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No. 14 of 1971.

AN ACT to amend section one hundred and three of the Vermin Act. 1918-1970.

[Assented to 4th October, 1971.]

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) This Act may be cited as the Vermin Act Short title and citation. 1. Amendment Act, 1971.

(2) In this Act the Vermin Act, 1918-1970 is printed Acts referred to as the principal Act.

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Section 103 amended. 2. Section 103 of the principal Act is amended by adding after subsection (1) the following subsections—

(1a) Notwithstanding anything contained in subsection (1) of this section, where, on the thirtieth day of June immediately preceding the financial year commencing on the first day of July, 1951, or on the thirtieth day of June immediately preceding any financial year thereafter up to and including the financial year commencing on the first day of July, 1963—

- (a) a person was the owner of two or more holdings which were contiguous or constituted, or were worked as, one property, and of which the area, in the aggregate, exceeded ten acres; and
- (b) any one or more of those holdings was less than ten acres in area,

that owner shall be deemed for all purposes to have always been liable to pay the rate for every such financial year on all those holdings so owned by him, and the provisions of the first proviso to subsection (1) of this section shall be deemed for all purposes never to have applied to him in respect of every such financial year.

(1b) Notwithstanding anything contained in subsection (1) of this section, where, on the thirtieth day of June immediately preceding the financial year commencing on the first day of July, 1964, or on the thirtieth day of June immediately preceding any financial year thereafter—

- (a) a person was the owner of two or more holdings which were contiguous or constituted, or were worked as, one property, and of which the area, in the aggregate exceeded five acres; and
- (b) any one or more of those holdings was less than five acres in area,

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that owner shall be deemed for all purposes to have always been liable to pay the rate for every such financial year on all those holdings so owned by him, and the provisions of the first proviso to subsection (1) of this section shall be deemed for all purposes never to have applied to him in respect of every such financial year.

(1c) The provisions of subsections (1a) and (1b) of this section do not apply so as to affect the liability of a person to pay the rate in respect of any holding for a financial year unless the rate so payable has been assessed and paid prior to the coming into operation of the Vermin Act Amendment Act, 1971.