

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

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By Authority : WILLIAM APPLEGATE GULLICK, Government Printer, Sydney, 1900.

I Certify that this PUBLIC BILL, which originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, has finally passed the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of NEW SOUTH WALES.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, 12th September, 1900. } JOHN J. CALVERT, Clerk of the Parliaments.



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In the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty I assent to this Act.

Government House, Sydney, 22nd September, 1900. BEAUCHAMP, Governor.

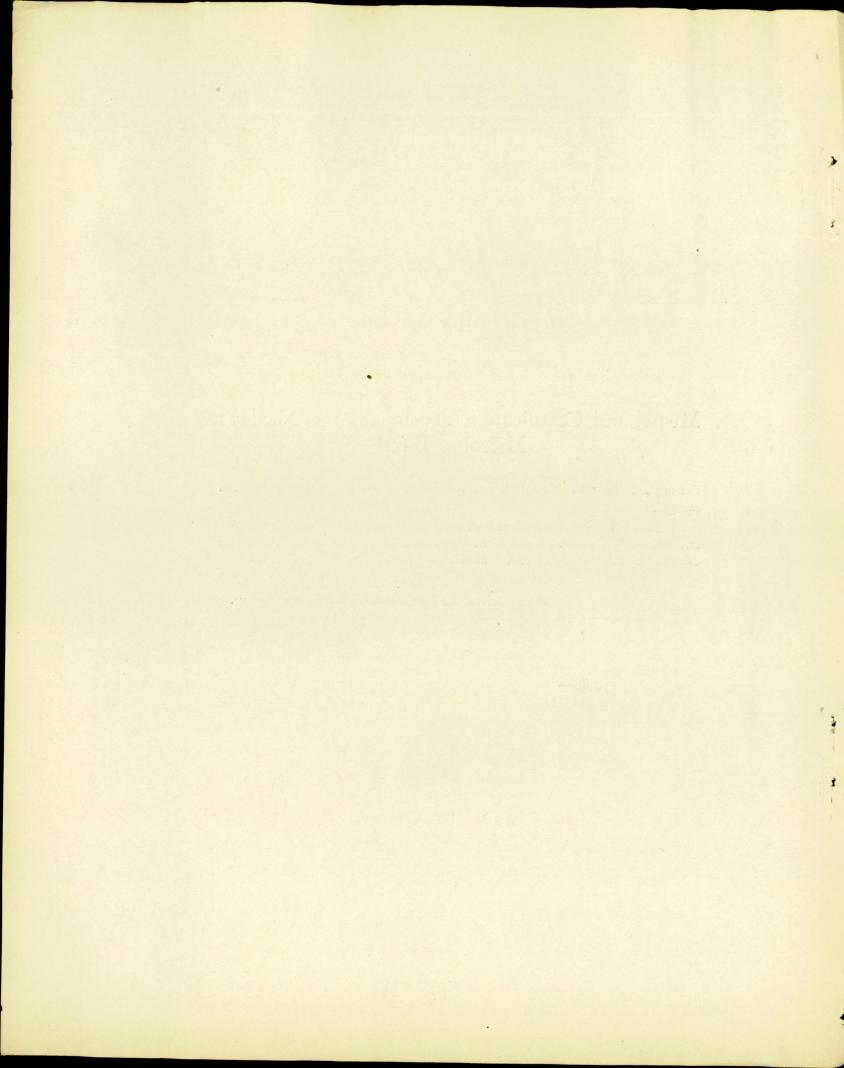
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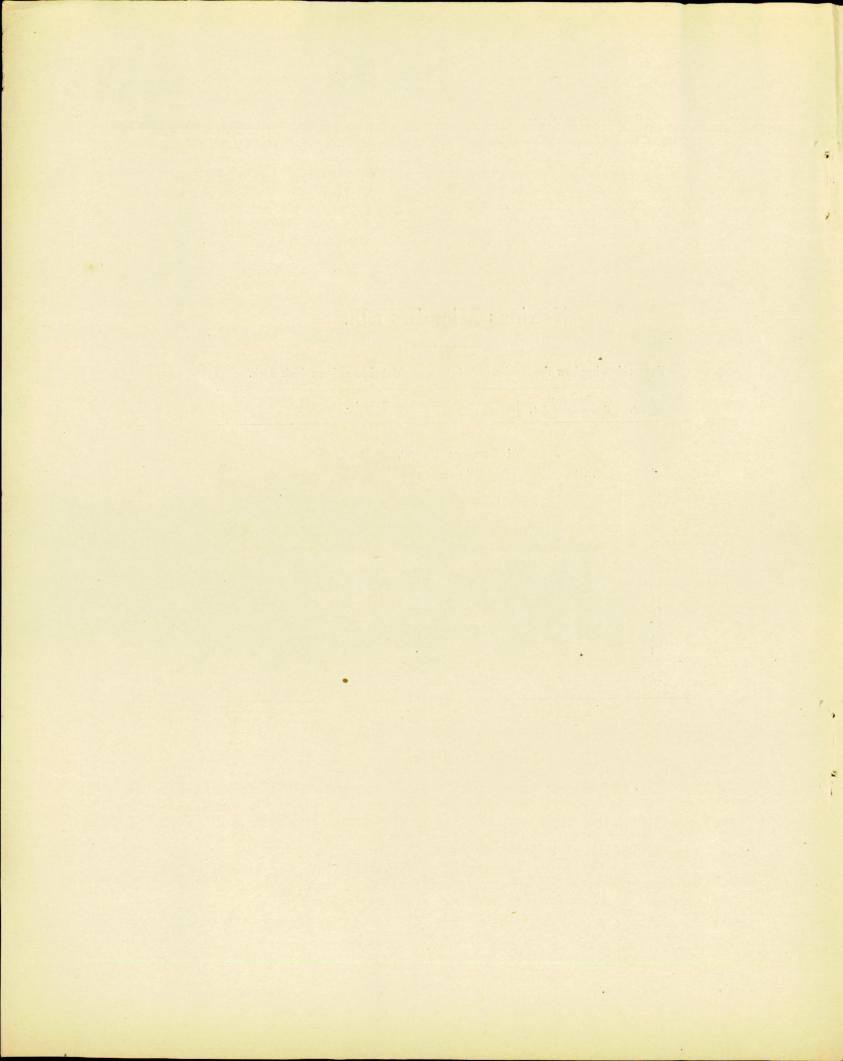
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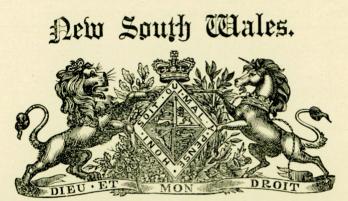
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This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, 30th August, 1900. JOHN J. CALVERT. Clerk of the Parliaments.



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5. It shall be unlawful for any person, not holding a license from the Minister as hereinafter provided, to introduce into New South Wales, or to receive when introduced, or to keep or distribute any noxious and infectious microbes or any substance or medium impregnated therewith, or to rear and propagate any such microbes.

6. It shall be unlawful for any person, not holding a license from the Minister as hereinafter provided, to inoculate or otherwise infect any animal with any noxious and infectious microbes; or to keep any animal when so inoculated or otherwise infected.

7. It shall be unlawful for any person, not holding a license from the Minister as hereinafter provided, to let loose, or to send, or remove, or to drive from place to place any animal inoculated or otherwise infected with any noxious and infectious microbes; or to transport or remove the dead body, or any portion of the dead body, of any such animal when inoculated or otherwise infected as aforesaid, or to dispose of the same otherwise than by burning or boiling.

8. The Minister may grant to any person whom he considers qualified a license to introduce into New South Wales, or to receive when introduced, and to keep any noxious and infectious microbes specified in such license, or any substance or medium impregnated therewith, and to rear and propagate and distribute the same :

Provided that no license under this section shall extend to the keeping of any such microbes in any other place than is specified therein, or to the sending or distributing of such microbes to any person not holding a similar license.

9. The Minister may grant to any person whom he considers qualified a license to inoculate or otherwise infect, with any noxious and infectious microbes specified in such license, any animals of the kinds therein mentioned, and to keep such animals when so infected : Provided

Introduction and keeping of certain microbes declared illegal. *Ibid.* s. 3.

Inoculation of animals declared illegal. *Ibid.* s. 4.

Removal of inoculated animals declared illegal. *Ibid.* s, 5.

License to introduce and keep microbes. *Ibid.* s. 6.

License to inoculate animals. *Ibid.* s. 7.

Provided that such animals shall be kept in security or confinement at such place or places as may be mentioned in such license, and shall not be sent or delivered to any person not holding a similar license.

10. Every license granted under either of the two next preceding Conditions in and sections shall contain and be subject to all such reasonable conditions withdrawal of license. as the Minister may think fit to insert therein, and may at any time 51 Vic. No. 30, s. 8. be withdrawn; and upon notice of such withdrawal, the person to whom such license was granted shall immediately destroy all such noxious and infectious microbes, and all such animals infected with the same, together with the microbes wherewith they may be infected, as may have been kept or reared in pursuance of the license so with-drawn as aforesaid.

11. The Minister after such inquiry and experiment as to him Approval of methods may seem sufficient may approve by notification in the Gazette of the $\frac{of \ destroying \ rabbits}{\&c.}$ introduction, keeping, propagation, and application of any kind of *Ibid. s. 9.* microbes for the purpose of destroying rabbits or other wild animals :

Provided that no such approval shall be notified until copies of the proposed notification have lain for thirty days upon the tables of both Houses of Parliament without being objected to by a specific resolution:

Provided further that any such approval may in like manner be revoked.

12. After an approval of the use and application for the purpose Approved methods aforesaid of any kind of microbes has been duly notified as hereinbefore provided, and until the same is revoked, any person may *Ibid. s. 10.* introduce, keep, propagate, use, and otherwise deal with such kind of microbes for the purpose aforesaid, as if this Act had not been passed; subject, however, to any regulations in that behalf which may be made under the Rabbit Act of 1890, or any Act repealing or amending the same.

13. (1) Any person not holding a valid license from the Minister Offences against Act who knowingly and wilfully does anything forbidden, or neglects to to be misdemeanours. do anything enjoined by this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and shall be liable to a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years, or to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.

(2) The burden of proving the holding of such license shall be upon the person claiming to hold the same.

14. (1) In any indictment or information it shall be sufficient Indictment and to describe any given microbes as noxious and infectious microbes proof. Within the meaning of this Act without specifying the kind or the *Ibid. s. 12.* scientific name thereof, and such general description shall include and extend to any microbes or forms of microbes by which any given microbes may, in the course of nature, be succeeded.

(2) Subsequent existence in the same or any substituted medium or substance shall be evidence of such succession.

Noxious Microbes.

15. (1) The Minister may by notification in the Gazette declare that any specified kinds of microbes are noxious and infectious within the meaning of this Act.

(2) Upon any proceedings against any person not holding a license as hereinbefore provided for any offence committed after the issue of such notification the same shall be evidence that the kinds of microbes therein described or referred to are noxious and infectious.

16. If it is proved upon the trial of any person not licensed as hereinbefore provided that any microbes have been found in his possession, and that he has reared and propagated the same, or that he has habitually reared and propagated microbes of the same or of a similar kind, the burden of proving that such microbes are not noxious and infectious shall be upon such person.

17. Any justice of the peace, on information upon oath that there is reasonable ground to believe that any offence is being committed in any place against this Act, may issue his warrant authorising any officer or constable of police to enter such place, and to search the same, and to take possession of any animals, vessels, substances, or media which are reasonably suspected of being infected with or of containing any noxious and infectious microbes.

18. Upon the conviction of any person for an offence against this Act, all animals, vessels, substances, and media in his possession, which are reasonably suspected of being infected with, or of containing, any noxious or infectious microbes, shall be forfeit to the Crown; and the Minister may authorise any person to enter any premises where the same are, and to destroy the same.

19. Nothing in this Act shall be held to apply to the introduction, receiving, keeping, propagation, or use of any lymph or other substance heretofore ordinarily used for the prevention of disease in man or in any domestic animal or of the like kind therewith, or to any microbes existing otherwise than in a state of artificial cultivation or preservation.

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Evidence that microbes are noxious and infectious. 51 Vic. No. 30, s. 13.

Burden of proof in certain cases. *Ibid.s.* 14.

Search warrants. Ibid. s. 15.

Seizure and destruction of microbes and infected animals. *I bid.* s. 16.

Restriction of application of this] Act. Ibid. s. 17.

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