

Tasmania

ANIMAL WELFARE (BAN BATTERY HENS) AMENDMENT BILL 2016

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A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the *Animal Welfare Act 1993* to prohibit the keeping of domestic fowl in battery cages for the purposes of producing eggs and meat carcasses for commercial sale.

Be it enacted by Her 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. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Animal Welfare (Ban Battery Hens) Amendment Act 2016*

2. Commencement

This Act commences on the day after the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

3. Principal Act

In this Act, the *Animal Welfare Act 1993* is referred to as the Principal Act.

4. Section 3 amended (Interpretation)

Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting as follows:

- (a) By inserting the following definition after the definition of “animal welfare standards”;

“battery fowl cages” means fowls in cage systems that are continuously housed in cages within a shed, as defined by the *Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals, Domestic Poultry*;

- (b) By inserting the following definitions after the definition of “conveyance”:

“fowl” means a domesticated fowl of the species *Gallus gallus*;

“hen” means a female fowl that is more than 18 weeks old;

5. Section 12A inserted

12A A person must not –

- (a) Keep a hen for the production of eggs to be sold for reward in a battery fowl cage; or
- (b) Keep any fowl for the production of meat to be sold for reward in a battery fowl cage.

Penalty: In the case of –

- (a) A body corporate, a fine not exceeding 500 penalty units; or
- (b) A natural person, a fine not exceeding 100 penalty units or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, or both.

6. Repeal of Act

This Act is repealed on the three hundred and sixty fifth day from the day on which it commences.