

**VERMIN.**

10° and 11° GEO. VI., No. XLIX.

No. 49 of 1946.

**AN ACT to amend the Vermin Act, 1918-1942.**

[Assented to 24th January, 1947.]

**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Vermin Act Amendment Act, 1946*, and shall be read as one with the Vermin Act, 1918-1942 (as reprinted pursuant to the Amendments Incorporation Act, 1938, in Volume 2 of The Reprinted Acts of the Parliament of Western Australia), hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

Amendment  
of s. 4

2. Section four of the principal Act is amended by deleting from the definition of "Holding" the words—  
 "The term does not include any parcel of land held for any tenure under the Mining Act, 1904"  
 occurring in the last two lines thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following—

"(f) under the Mining Act, 1904-1937, as a lease or tenement for agricultural or pastoral purposes."

Amendment  
of s. 59.

3. Section fifty-nine of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (2) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:—

(2) Such rate, in the case of a pastoral holding shall not exceed one shilling nor be less than one half-penny for every hundred acres thereof.

4. Section ninety-four of the principal Act is amended by adding thereto new subsections as follows:—

Amendment  
of s. 94.

(3) Any holding within more than one district shall for the purposes of this Part VII. of this Act be deemed to be within the district in which the greater part of the area of the holding lies.

(4) In the case of a holding having equal parts thereof within more than one district, the holding shall for the purposes of this Part VII. of this Act, be deemed to be within the district determined by the Minister.

5. Section ninety-eight of the principal Act is amended by inserting in subsection (2) thereof the words "and upon the roads bounding or intersecting the same" after the word "holding" in the final line of this subsection.

Amendment  
of Section 98.

6. Section one hundred and three of the principal Act is amended as follows:—

Amendment  
of s. 103.

(a) By deleting from the second proviso to subsection (1) thereof the words—

"shall not be liable to the payment of such rate"

and inserting in lieu thereof the following—

"shall be liable for payment of one-half of such rate as would but for this proviso be payable in respect thereof."

(b) By deleting from subsection (3) thereof paragraph (c) and inserting in lieu thereof the following—

(c) wages or salaries of officers and other employees employed by the said Advisory Board and expenses incurred in carrying out its powers and duties under this Act;

(c) By deleting from subsection (3) thereof paragraph (d) and inserting in lieu thereof the following—

(d) bonuses at such rates for such periods for destruction of such vermin in such districts as may, for the pur-

poses of this subsection, from time to time be ordered by the Governor by Order in Executive Council and until any such order shall be made to the contrary, this subsection shall apply to the destruction of dingoes, dogs run wild or at large, foxes and wedge-tailed eagles.

Provided that such rates shall be uniform in respect of any one district but may differ from those in respect of any other district.

(d) By deleting therefrom subsection (4) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:—

(4) The Minister shall appoint an honorary advisory board consisting of five persons to assist the Minister in the administration of this section. One member of the board shall be a representative of the pastoral industry, two members shall be representatives of the agricultural industry, one member shall be a representative of the Road Boards Association of Western Australia, and one member shall be an officer of the Department of Agriculture and shall be chairman.

(e) By deleting therefrom subsection (5) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:—

(5) The Advisory Board may with the approval of the Minister from time to time employ such officers and other employees, and take such measures as the Board deems expedient for the destruction of vermin and for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, and for obtaining information for such purpose.

(f) By deleting therefrom subsection (6).

Repeal of  
s. 118.

7. Section one hundred and eighteen of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

Citation of  
principal Act  
as amended.

8. The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Vermin Act, 1918-1946.