## PLANT DISEASES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1977

No. , 1977.

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[MR DAY—23 November, 1977.]

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  - **2.** The Plant Diseases Act, 1924, is amended in the Amendment manner set forth in Schedule 1.

    of Act No. 38, 1924.
- 3. A regulation in force immediately before the com-Savings. 10 mencement of this Act prescribing the written evidence of an inspector's authority for the purposes of section 13 (1B) of the Plant Diseases Act, 1924, shall not cease to be in force by reason of anything in this Act.

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Sec. 2.

- 15 Amendments to the Plant Diseases Act, 1924.
  - (1) Section 3, definition of "Prescribed"—

Omit the definition.

- (2) (a) Section 5 (1) (b)—
  Omit "disinfected", insert instead "treated".
- 20 (b) Section 5 (1) (d)—

After "or fruit", insert "or of any thing which is likely to convey any disease or pest".

#### SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PLANT DISEASES ACT, 1924
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### (3) Section 5A (1) (b)—

Omit "fruit or plants", insert instead "plants, fruit, coverings or any other things, whether of the same or of a different kind or nature".

## (4) Section 9—

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Omit "or by any person authorised in writing by the Minister either generally or specifically".

(5) Section 10 (1)—

Omit "Under Secretary", insert instead "Director-General".

#### (6) (a) Section 13 (1B)—

Omit the subsection, insert instead:—

- (1B) An inspector may, upon production of the prescribed written evidence of his authority—
- (a) enter any land, premises, structure, place, vehicle or vessel for the purpose of searching for or inspecting any plants, fruit, coverings or other things, whether of the same or of a different kind or nature, which he has reasonable grounds for suspecting are infected or are likely to convey infection or have been introduced into the State or any portion thereof, or are being conveyed or dealt with, in contravention of any proclamation, notification, order or undertaking given under this Act or any regulation;

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# AMENDMENTS TO THE PLANT DISEASES ACT, 1924 —continued.

- (b) open any part of a vehicle or vessel or any coverings for the purpose of searching for or inspecting any plants, fruit, coverings or other things referred to in paragraph (a) or require the driver or person in charge of any vehicle or vessel to open any part thereof for that purpose; or
  - (c) take samples of any plants, fruit, coverings or other things referred to in paragraph (a).
- 15 (b) Section 13 (1D)—
  Omit the subsection.

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(c) Section 13 (2)—

Omit the subsection, insert instead:-

(2) An inspector may serve a notice on the owner or person in charge of any plant, fruit, covering, vehicle, vessel or other thing, whether of the same or of a different kind or nature, which he is satisfied is infected requiring him to take such measures or do such acts as are specified in the notice, or as are prescribed, to treat the infection.

## (7) (a) Section 17—

Omit ", fumigate, or otherwise dispose of", insert instead "or otherwise dispose of, or treat,".

#### SCHEDULE 1-continued.

# AMENDMENTS TO THE PLANT DISEASES ACT, 1924 —continued.

- (b) Section 17—
- Omit "other fruit", insert instead "other plants, fruit".
  - (8) (a) Section 18—

Omit "for sale", insert instead "which the inspector suspects on reasonable grounds are intended for sale".

(b) Section 18—

Omit "wilfully", insert instead "knowingly".

(9) Section 21—

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Omit "or police".

15 (10) Section 22 and heading thereto—

Omit the section and heading.

(11) Sections 25c, 25D—

After section 25B, insert:—

delays or obstructs an inspector in the exercise or obstructing, performance of any of his powers, authorities, duties etc., an or functions under this Act shall be guilty of an offence against this Act and liable to a penalty not exceeding \$1,000.

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25D. A person who, without lawful authority, Corruption. offers, makes or gives to an inspector any payment, gratuity or present in consideration that the inspector will do or omit to do any act or thing pertaining to his powers, authorities, duties or functions under this Act shall be guilty of an offence against this Act and liable to a penalty not exceeding \$1,000.

## (12) (a) Section 26 (1) (a)—

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Omit "which has been introduced into this State", insert instead "which was imported, introduced or brought into the State or any portion thereof".

#### (b) Section 26 (1) (e)—

Omit "by the Minister", insert instead "under this Act by the Minister or an inspector".

## (c) Section 26 (1A)—

After section 26 (1), insert:—

(1A) Any person who commits an offence under subsection (1) (a) or (f) shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$1,000.

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- (d) Section 26 (2)—
- 5 Omit "one hundred dollars", insert instead "\$500".
  - (e) Section 26 (5)—

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## (14) (a) Section 29 (1A), (1B)—

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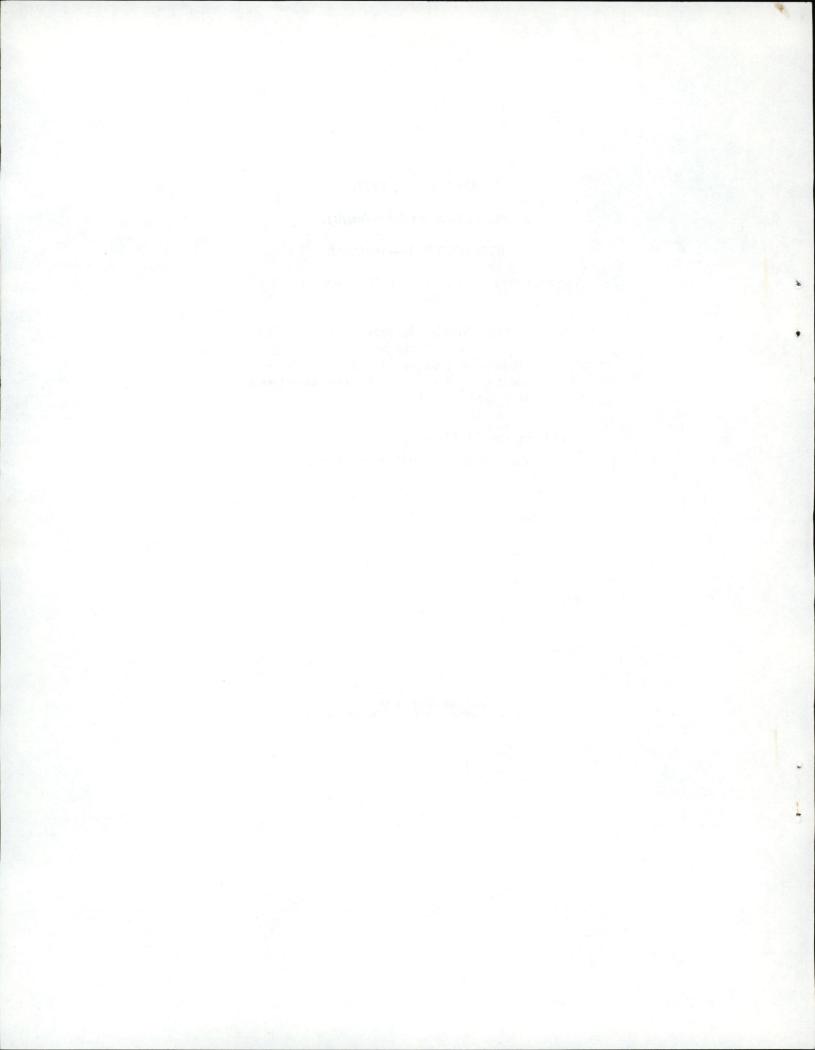
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Omit "forty dollars", insert instead "\$500".

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)

THE objects of this Bill are-

- (a) to increase the penalties for offences under the Plant Diseases Act, 1924, or the regulations made thereunder (Schedule 1 (12) (c), (12) (d), (13) (c) and (14) (b));
- (b) to make it an offence punishable by a penalty not exceeding \$1,000—
  - (i) to assault, threaten, resist, delay or obstruct an inspector; or
  - (ii) to bribe an inspector

(Schedule 1 (11));

- (c) to extend the powers of an inspector in relation to entry, search, inspection and the taking of samples to cover any case in which he has reasonable grounds for suspecting that plants, fruit, etc., are infected or likely to convey infection or have been introduced into the State or any portion thereof or are being conveyed or dealt with unlawfully (Schedule 1 (6) (a));
- (d) to authorise an inspector to require the owner or person in charge of any plant, fruit, covering, vehicle, vessel or other thing which the inspector is satisfied is infected to take such measures or do such acts as are specified in a notice served on that owner or person instead of only such measures or acts as are prescribed by regulations (Schedule 1 (6) (c));
- (e) to empower the Governor to make regulations with respect to the identification of the grade of unpacked fruit or vegetables that are exposed or displayed for sale (Schedule 1 (13) (a));
- (f) to clarify provisions requiring the fair average quality of fruit or vegetables for sale to be indicated (Schedule 1 (14) (a));
- (g) to widen the application of a certain evidentiary provision (Schedule 1 (12) (e) and (f));
- (h) to repeal an obsolete provision dealing with the destruction of cotton plants (Schedule 1 (10)); and
- (i) to make other provisions of a minor or an ancillary nature or by way of statute law revision.

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