LIVE-Stock Slaughter (EXPORT INSPECTION CHarge) COLLECTION BILL 1979

Date Introduced: 28 May 1979
House: House of Representatives

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To provide for the collection of charges proposed in the Live-stock Slaughter (Export Inspection Charge) Bill 1979.

Background

This Bill follows closely the provisions for the collection of levies in other livestock slaughter levy legislation. Specifically, provision is made for abattoir proprietors to pay charges due to the Commonwealth and to recover the amounts from the persons who owned the livestock at the time of slaughter.

Main Provisions

Clause 2 states that this Act shall come into operation on 1 July 1979.

Clause 5 sets the due date of payment of charge on the slaughter of any live-stock as 28 days after the last day of the month in which the livestock are slaughtered.

Sub-clause 6 (1) makes the proprietor of an abattoir liable for all charges on the slaughter of live-stock not already paid to the Commonwealth.

Sub-clause 6 (3) allows the proprietor to refuse to slaughter live-stock unless provision has been made for the recovery from the owner of the live-stock of funds by the proprietor for the payment by him of Commonwealth charges on the slaughter of livestock.

Sub-clause 6 (4) makes the owner of the live-stock at time of slaughter liable to the proprietor for payments made by the proprietor for Commonwealth charges.
Clause 7 specifies the amounts by way of recovery of charge (including any amounts payable by way of penalty for non-payment) are deemed to be debts due to the Commonwealth.

Clause 8 imposes a penalty for non-payment at the cumulative rate of 10% per annum of the amount remaining unpaid.

Clause 10 enables an authorised person (appointed by the Minister) to enter premises and to search for, inspect, take extracts and make copies of any books, documents or papers relating to the slaughter of livestock in respect of which a charge is payable. An authorised person may enter with the occupiers consent or with a warrant issued by a Justice of the Peace.

Clause 11 sets out the Governor-General's regulation making power with respect to this Act.

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