

No. , 1900.

A BILL

For the protection of Native Bears.

BE it enacted by the Queen'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 "Native Bear Protection Act, Short title. 1900."

2. In this Act—

"Native bear" means the animal scientifically known as *Phascolarctos cinereus*, and commonly known as native bear, native sloth, or koala.

Definition.

3. Any person who, within a period of five years from the commencement of this Act,—

Penalty for killing, capturing, selling, &c., native bears.

- (a) wilfully kills, captures, or injures, or attempts to kill, capture, or injure any native bear; or
- (b) sells or offers for sale, or has in his control or possession any native bear, unless he proves that such native bear was captured before the commencement of this Act; or
- (c) sells or offers for sale, or has in his control or possession, the carcase or skin of any native bear, unless he proves that such carcase or skin was that of a native bear killed or captured before the said commencement;

shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *five* pounds for the first offence, and not exceeding *twenty* pounds for the second or any subsequent offence:

Provided that this section shall not apply to any person authorised in writing by the Colonial Secretary to collect specimens of natural history for any scientific institution or museum, or to any museum or person in charge thereof.

4. All penalties under this Act may be recovered in a summary way before a stipendiary or police magistrate, or any two justices of the peace in petty sessions, and one half of every penalty so recovered shall be paid to the person who, in the opinion of the convicting magistrate or justices, has given information which led to the conviction, and the other half to the Zoological Society.

Recovery and application of penalties.