

REGISTRATION OF BULLS (REPEAL) BILL 2012

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this Bill is to repeal obsolete provisions of the law found in the *Registration of Bulls Act 1937* relating to the keeping of bulls. The law has been in place for many years and while it may have served a purpose in the past it no longer does so. At present the law requires the appointment of inspectors and requires that bulls be registered for a fee but nothing is provided as a consequence. The only aspect of the present law that is intended to be retained is that empowering the Minister to permit a specified bull to be pastured. This provision (at present found in section 10A) will now find its way to section 9 of the *Pasturage and Enclosure Act 1949*.

The Bill has 4 clauses—

Clauses 1 and 2 provide the short title and the commencement.

Clause 3 repeals the *Registration of Bulls Act 1937*.

Clause 4 inserts new subsections into section 9 of the *Pasturage and Enclosure Act 1949* as follows—

The proposed subsection (3) empowers the Minister to permit a bull to be depastured provided the bull is identified (thereby ensuring that it can be readily tracked and the owner known), and subject to the further conditions that it is subject to the supervision and control of the Administration while it is depastured. These animals while depastured, and their owners, are therefore subject to the general provisions of the Act.

The proposed subsection (4) makes it clear that an approval only applies while a bull is depastured and that if and when it is returned to pasture a new application must be made before being again depastured.

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