

1881, No. 34.

ANIMALS
PROTECTION ACT
AMENDMENT.

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Short Title.

AN ACT to amend "The Animals Protection Act, 1880."

[23rd September, 1881.]

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 is "The Animals Protection Act Amendment Act, 1881." It shall be deemed to be incorporated with "The Animals Protection Act, 1880," herein referred to as "the said Act."

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in the said Act, the Governor may from time to time, by public notification, extend, limit, or in any way vary the time appointed during which any game or native game of all kinds or of any kind respectively may be taken and killed or had in possession, irrespective of the particular months in the said Act mentioned.

Governor may vary game season.

Every such notification shall have effect only within the particular districts, and in respect of the particular kind of game, or native game, respectively specified therein.

3. Any penalties imposed by the said Act or by this Act for taking, buying, selling, exposing for sale, or having in possession any game or native game, except during the times fixed under the said Act, shall apply in respect of the said times as the same may be varied, limited, or extended under this Act.

Penalties to apply to altered game seasons.

4. If any person shall fail or neglect to observe all or any of the provisions of the said Act or this Act, or shall do or commit anything contrary to the true intent and meaning thereof respectively, he shall for every such offence, if no other penalty is provided, be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

Penalties in cases not provided for.

5. Section eleven of the said Act shall be read as if the words "not exceeding twenty pounds" had been originally inserted therein in lieu of the words "twenty pounds," where they occur at the end of the said section.

Section 11 amended as to penalties.

6. Section thirty-two of the said Act shall be deemed to have been and shall be a sufficient authority to the Colonial Treasurer for the issue and payment of any fees, in manner required by the said section, to be handed to the Treasurer of any Acclimatization Society without any appropriation thereof respectively.

Payment of fees to Acclimatization Societies.

7. The Colonial Secretary may in writing authorize any person, or the servants of any such person, at any time, to kill or destroy any animals or birds, whether game or native game, found on his property and destroying the same, or calculated to become injurious thereto: Provided that the Colonial Secretary shall satisfy himself that such injury is likely to arise through the presence of such animals or birds.

Colonial Secretary may authorize injurious animals to be destroyed.

8. The power of the Governor, under the twentieth section of the said Act, of declaring by notification that any animals or birds shall cease to be within the operation of the said Act, or that any game or native game shall cease to be deemed such within the provisions of the said Act, may be exercised from time to time in a limited manner, to have effect only within such districts or parts of the colony as shall be specified in such notification.

Governor may proclaim districts to be no longer protected.