

POLICE OFFENCES AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

UNDER paragraph (a) of section 7 (1) of the Police Offences Act 1927 a person may be prosecuted for the offence of cruelty to an animal; and the owner of an animal also commits an offence if he permits it to be cruelly treated or to be caused unnecessary suffering. This Bill re-enacts that paragraph with the inclusion of new words which make it an offence for a person who is not the owner but has charge of an animal to permit it to be cruelly treated or to be caused unnecessary suffering. Such a person is already liable to prosecution under section 7 (1) (b) of the Act for the separate offence of failing to supply an animal with food, water, or shelter.

Hon. Mr Fortune

POLICE OFFENCES AMENDMENT

ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Police Offences Act 1927.

Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Police Offences Amendment Act 1953, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Police Offences Act 1927 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

See Reprint of Statutes, Vol. II, p. 500

2. Section seven of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (a) of subsection one, and substituting the following paragraph:

Liability of person having charge of animal.

“(a) Cruelly beats, kicks, ill-treats, overrides, overdrives, overloads, tortures, infuriates, or terrifies any animal; or causes or procures any animal to be so used; or, being the owner or having the charge of any animal, permits it to be so used; or by wantonly or unreasonably doing or omitting to do any act, or causing or procuring the commission or omission of any act, causes any unnecessary suffering to any animal, or, being the owner or having the charge of any animal, permits any unnecessary suffering to be so caused to it; or ”.

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