

NOXIOUS WEEDS.

12° Elizabeth II., No. XXXIII.

No. 33 of 1963.

AN ACT to amend the Noxious Weeds Act, 1950-1960.

[Assented to 13th November, 1963.]

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

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Noxious Weeds Act Amendment Act, 1963*.
Short title and citation.
- (2) In this Act the Noxious Weeds Act, 1950-1960, is referred to as the principal Act.
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- (3) The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Noxious Weeds Act, 1950-1963.

S. 3
amended.

2. Section three of the principal Act is amended by adding at the end of the arrangement of Part V the following heading:—

Division 6, ss. 48A-48B—Finance.

Division 6
to Part V
added.

3. The principal Act is amended by adding, after Division 5 of Part V, the following heading and Division:—

Division 6.—Finance.

Special rates
for the
destruction
of noxious
weeds.

48A. (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, every person who, at noon on the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four, and at that time in each year thereafter, is the owner of a holding shall pay to the Commissioner of Taxation a rate (in this Division called “the weed rate”), chargeable on the holding, of such amount as may, from time to time by notice published in the *Government Gazette*, be fixed by the Protection Board, not exceeding, in the case of a pastoral lease, threepence, and, in the case of other land, one half penny, in the pound of the unimproved value of the holding as from time to time determined by the Commissioner of Taxation.

(2) The weed rate shall not be imposed, or be chargeable, on any holding that is exempt, under the provisions of section one hundred and three of the Vermin Act, 1919, from the rate imposed by that section.

(3) The Commissioner of Taxation may, by one assessment, assess both the weed rate and the rate payable under the provisions of section one hundred and three of the Vermin Act, 1919, and the sum of the two rates as so assessed is payable on demand and is recoverable as if it were land tax of which payment is in default.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law of the State, the sum that the Commissioner of Taxation treats as having been received, by virtue of this section, in any financial year, is the sum of the rates that becomes payable in that year; but the Commissioner of Taxation may, with the approval of the Protection Board, write off arrears of rates assessed under this section.

(5) All weed rates recovered shall be paid to the credit of an account to be kept by the Treasurer and shall, subject to the regulations, be applied under the direction of the Protection Board in payment of salaries and wages of its officers and other employees engaged in the destruction of noxious weeds and in payment of other expenses incurred by the Protection Board in the exercise of the powers conferred, and in carrying out the duties imposed, on it by any Act, for the purposes of this Act.

48B. There shall be paid, in each financial year, into a Treasury trust fund established for the purposes of this Act, a sum equal to the weed rates recovered by the Commissioner of Taxation in that year to be appropriated from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, without authority other than that of this section.

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4. Section sixty-seven of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the paragraph designation "(p)", in line fourteen of subsection (1), the paragraph designation, "(q)".

S. 67
amended.
