

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Presented and read a first time, 26 February 1992

(Minister for Primary Industries and Energy)

A BILL

FOR

An Act to impose a levy on the slaughter of deer

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Deer Slaughter Levy Act 1992*.

Commencement

5 2. This Act commences on 1 July 1992.

Main object of Act

3. The main object of this Act is to raise funds for research and development in relation to the deer industry.

Act binds Crown

10 4. This Act binds the Crown in right of the Commonwealth, of each of the States, of the Australian Capital Territory and of the Northern Territory.

Interpretation

5.(1) In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears:

“**cold dressed carcass weight**”, in relation to a slaughtered deer, means the weight of its dressed carcass determined in accordance with the regulations; 5

“**Collection Act**” means the *Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act 1991*;

“**dressed carcass**” has the meaning that is specified in the regulations;

“**hot dressed carcass weight**”, in relation to a slaughtered deer, means the weight of its dressed carcass determined in accordance with the regulations; 10

“**representative industry organisation**” means the organisation known, at the time this Act commences, as the Deer Farmers Federation of Australia, or such other organisation as is specified in the regulations.

(2) Unless the contrary intention appears, a word or expression has the same meaning in this Act as it has in the Collection Act. 15

Imposition of levy

6.(1) Subject to subsection (2), levy is imposed on the slaughter at an abattoir of deer intended for human consumption.

(2) Levy is not imposed on the slaughter of deer if under any law of the Commonwealth, or of a State or Territory, the carcass of the deer slaughtered is condemned or rejected as being unfit for human consumption. 20

Rate of levy on slaughter of deer

7.(1) The rate of levy imposed on deer slaughtered at an abattoir where the hot dressed carcass weight of the slaughtered deer is determined is the prescribed amount per kilogram of that weight of each slaughtered deer. 25

(2) The rate of levy imposed on deer slaughtered at an abattoir where the cold dressed carcass weight of the slaughtered deer is determined is the prescribed amount per kilogram of that weight of each slaughtered deer, multiplied by 1.03. 30

(3) The rate of levy imposed on deer slaughtered at an abattoir where neither the hot dressed carcass weight nor the cold dressed carcass weight of the slaughtered deer is determined is the prescribed amount per kilogram of the deemed carcass weight of each slaughtered deer. 35

(4) In this section:

“**deemed carcass weight**”, in relation to each slaughtered deer to which subsection (3) applies, is 60 kilograms; 40

“**prescribed amount**”, in relation to hot dressed carcass weight, cold dressed carcass weight or deemed carcass weight, means:

(a) if an amount, not exceeding 30 cents, is specified in the regulations in respect of that weight—that amount; or

- (b) if no amount is specified in the regulations in respect of that weight—18 cents.

Who pays the levy

8. Levy imposed by this Act is payable by the producer.

[Note: Deer is an animal prescribed for the purposes of paragraph (f) of the definition of "producer" in subsection 4(1) of the Collection Act. This means that the person who owns the deer at the time the slaughter takes place is the producer.]

5 **Regulations**

9.(1) The Governor-General may make regulations prescribing matters required or permitted by this Act to be prescribed.

10 **(2)** Before making a regulation specifying an amount for the purposes of paragraph (a) of the definition of "prescribed amount" in subsection 7(4), the Governor-General is to consider any recommendations on the amount made to the Minister by any representative industry organisation.



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