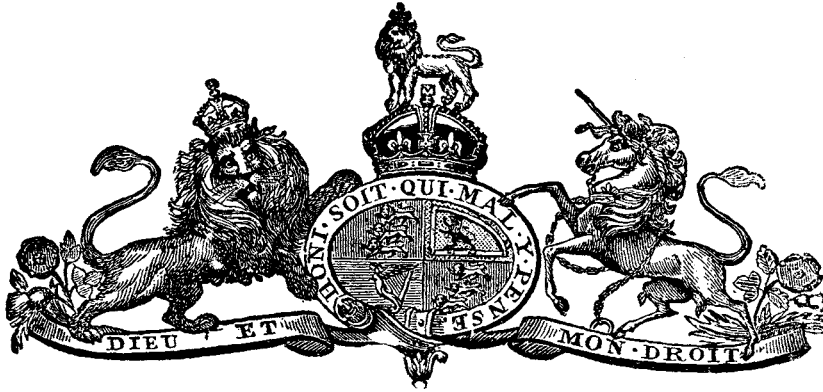


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AN ACT to encourage and improve the Meat Industry of Tasmania. [13 January, 1925.]

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BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows :—

1—(1) This Act may be cited as “The Meat Industry Encouragement Act, 1924.”

Short title and commencement.

(2) This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by proclamation.

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Interpretation.

**2** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“The Council” means the Australian Meat Council appointed under “The Meat Industry Encouragement Act, 1924,” of the Commonwealth :

“The Board” means the Meat Industry Advisory Board appointed under this Act :

“Cattle” means any bull, cow, or heifer, steer, or calf :

“Sheep” includes any ram, ewe, wether, or hogget, but does not (except in Section Eight) include lamb : and

“Meat works” means any establishment or business having as one of its objects or activities the export, or preparation for export, from Tasmania of any slaughtered meat.

Establishment of Board.

**3**—(1) There shall be established a Board to be called “The State Meat Advisory Board,” constituted and appointed as hereinafter provided.

(2) The Board shall consist of four persons representing owners of cattle, sheep, and lambs, as hereinafter provided, two persons representing the meat works in this State, and one person representing the Government of this State.

(3) In addition to the abovementioned persons the Governor-General of the Commonwealth may appoint one person to be a member of the Board to represent the Government of the Commonwealth.

(4) The member representing the Government of this State, and the member (if any) representing the Government of the Commonwealth, shall be entitled to take part in the deliberations of the Board, but not to vote.

(5) Each of the other members of the Board shall be entitled to one vote in any proceedings of the Board, and in the event of an equality of votes on any matter the chairman shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote.

Appointment of members.

**4**—(1) Upon the commencement of this Act, and thereafter at the end of every third year from the first appointment, the Governor shall appoint such seven persons as he may think fit as members of the Board in accordance with the provisions of Section Three hereof.

(2) The members of the Board who represent owners of cattle, sheep, and lambs, and the meat works in this State, respectively, shall hold office, subject to this Act, for three years from the date of their appointment and shall be eligible for reappointment, and the member representing the Government of this State shall hold office during the Governor’s pleasure.

Removal of members and filling of vacancies.

**5** If any member of the Board becomes unfit in the opinion of the Governor to discharge his duties as such member, or is absent without leave of the Board from three consecutive meetings thereof, the Governor may remove such member from office ; and in any such case, or if any member resigns his office or dies, the Governor may appoint some other person in his place for the unexpired period for which such member was appointed.

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**6** The Board shall have power—

- i. To impose, collect, and recover, as hereinafter provided, levies upon and from owners of cattle, sheep, and lambs :
- ii. To act as the agent of the Council in all matters lawfully delegated by the Council to the Board :
- iii. To appoint a secretary and such other officers (if any) as the Board may think necessary :
- iv. To require owners of cattle, sheep, and lambs to furnish returns as hereinafter provided :
- v. To choose and nominate persons as members of the Council as hereinafter provided : and
- vi. To act as an advisory board in all matters pertaining to the meat industry in this State.

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Powers of Board.

**7**—(1) At its first meeting in each period of twelve months from its inception the Board shall appoint one of its members to be chairman for the ensuing twelve months, and another of its members to be deputy-chairman for the like period. Chairman and quorum.

(2) At all meetings of the Board the chairman, or in his absence the deputy-chairman, shall preside ; but in the absence of both such officers the members present at any meeting may elect one of their number to preside at that meeting.

(3) In the event of any vacancy occurring in the office of chairman or deputy-chairman the Board shall elect one of its members to fill such vacancy.

(4) At all meetings of the Board three members entitled to vote thereat shall form a quorum.

(5) The Board may regulate its procedure in such manner as the Board may, from time to time, determine.

**8**—(1) For the purposes of this Act the Board may, once in each year, make a levy on every person who, on the first day of January in that year, is the owner of— Levies.

- i. Not less than one hundred cattle :
- ii. Not less than five hundred sheep : or
- iii. Cattle and sheep to such numbers as to be equivalent under the provisions of Subsection (2) hereof to one hundred cattle—

of such amount not exceeding One Penny for every head of cattle, or One-sixth of a Penny for every sheep, as the Council may assess for the year in respect of which such levy is made.

(2) For the purposes of this section, if a person owns both cattle and sheep, six sheep shall be counted as one head of cattle.

(3) The Board may, from time to time, require all owners of cattle or sheep to furnish to the Board, not later than the first day of February in each or any year, returns showing the number and description of cattle and sheep owned by such owner on the first day of January

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preceding the date of the return ; but no person who on the first day of January in any year owns less than one hundred cattle, or the equivalent thereof as aforesaid, shall be required to furnish such return in respect of that year.

(4) For the purposes of this section the term "owner" shall include every person having the custody, management, and control on behalf of an owner of any cattle or sheep, but every such person shall be entitled to recover from such owner all moneys levied upon, and paid by, such person in his representative capacity under this Act.

(5) Any owner of cattle or sheep who refuses or neglects to furnish such return as aforesaid, or who furnishes any such return which is to his knowledge false in any material particular, shall be liable to a penalty of Twenty Pounds.

(6) In this section the term sheep includes lambs.

Payment and  
recovery of levies.

**9**—(1) Every levy made by the Board under the provisions of Section Eight hereof shall constitute a debt from the person on whom the same is made to the Board, and shall be recoverable by the Board in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(2) All such levies shall be payable at the office of the Board on the first day of March in the year when the same are made respectively.

Application of  
levies.

**10** All moneys received by the Board in respect of any such levy as aforesaid shall belong to the Council, and shall be applied as the Council may direct.

Nomination of  
members of  
Council.

**11**—(1) The Board shall, at its first meeting and at every first meeting held after the triennial appointments under the provisions of Section Four hereof, choose and nominate three of its members to be members of the Council for the ensuing three years.

(2) Such three members shall be chosen as follows :—

i. The majority of the members of the Board representing the owners of cattle, sheep, and lambs shall choose two of such three members : and

ii. The majority of the members of the Board representing the meat-works in this State shall choose one such member—

such choice being made by the votes of such members of the Board respectively ; and in case of an equality of votes, the person to be so chosen shall be decided upon by lot.

(3) Upon such choice being made, the Board shall nominate the persons so chosen to be members of the Council, and shall forward such nomination signed by the chairman and secretary of the Board to the chairman of the Council forthwith.

(4) If at any time the seat of any member nominated as aforesaid becomes vacant, the vacancy shall be filled by the choice, in manner aforesaid, of the members comprising the section of the Board by which the member so vacating his seat was chosen, and the person so chosen to fill such vacancy shall be nominated in manner aforesaid.

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- 12**—(1) The Governor may, from time to time, appoint some fit and proper person as a member of the Council to represent the Government of this State thereon. **A.D. 1924.**  
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- (2) All expenses incurred by the person so appointed in or about the performance of his duties under this Act shall be paid by the Board.
- 13** All proceedings for the recovery of any moneys due to the Board, or in respect of any offence against this Act, shall be taken in the name of the chairman of the Board by such chairman or by some person authorised by him in writing in that behalf. **Recovery of moneys by Board.**
- 14** All proceedings in respect of offences against this Act shall be taken, heard, and determined, and all penalties enforced, in accordance with the provisions of "The Justices' Procedure Act, 1919." **Proceedings.**  
**10 Geo.V. No. 55.**
- 15** The Governor may make regulations under this Act providing for all matters in respect of which it is necessary or desirable to prescribe for giving effect to the provisions of this Act. **Regulations.**

