LIVE- STOCK EXPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1979

Date Introduced: 28 May 1979
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Rt. Hon. I. Sinclair, M.P.,
Minister for Primary Industry.

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To increase the maximum rate which may be charged on live cattle and buffalo exports for the purposes of animal disease eradication from $1 to $3 per head.

Background

The Live-stock Export Charge Act 1977 provides for a charge to be imposed on all live-stock exports from Australia. Licensed exporters of live-stock are responsible for payment of the charge. The export charge comprises a number of separate components, and monies collected are allocated for administrative and operating costs of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation (AMLC), funding the Australian Meat Research Committee (AMRC) and, in respect of cattle and buffaloes, financing the national cattle disease eradication scheme.

The Government proposes to seek the promulgation of regulations to increase the charge to $3 per head from 1 July 1979, the maximum rate to be allowed by this Bill. At this rate it is estimated to yield approximately $150,000 in a full year.

Similar amendments to allow the charge on the slaughter of cattle and buffalo (for export or local use) to be increased from $1 to $3 for the purposes of animal disease eradication are provided in the Live-stock Slaughter Levy Amendment Bill 1979.

Main Provisions

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

Clause 3 amends s.7 of the Principal Act by increasing the maximum charge on export of cattle from $1 to $3.
Clause 4 amends s.10 by increasing the maximum charge on export of buffaloes from $1 to $3.

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