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Hon. Mr. Macmillan.

DEHORNING OF CATTLE.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to require the Dehorning of Cattle in certain Title.
Cases.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Dehorning of Cattle Short Title.
Act, 1932.
2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,— Interpretation.
10 “Owner” means any owner or joint owner (other than a mortgagee not in possession), and includes any servant, agent, or carrier, and also includes any person in possession or charge of any animal:
15 “Recognized herd-book” means a herd-book of any breed of cattle compiled or issued by or under the authority of an incorporated society and recognized by the Minister of Agriculture for the purposes of this Act by notice published in
20 the *Gazette*.

Exemptions
from operation
of Act.

3. (1) Nothing in this Act shall apply to any animal born before the *first* day of *August*, nineteen hundred and *thirty-two*, or to any animal while it is less than two and a half years of age, or to any animal registered in a recognized herd-book.

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Onus of proof.

(2) In any proceedings taken against any person for a breach of the provisions of this Act, the onus of proof that any animal is exempted from the operation of the Act shall lie upon the defendant.

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4. (1) Every owner of any bull, cow, ox, steer, or heifer that has not been dehorned who places it on or in any railway-vehicle, railway-yard, public saleyard, or yard attached to any slaughtering-place, or who drives, leads, or conveys it from any premises or place where it is held or depastured for the purpose of having it carried on any railway or sold at any public saleyard or slaughtered at any slaughtering-place, commits an offence, and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of *ten* pounds.

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(2) For the purposes of this Act the operation of dehorning includes the destruction of the budding horns of an animal.

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Liability for
cruelty to
animals not
removed.

5. Nothing in this Act shall relieve any person from any liability he may incur by carrying out the operation of dehorning in such a manner or under such conditions as to cause unnecessary suffering to the animal operated on.

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