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Hon. Mr. Cullen

RABBIT NUISANCE AMENDMENT

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to Amend the Rabbit Nuisance Act, 1928. 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 Rabbit Nuisance Amendment Act, 1949, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Rabbit Nuisance Act, 1928 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title. See Reprint of Statutes, Vol. I, p. 243.

10 2. Section fifty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the word "Boards", the words "and for the taking of polls on proposals submitted to ratepayers". Provision for postal voting on proposals submitted to ratepayers.

Power of
Rabbit Board
to remit rates.

3. The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section sixty-seven, the following section:—

“67A. On application being made in writing to the Board by any ratepayer, the Board may in any year, with the approval of the Minister given on the recommendation of the Rabbit Destruction Council, remit the payment of any rates by that ratepayer, either wholly or in part. No such recommendation shall be made by the Council unless it is satisfied that hardship would otherwise be caused to the ratepayer.”

Acquisition of
land under
Public Works
Act, 1928, for
housing
workers.

4. The principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting, after section eighty-five, the following section:—

“85A. (1) For the purpose of facilitating the acquisition of land by the Board for the purposes of paragraph (b) of subsection one of the last preceding section, the Governor-General may, on the application of the Board and at its expense in all things, take under the Public Works Act, 1928, any land, or any particular estate or interest in land (whether for the time being subsisting separately or not), or any easement over any land (whether for the time being subsisting or not).

See Reprint
of Statutes,
Vol. VII, p. 622

“(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Public Works Act, 1928, the effect of a Proclamation issued for the purposes of this section shall be to vest the land, estate, interest, or easement, as the case may be, in the Board instead of in His Majesty; and all proceedings subsequent to the issue of the Proclamation in respect of compensation, or otherwise for the purpose of complying with the said Act, shall be taken against the Board, which shall be deemed to be the respondent and shall be liable in respect of the taking to the same extent as His Majesty or the Minister of Works would have been liable if the taking had been for the purposes of a Government work.”

Increase of
Board's
borrowing-
powers.

5. Section eighty-six of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

(a) By omitting the words “three thousand pounds”, and substituting the words “five thousand pounds”:

(b) By omitting the words “six thousand pounds”, and substituting the words “fifteen thousand pounds”.

6. Section fourteen of the Rabbit Nuisance Amendment Act, 1947, is hereby amended by inserting in subsection two, after paragraph (b), the following paragraph:—

Insurance of members of Rabbit Destruction Council against personal accident while engaged in duties.

5 “(bb) In payment of premiums payable in respect of contracts of insurance insuring members of the Council against loss from personal accident arising out of and in the course of the exercise of their powers or duties as

10 members:”.

7. Section twenty-seven of the Rabbit Nuisance Amendment Act, 1947, is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “section thirty of the principal Act”, the words “or is constituted under section twenty-nine of this Act following a petition of such persons as

15 aforesaid”.

Expenses of promotion of petition for constitution of district. 1947, No. 47

8. Section twenty-nine of the Rabbit Nuisance Amendment Act, 1947, is hereby amended by adding to

20 any area of land therefrom”.

Exclusion of areas from rabbit districts on recommendation of Rabbit Destruction Council. 1947, No. 47