



WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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No. 1.

**An Act to regulate the Slaughtering of Cattle and other Stock in Towns.**

**W**HEREAS much annoyance is likely to ensue to the inhabitants of towns from the indiscriminate slaughtering of live stock therein; and whereas it is expedient that the same should be regulated so as least to interfere with public health and comfort; Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council

Preamble.

Penalty for slaughtering cattle in towns without license, £5 per head.

thereof, that from and after the first day of January next, any person who shall slaughter, or cause to be slaughtered, any cattle, sheep, goats, or swine, in any house or place within the limits of any town-site, without having a license as is in hereinafter mentioned, shall forfeit and pay five pounds for each and every head of stock so slaughtered as aforesaid.

Application for license.

II. AND be it enacted, that any person or persons who may be desirous of obtaining a license for a slaughtering-house, or place for slaughtering cattle or other stock as aforesaid, shall, before the annual licensing meeting held in every year for the purpose of licensing public houses, deliver to the clerk of the Magistrates of the district in which such house or place may be situated a notice in writing of his or her intention to apply for such licence, and that every such notice shall contain a full description of the premises proposed to be licensed,

Mode of issuing licenses

III. AND be it enacted, that every license to be granted under the provisions of this Act shall be signed by the majority of Justices present; who, if they be satisfied that the applicant is of good character, and that the situation of such house or place is not objectionable, shall issue to the person or persons so applying a license under their hands, in the form of the annexed schedule.

Special Sessions.

IV. PROVIDED always, and be it enacted, that if any person be desirous, after any such general licensing meeting as aforesaid, of obtaining a license under the provisions of this Act, or of transferring his or her license, and shall give notice as aforesaid of such his or her desire to the clerk of Magistrates of the district in which such license or transfer is desired to be obtained or made, such clerk shall give notice thereof to the Justices aforesaid, who shall, with all convenient despatch, hold a special session for the purpose of considering such application; and it shall be lawful for two Justices, or the majority of the Justices assembled at such special session, to issue such license in manner and form as aforesaid.

Duration of license.

V. AND be it enacted, that all licenses issued under this Act shall be in force until the annual licensing meeting next ensuing the date of such license, and no longer.

Act not to extend to persons killing for their own use.

VI. PROVIDED always, and be it enacted, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend to prevent any person or persons from

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slaughtering cattle or other stock for the exclusive use of his, her, or their family, servants, or laborers.

VII. AND be it enacted, that for each and every such license so to be issued as aforesaid, the clerk shall be entitled to charge and receive the following fees,—that is to say, for every original license, the sum of five shillings; for every transfer of a license, the sum of two shillings and sixpence; and for every notice served on a district magistrate for the purpose of assembling a special sessions, the sum of two shillings and six-pence; such notices not to exceed three in number, unless absolutely necessary. Clerk's fee.

VIII. AND be it enacted, that any person who shall sell or expose for sale any meat not being in a fit state for food, shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than twenty shillings nor more than five pounds. Penalty for selling un-wholesome meat from £1 to £5.

IX. AND be it enacted, that all informations and proceedings in respect of any offence under this act, may be heard and determined, and the forfeitures and penalties in respect of the same, may be awarded and imposed in a summary way by any two or more Justices of the Peace of the district, who shall have power to commit the offender to gaol, there to be kept to hard labor for any period not exceeding three calendar months, in case the fine and costs adjudged by them be not paid. Jurisdiction summary by two Justices.

X. AND be it enacted, that upon hearing of any information against any person for slaughtering any animal contrary to the provisions of this Act, it shall be incumbent upon the person accused to produce satisfactory proof to the sitting Justice that he or she is duly licensed, or justified under the sixth clause of this act. Proof of licence, &c., to lie on accused.

XI. AND be it enacted, that all informations and prosecutions under this Act shall be commenced within one calendar month after the date of the offences thereby respectively charged to have been committed. Limitation of prosecution one month.

XII. AND be it enacted, that all fines and forfeitures under this act shall be divided, paid, and applied as follows;—that is to say, after deducting charges of prosecution and sale from the produce thereof, one moiety shall be paid to the chairman of the respective town trust, to be appropriated towards the improvement of the town, and the other moiety to the party or parties informing. Appropriation of fines.

