

TASMANIA

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(Brought in by Nicholas James McKim)

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 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:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Animal Welfare (Ban Battery Hens) Amendment Act 2008*.

Commencement

2. This Act commences on a day to be proclaimed.

Principal Act

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

Section 3 amended (Interpretation)

4. 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

* No. 63 of 1993.

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;

Section 12A inserted

5. After section 12 of the Principal Act, the following section is inserted in Part 2:

Keeping of hens

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: Fine not exceeding 500 penalty units or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, or both.