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**ANIMAL WELFARE (BAN BATTERY HENS)**

**AMENDMENT BILL 2010**

*(Brought in by Cassandra Stanwell O'Connor)*

**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 2010*.

**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”;

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\* No. 63 of 1993.

**“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*;

(c) by inserting the following definitions after the definition of “function”;

**“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.