—"On the lands of which such person shall be in *bonâ fide* occupation as aforesaid."

Penalty for selling game without license.

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6. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the eighteenth section of the said Act contained, the penalty for selling game without a license shall be any sum not exceeding twenty pounds.

Superintendent may refer application for authority to kill male birds, &c., to Acclimatization Society.

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7. When the Superintendent, upon any application made to him, shall be unwilling to give the authority which under the twenty-fourth section of the said Act he is empowered to give, he shall refer the application to the Acclimatization Society of the said province (if there be one); and if such society shall recommend the giving of such authority, it shall be the duty of the said Superintendent to give such authority accordingly.