

### Western Australia.

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# VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. X.

AN ACT for the Eradication of Contagious Diseases among Bees.

[Assented to, 9th October, 1899.]

DE it enacted by the Queen'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:—

1. THIS Act may be cited as the Contagious Diseases (Bees) Short title. Act, 1899.

2. EVERY person who shall have in his possession or under his care any colony, hive, or swarm of bees affected with foul brood or notice of contagious other contagious disease shall forthwith report the same to the diseases to Department of Assignment Department of Agriculture, and take such steps for the cradication of such diseases as the department may direct.

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Penalty or nonobservance of preceding section or for having comb affected with contagious disease. 3. EVERY person who, after one week's notice in writing has been served upon him by the department, or by persons appointed or authorised under this Act, knowingly fails to observe the foregoing section in any particular, or knowingly has on his premises any comb affected with foul brood or other contagious disease among bees, shall be guilty of an offence under this Act, and shall, on summary conviction thereof, be liable to a fine of not less than Five shillings nor more than Five pounds.

Appointment of bee experts.

4. FOR the purposes of this Act the Governor may from time to time appoint, and from time to time remove, one or more bee experts to carry out the duties necessary for the administration of this Act.

Inspectors and others may enter beekeeper's premises. 5. EVERY inspector or person appointed or authorised by the Department of Agriculture for the purposes of this Act may, with such assistance as he thinks fit, enter upon any land or premises where bees are kept, and inspect all bee hives and materials used for bee-keeping thereon.

Regulations.

6. THE Governor may from time to time make, and from time to time alter and repeal, regulations for carrying this Act into effect.

In the name and on behalf of the Queen I hereby assent to this Act.

GERARD SMITH, Governor.