

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

*House of Representatives,
29th July, 1947.*

Hon. Mr. Cullen

MEAT AMENDMENT

ANALYSIS

Title.	
1. Short Title.	4. Section 33 of principal Act (as to acceptance for slaughter of stock offered by producers and intended for export) amended.
2. Power of local authority to prescribe abattoir charges and fees by resolution.	5. Section 59 of principal Act (as to prohibiting use of insanitary premises for stock or meat) amended.
3. Sale or disposition of meat-export slaughterhouse, and transfer of licence. Repeal.	

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Meat Act, 1939.

Title.

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

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| 1 | 1. This Act may be cited as the Meat Amendment Act, 1947, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Meat Act, 1939 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). | Short Title.
1939, No. 19 |
| 10 | 2. (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, any local authority being the controlling authority of an abattoir may from time to time, by resolution, prescribe rates of charges for the purpose of paragraph (b) of subsection one of section twenty-two of the principal Act or rates of fees for the purpose of paragraph (c) of the said subsection one. | Power of local authority to prescribe abattoir charges and fees by resolution. |

(2) Not less than *fourteen* days before the date of any meeting of the local authority at which any resolution under this section is intended to be passed the local authority shall give public notice of the place and date fixed for that meeting and of the purport of the resolution. For the purposes of this subsection the expression "public notice" means a notice published in some newspaper circulating in the abattoir district. 5

(3) The provisions of the principal Act relating to abattoir charges and fees and to by-laws prescribing such charges and fees, except the provisions of subsection nine of the said section twenty-two, shall, so far as applicable and with the necessary modifications, apply with respect to all charges and fees prescribed pursuant to this section, and with respect to every resolution prescribing any such charges or fees, as if the charges or fees had been prescribed by by-laws made under that section. 10 15

(4) All charges and fees prescribed by any local authority by resolution in accordance with this section shall, as from the date on which the resolution is approved by the Minister or the date on which the resolution is expressed to come into force, whichever is the later, be deemed to supersede any charges or fees theretofore prescribed in respect of the same matters by any by-laws made by the local authority pursuant to the said section twenty-two. 20 25

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(5) The Meat Act Modification Emergency Regulations 1945 are hereby revoked:

Provided that all charges prescribed pursuant to the said regulations and subsisting or in force on the passing of this Act shall enure for the purposes of this section as if they had been prescribed under this section, and accordingly shall, where necessary, be deemed to have been so prescribed. 30 35

Sale or
disposition of
meat-export
slaughterhouse,
and transfer
of licence.

3. (1) No licensee of a meat-export slaughterhouse shall enter into any contract, agreement, or undertaking for the sale, lease, or other disposition of the slaughterhouse unless the consent in writing of the Minister, or of the Meat-producers Board acting with the authority of the Minister, has first been obtained. Every application for consent under this section shall be made to the Minister, and a copy of the application shall at the same time be sent to the Meat-producers Board. 40

(2) Every application made under this section for consent to any sale, lease, or other disposition of any meat-export slaughterhouse shall be deemed to include an application for consent to the transfer of the licence
5 in respect of the slaughterhouse to the person to whom the sale, lease, or other disposition is intended to be made. The Minister shall have in respect of every application made under this section all such powers as are conferred on him by section thirty-two of the principal Act with respect to transfers of such licences, and
10 the provisions of that section shall, so far as applicable and with the necessary modifications, apply with respect to every application made under this section.

(3) Any consent given under this section may, in
15 the discretion of the Minister, be given subject to such conditions, not inconsistent with the principal Act, as the Minister, or the Meat-producers Board with the authority of the Minister, may impose.

(4) Where any sale, lease, or other disposition is
20 consented to under this section the licence in respect of the slaughterhouse may, subject to any conditions imposed under this section, be transferred, by the local authority in whose district the slaughterhouse is situated, to the person to whom the sale, lease, or other
25 disposition is made, on application in that behalf made to that local authority by the licensee and on payment to the local authority of the prescribed fee:

Provided that no such licence shall be so transferred unless the application for the transfer is duly made
30 within *twelve* months after the date on which such consent as aforesaid is given, or within such extended time as the Minister may allow.

(5) Every licensee of a meat-export slaughterhouse who enters into any transaction in contravention of the
35 provisions of this section, or who fails to comply with any condition imposed under this section, commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding *five hundred* pounds.

(6) Where any such transaction is entered into in
40 contravention of this section, or where any condition as aforesaid is not complied with, the transaction shall be deemed to be unlawful and shall have no effect.

Repeal.

(7) This section is in substitution for section thirty-one of the principal Act, and that section is hereby accordingly repealed.

Section 33 of principal Act (as to acceptance for slaughter of stock offered by producers and intended for export) amended.

4. (1) Section thirty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to subsection one the words " or on behalf of any body of persons, whether corporate or unincorporate, of which the members are such owners as aforesaid ". 5

(2) The said section thirty-three is hereby further amended as follows:— 10

(a) By omitting from subsection two the words " All stock received as aforesaid shall be so received and shall be slaughtered and handled ", and substituting the words " All stock offered as aforesaid shall be received, slaughtered, and handled ": 15

(b) By adding to the said subsection two the following words: " For the purposes of this subsection the term ' owner ' includes any body of persons on whose behalf any stock may be offered under subsection one of this section ". 20

Section 59 of principal Act (as to prohibiting use of insanitary premises for stock or meat) amended.

5. Section fifty-nine of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in subsection one, after the word " holding ", the word " slaughtering, ". 25