

Egg Industry Stabilization (Amendment) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Clause 1 sets out the purpose of the Bill which is to amend the *Egg Industry Stabilization Act 1983* to permit additional egg production by licence holders for export.

Clause 2 provides for the legislation to come into operation upon Royal Assent.

Clause 3 inserts a new section 48A into Part VIII. of the Act which deals with permits to keep hens for special purposes.

The proposed section 48A provides that if the Poultry Farmer Licensing Committee is satisfied that additional egg production in Victoria is necessary to meet the demand for export of eggs or egg products beyond Australia, then it may grant a permit to a licensee authorizing the keeping of additional hens for the production of eggs for human consumption.

The Licensing Committee may place conditions and restrictions on a permit, and may amend or cancel a permit.

It will be an offence for a licensee to breach a condition or restriction of a permit issued to the licensee.

