

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

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No. , 1931.

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## A BILL

To regulate the sale of the skins of protected animals; to provide for the issue of licenses to dealers and selling brokers of such skins; to provide for the payment of royalties on skins of protected animals; to amend the Birds and Animals Protection Act, 1918-1930; and for purposes connected therewith.

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**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

**1.** (1) This Act may be cited as the "Birds and Short title. Animals Protection (Amendment) Act, 1931," and shall be read with the Birds and Animals Protection Act, 1918-1930, in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(2) The Principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Birds and Animals Protection Act, 1918-1931.

**2. The Principal Act is amended—**

Amendment of Act No. 21, 1918.

(a) by omitting from subsection three of section seven the words "protected animals, and upon the publication of such proclamation" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "the protected animals specified in the proclamation and upon the publication of the proclamation in the Gazette";

Sec. 7 (3)  
(Licenses to take or kill for sale).

(b) by inserting the following new section next after section seven:—

New sec. 7A.

7A. (1) The Minister may issue annual licenses in the prescribed form to approved persons entitling them to operate either as dealers or as skin selling brokers.

Dealers and skin selling brokers.

(2) A person who holds a dealer's license may purchase skins of protected animals prior to payment of the royalty thereon, from the holder of a license issued pursuant to section seven or to section eighteen of this Act or from any person who has obtained such skins during any open season and may sell the same through the agency of a skin selling broker but not otherwise, or after payment of the prescribed royalty may export the same.

(3) A person who holds a skin selling broker's license may accept for the purpose of sale on commission, and may sell the skin of any protected animal received from any licensed dealer or from the holder of any license issued pursuant to section seven or to section eighteen of this Act, or from any person who has obtained such skin during any open season.

(4) Save as prescribed no person who does not hold a license under this section shall sell or dispose of or traffic in any skins of protected animals upon which the royalty payable under

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under the provisions of this Act has not been paid, except by way of sale to a licensed dealer, or by consigning the same to a skin selling broker for the purpose of sale.

**3. The Principal Act is further amended—**

Further amend-  
ment of Act No.  
21, 1918.

- (a) by inserting next after section eighteen the following new section :— New sec. 18A.

18A. A royalty shall be paid as prescribed on all skins of any protected animals taken during any open season or under any license issued pursuant to section seven or section eighteen of this Act. Royalty.

- (b) by inserting at the end of subsection one of section twenty-five the following words :— Sec. 25.  
(Regulations.)

The regulations may also provide—

- for the time within which, and the manner in which and the persons by whom royalties on the skins of protected animals shall be paid;
- for the time within which, and the manner in which sales of skins of protected animals shall be effected;
- for the production to police officers of skins of protected animals taken otherwise than for purposes of sale or taken for export;
- for the issue of certificates by police officers that skins of protected animals have been produced within the prescribed time, and are intended to be retained for the personal use of the owner thereof, or are for export;
- for the form of the certificates lastly hereinbefore mentioned, and the circumstances in which the same may be issued; and
- for the forfeiture of skins of protected animals held in contravention of the provisions of this Act.