

QUARANTINE.

No. 42 of 1915.

An Act to amend the *Quarantine Act* 1908-1912.

[Assented to 15th November, 1915.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows :—

Short title and citation.

- 1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Quarantine Act* 1915.
 (2.) The *Quarantine Act* 1908-1912 is the Act referred to as the Principal Act.
 (3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Quarantine Act* 1908-1915.

Amendment of s. 4.

2. Section four of the Principal Act is amended by inserting therein, after the word “protection,” the word “treatment.”

Amendment of s. 13.

3. Section thirteen of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in paragraph (i) of sub-section (1.) thereof, after the words “declare that any”, the word “vessel”.

Amendment of s. 28.

4. Section twenty-eight of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in sub-section (1.) thereof, after the word “voyage,” the words “touching the sanitary condition of the vessel during the voyage”.

Amendment of s. 35A.

5. Section thirty-five A of the Principal Act is amended—
 (a) by inserting, in sub-section (1.) thereof, after the words “of the vessel”, the words “and all such other measures of quarantine” ;
 (b) by inserting in that sub-section, after the words “from the disease”, the words “or who have been exposed to infection from the disease may be ordered into quarantine and” ; and
 (c) by adding at the end of the section the following sub-sections :—

“(3.) No person suffering from or suspected to be suffering from a communicable (infectious) disease shall quit the vessel on which he arrives in Australia without the written permission of a quarantine officer.

Penalty : Five hundred pounds.

“(4.) No person who is in charge of any person suffering from or suspected to be suffering from any communicable (infectious)

disease shall permit the person to quit the vessel upon which he arrives in Australia without the written permission of a quarantine officer.

Penalty : Five hundred pounds."

6. Section forty-five of the Principal Act is amended—

Amendment of
s. 45.

(a) by omitting from sub-section (1.) thereof the words "be detained on board the vessel or in a quarantine station", and inserting in their stead the following words :—

"(a) be detained on board the vessel,

(b) be detained upon the premises upon which they are found, or

(c) be removed to and detained in a quarantine station," and

(b) by omitting from sub-section (3.) thereof the words "permit the person to leave the ship or quarantine station" and inserting in their stead the words "release the person".

7. Section seventy-three of the Principal Act is amended by adding thereto the following sub-sections:—

Amendment of
s. 73.

"(2.) A quarantine officer may ask any person subject to quarantine any questions concerning his personal health or liability to infection, and the person shall, to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief, truly answer the questions asked him by the quarantine officer.

Penalty : One hundred pounds.

"(3.) A quarantine officer may, if he thinks fit, require a person, who has been asked questions in pursuance of this section, to verify, by statutory declaration, the answers given to the questions, and any person who refuses to comply with any such requirement shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty : One hundred pounds."

8. Section seventy-eight A of the Principal Act is amended—

Amendment of
s. 78A.

(a) by omitting the words "to be taken to any prescribed place and";

(b) by omitting the words "to be taken to that place and"; and

(c) by adding at the end of the section, the following sub-sections:—

"(2.) A quarantine officer may, subject to the regulations, order any such vessel to be taken to an appointed place for the purpose of cleansing, fumigation, disinfection or treatment, and the master of the vessel shall cause her to be taken to that place.

Penalty : One hundred pounds.

"(3.) The Minister may order any vessel in any port in Australia to be taken to any other port in Australia for the purpose of cleansing, fumigation, disinfection or treatment and the master of the vessel shall cause her to be taken to that port accordingly.

Penalty : One hundred pounds."

Amendment of
s. 37.

9. Section eighty-seven of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by adding at the end of paragraph (c) the words “and for prescribing measures of quarantine within any quarantine area”;
- (b) by adding at the end of paragraph (e) the words “or within any specified part of Australia or within any quarantine area”;
- (c) by omitting paragraphs (f), (g) and (h) and inserting in their stead the following paragraphs:—
- “ (f) for prescribing the precautions to be taken to prevent the ingress to or egress from a vessel, of rats, mice, mosquitoes or other vermin or species or kinds of animals or insects liable to convey disease ;
- “ (g) for prescribing the measures to be taken by the masters or owners of vessels to destroy rats, mice, mosquitoes or other vermin or species or kinds of animals or insects liable to convey disease, which may exist on the vessels ;
- “ (h) for prescribing and for establishing and maintaining on vessels or within any quarantine area of conditions unfavorable to, and to the migration of, rats, mice, mosquitoes or other vermin or species or kinds of animals or insects liable to convey disease, for fixing the time limit for the completion of any work necessary for the purpose of establishing such conditions, and for empowering the Minister, in case of default by the owner or master, to carry out any such work at the expense of the owner or master;” ;
- (d) by inserting in paragraph (i), after the words “from proclaimed places”, the words “and on voyages between Australian ports,”;
- (e) by inserting in paragraph (i), after the word “Australia” the words “, or spread,”;
- (f) by omitting paragraph (j) ;
- (g) by omitting from paragraph (n) the word “and” ; and
- (h) by adding at the end thereof the following paragraphs:—
- “ (p) for prescribing the movements of any person subject to quarantine ;
- “ (q) for prescribing measures of disinfection, fumigation, and other measures of quarantine which persons or goods subject to quarantine shall carry out or be subjected to ; and
- “ (r) for prescribing the conditions under which any prophylactic or curative vaccine or serum may be prepared and offered for sale ; and
- “ (s) for prescribing penalties not exceeding One hundred pounds for breaches of the regulations.”