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**PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (FURTHER  
AMENDMENT) BILL 1985**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

**(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)**

The object of this Bill is to amend the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 so as to enable veterinary surgeons to destroy severely injured or diseased animals, to exclude any claim for compensation arising out of the destruction of such animals, and to make certain other amendments.

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 is a formal provision that gives effect to the Schedule of amendments.

Schedule 1 (1) inserts into the Principal Act proposed section 26A. The proposed section enables a veterinary surgeon to take possession of and to destroy a severely injured or diseased animal where the veterinary surgeon is of the opinion that it is cruel to keep the animal alive. It also enables a veterinary surgeon to recover reasonable costs incurred in destroying such an animal.

Schedule 1 (2) inserts into the Principal Act proposed section 32A. The proposed section gives protection against any claim for compensation to any person who destroys a severely injured or diseased animal in accordance with the powers given to veterinary surgeons, prescribed officers or Local Courts under the Principal Act.

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