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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ERADICATION OF PLANTS HARMFUL TO AGRICULTURE¹

Commencement [4th September, 1917]

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Noxious Weeds Act.

2 Interpretation

In this Act —

“**Minister**” means the Minister responsible for forests;²

“**noxious weed**” means any plant proclaimed by the Minister with the consent of the Cabinet to be a noxious weed.³

3 Power to proclaim noxious weeds

The Minister with the consent of the Cabinet may from time to time proclaim any plant to be a noxious weed within the whole or any part of Tonga.⁴

4 Penalty

Any owner or occupier who fails to use every means to eradicate a noxious weed from his holding shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding \$250.⁵

5 Duty of inspectors

Every inspector under the Plant Quarantine Act shall report the presence on any land of any noxious weed to the police who shall prosecute the owner or occupier. In any district where no inspector under the Plant Quarantine Act has been appointed the police shall prosecute offenders against this Act.⁶

ENDNOTES

¹ Acts 36 of 1903, 6 of 1917, 5 of 1988 and 46 of 1988

Amended by Act 9 of 2005

Amended by Act 5 of 2012, commencement 30 July 2012

² Inserted by Act 5 of 2012

³ Amended by Acts 46 of 1988, 9 of 2005, 42 of 2010 and 5 of 2012

⁴ Amended by Acts 46 of 1988, 9 of 2005, 42 of 2010 and 5 of 2012

⁵ Amended by Act 5 of 1988

⁶ Amended by Act 5 of 1988