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## AN ACT to make provision in the Mining Act, 1904-1933, for the protection of the Government Geologist and other persons entering land in the course of their official duties.

[Assented to 18th January, 1938.]

BE 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 :----

This Act may be cited as the Mining Act Amend- short title. 1. ment Act, 1937, and shall be read as one with the Mining Act, 1904-1933, as reprinted in the Appendix to the Sessional Volume of the Statutes for the year 1926, hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

A section is inserted in the principal Act after sec- New section. 2 tion three hundred and twenty-six as follows:----

326A. (1) Whenever the Government Geologist Government or any officer acting under the instructions of the Geologist and Government Geologist deems it necessary to enter upon any land for the purpose of making geological and surveys. investigations or geological surveys thereon in the course of his official duties, and to take and remove from the land specimens or samples which in his opinion are essential to such investigations or survevs, it shall be lawful for the Government Geologist or the officer aforesaid to enter upon such land and to make such investigations and surveys and to take and remove from the land such specimens or samples aforesaid.

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(2) This section shall apply to all land, whether owned or held by private persons or otherwise, and irrespective of the nature of the tenure thereof.

(3) Any person who interferes with or obstructs the Government Geologist or an officer acting under the instructions of the Government Geologist in the exercise of any of the powers or authorities conferred by this section shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Penalty: Twenty pounds.

Citation of 3. The principal Act as amended by this Act may be as amended. cited as the Mining Act, 1904-1937.