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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 57 of 2000

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Summary Offences Act, Chap. 11:02

[Assented to 13th October, 2000]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment
follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Summary Offences Short title
(Amendment) Act, 2000.

Interpretation
Chap. 11:02

2. In this Act “the Act” means the Summary Offences Act.

Section 2 amended

3. Section 2 of the Act is amended by repealing the definition of “cattle” and substituting in the appropriate alphabetical sequence the following new definition:

“farm animal” includes—

- (a) any bison, buffalo, horse, donkey, mule, ox, bull, cow, steer, heifer, calf, ram, ewe, sheep, lamb, goat, kid, hog, sow, pig or swine;
- (b) any tool, machinery, equipment or material used in the rearing of animals or in the production of animal products; and
- (c) any other animal, tool, machinery, equipment or material which the Ministry may, by Order, direct to be included within this definition;

“livestock” includes any farm animal or poultry or the carcass, head, skin or any other part or product thereof;

“poultry” includes any fowl, chicken, turkey, duck, goose or other bird and the eggs, feathers or product from any such bird;

New clause inserted

4. The Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 14 the following new section:

“Stealing
livestock

14A. Any person who steels any livestock is liable—

- (a) on first conviction, to a fine of not less than two thousand dollars and not more than twenty-five thousand dollars and to imprisonment for a term of not less than one year and not more than five years; and

(b) on a subsequent conviction, to a fine of not less than five thousand dollars and not more than thirty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for a term of not less than two years and not more than seven years.”.

5. Section 23 of the Act is amended—

Section 23 amended

(a) by repealing subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

“Stealing
agricultural
produce

(1) Any person who—

(a) steals;

(b) destroys, damages, cuts or plucks; or

(c) destroys, damages, cuts or plucks with intent to steal,

any agricultural produce is liable—

(i) on first conviction, to a fine of not less than two thousand dollars and not more than twenty-five thousand dollars and to imprisonment for a term of not less than one year and not more than five years; and

(ii) on a subsequent conviction, to a fine of not less than five thousand dollars and not more than thirty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for a term of not less than two years and not more than seven years.”;

(b) by repealing subsection (3) and substituting the following subsection:

“ (3) In this section “agricultural produce” includes—

(a) all root crops, plants, grasses, pulses, vegetables, cereals, fruit and fibres;

(b) all planting material, seeds, herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers;

(c) all fish and other aquatic life;

(d) all agricultural, forest and aquatic products, tools, machinery, equipment and materials; and

(e) any other crop, plant, grass, pulse, vegetable, cereal, fruit, fibre, material, seed, herbicide, pesticide, fertilizer, product, tool, machinery, equipment or material used in agricultural production,

whatever the value of the produce stolen may be and whether the land on which the same is at the time growing, being cultivated or situated, is open or enclosed.”; and

(c) by repealing subsection (4).

Section 28 amended

6. Section 28 of the Act is amended—

(a) in the marginal note, by deleting the word “cattle” and substituting the words “farm animal”;

(b) by deleting the words “horse, mare, gelding, colt or filly, or any mule or ass” and substituting the words “farm animal”; and

(c) by deleting the words “two hundred dollars” and the words “six months” and

substituting the words “ten thousand dollars” and the words “two years”, respectively.

7. Section 29 of the Act is amended—

Section 29 amended

- (a) in the marginal note, by deleting the word “cattle” and substituting the words “farm animal”; and
- (b) by deleting the words “horse, mare, gelding, colt or filly, or any mule or ass or any bull, cow, ox, steer, heifer, or calf, or any ram, ewe, sheep, or lamb, or any hog, sow or pig, or any goat or kid” and substituting the words “farm animal”.

8. Section 41 of the Act is amended—

Section 41 amended

- (a) in subsection (1):
 - (i) by deleting the words “one hundred dollars and not more than two thousand dollars or to imprisonment for not less than one month and not more than six months,” and substituting the words “two thousand dollars and not more than ten thousand dollars and to imprisonment for not less than one year and not more than five years.”;
- (b) in subsections (1) and (2), by deleting the word “poultry” and substituting the word “farm animal”; and
- (c) by repealing subsection (3) and substituting the following subsection:
 - “ (3) In this section, “cultivated lands” means lands on which any article of agricultural produce is cultivated, grown or stored and “article of agricultural produce” means any crop,

plant, grass, pulse, vegetable, cereal, fruit, fibre, material, seed, herbicide, pesticide, fertilizer, fish or other aquatic life, tool, machinery, equipment, material or product falling within the definition of agricultural produce given in section 23, and includes any other crop, plant, grass, pulse, vegetable, cereal, fruit, fibre, material, seed, herbicide, pesticide, fertilizer, fish or other aquatic life, tool, machinery, equipment, material which is a product of agriculture or which is used in agricultural production.”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 5th day of May, 2000.

D. DOLLY

Acting Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 3rd day of October, 2000.

N. COX

Clerk of the Senate

Senate amendments agreed to by the House of Representatives this 4th day of October, 2000.

D. DOLLY

Acting Clerk of the House