

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1920.

A BILL

To provide for the conservation of calf life, and for the regulation of the sale of certain calves; to authorise the Minister to purchase calves for the purpose of rearing at prices and subject to conditions to be fixed; to establish depots for rearing calves; to provide for the prohibition and restriction of the slaughter of certain calves and the removal of calves from certain districts; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequential thereon.

BE 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. This Act may be cited as the "Conservation of Calf Life Act, 1920." Short title.

2. In this Act the expression— Definition.

"Calf" means a bovine animal up to twelve months old.

"District" means district proclaimed under this Act.

"Inspector" means a person authorised by the Minister to act as an inspector under this Act.

"Minister" means "Secretary for Lands."

"Prescribed" means prescribed by this Act or by regulations made thereunder.

3. The Governor may, by proclamation published in the Gazette, apply the provisions of this Act to the whole State, or to any district therein specified of the State, and by like proclamation may revoke or suspend its operation as to the whole State, or any district or part of a district, for such periods as he may determine. Application.

4. The Governor may, by proclamation in the Gazette, constitute any part therein specified of the State to be a district for the purposes of this Act, and in like manner may revoke or alter such proclamation. Districts.

5. The Minister may in any district establish depots for the rearing of calves and for purposes in connection therewith.

6. The Minister may, by notification in the Gazette, prohibit or restrict, subject to such conditions as he may think fit— Prohibition of the sale, slaughter, or removal of certain calves.

(a) the sale of calves within any district for any purpose other than that of rearing;

(b) the slaughter of calves within any district for the purpose of selling their carcasses for human consumption which have been branded or marked under the provisions of this Act as suitable for rearing purposes; and

(c) the removal of calves from any district to any place which has not been proclaimed a district.

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7. The Minister, or any person authorised in that behalf by him, may at any time and at the prescribed price and subject to the prescribed conditions, purchase and take possession of calves suitable for rearing unless the owner keeps such calves for the purpose of rearing or satisfies the Minister or such authorised person that he is disposing of them for such purpose. The onus of proving that a calf is being sold for rearing purposes shall lie upon the owner.

Authority to Minister to purchase and rear calves.

8. Any inspector or person authorised in that behalf by the Minister may enter any land or building within a district in which he has reason to believe that calves suitable for rearing are being slaughtered, and inspect and brand or mark in the prescribed manner any calves therein.

Entry and inspection.

9. (1) Any person contravening any provision of a notification under this Act shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *twenty* pounds.

Penalties.

(2) Any person obstructing or hindering any inspector or other person in the execution of his duty under this Act shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *ten* pounds.

(3) Penalties under this Act, or the regulations thereunder, may be recovered before a stipendiary or police magistrate or any two justices in petty sessions.

Recovery of penalties.

10. (1) The Governor may make regulations prescribing and regulating—

Regulations.

- (a) the control, management, and maintenance of depots established under this Act;
- (b) the price to be paid by the Minister for calves purchased under this Act, the place at, and the conditions under which such purchase shall be made or effected;
- (c) the conditions under which calves may be removed from any district;
- (d) the manner of branding or marking calves under this Act;
- (e) the powers and duties of any person authorised by the Minister to act as an inspector under this Act;
- (f) generally the carrying out the provisions of this Act; and
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- (g) the imposing of a penalty not to exceed *twenty* pounds for the breach of any such regulation.
 - (2) Every regulation made under this Act shall—
 - (a) be notified in the Gazette;
 - (b) be laid before each House of the Parliament within fourteen days after the making thereof if Parliament is sitting, or if Parliament is not sitting then within fourteen days after the next meeting of Parliament;
 - (c) come into operation on the date fixed in the regulation, or if the date is not so fixed, then on the date on which the regulation is notified in the Gazette:

Provided that if either House of Parliament passes a resolution at any time within fifteen sitting days after such regulations have been laid before such House disallowing any regulation, such regulation shall thereupon cease to have effect.
