I assent.

(L.S.)

ANTON BUTTIGIEG
President

25th July, 1980

ACT No. XXV of 1980

AN ACT further to amend the Prevention of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 59).

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Prevention of Disease Ordinance (Amendment) Act, 1980, and shall be read and construed as one with the Prevention of Disease Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as "the principal law".

Amendment of section 99 of the principal law.

2. Section 99 of the principal law shall be amended as follows:

(i) paragraph (w) shall be relettered (z); and

(ii) immediately after paragraph (v) there shall be inserted the following new paragraphs:

"(w) for controlling and regulating the rearing and keeping of animals;

(x) for controlling and regulating the movement of animals from one place to another;

(y) for controlling and regulating the collection and transport of swill and the feeding of swill to animals.".

Substitution of section 119A of the principal law.

3. For section 119A of the principal law there shall be substituted the following:

"119A. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, any person who is found guilty of an offence against any provision of any regulation made under this part of this Ordinance —

(a) where such provision or provisions refer to the importation, movement, or quarantine of dogs or cats, or to the landing of swill from any ship, yacht, pleasure craft, boat or

other vessel or from any aircraft, shall be liable to a fine (*multa*) of not less than two hundred pounds but not exceeding one thousand pounds or to imprisonment for a term of not less than three months but not exceeding six months; and

(b) in respect of any regulations made under paragraphs (w), (x) or (y) of section 99 of this Ordinance —

(i) where such provision or provisions refer to the requirement of any licence or authorization, shall be liable to a fine (*multa*) of not less than five hundred pounds but not exceeding one thousand pounds; and

(ii) for the contravention of any other provision or provisions of such regulations, shall be liable to a fine (*multa*) of not less than fifty pounds but not exceeding one thousand pounds.

(2) The provisions of the Probation of Offenders Act, 1957, shall not be applicable in relation to any offence referred to in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section.".

Amendment of several sections of the principal law.

4. The sections of the principal law hereunder mentioned shall be amended as follows:

(a) in section 101 for the words "one hundred pounds" there shall be substituted the words "five hundred pounds";

(b) in section 102 for the words "ten pounds" there shall be substituted the words "fifty pounds";

(c) in section 104 for the words "ten pounds" wherever they occur in subsections (1) and (2) thereof, there shall be substituted in each case the words "fifty pounds";

(d) in section 107 for the words "ten pounds" there shall be substituted the words "fifty pounds";

(e) in section 110 for the words "one pound to five pounds; in any other case, to a fine *(multa)* not exceeding one hundred pounds" there shall be substituted the words "five pounds to twenty-five pounds; in any other case, to a fine *(multa)* not exceeding five hundred pounds";

(f) for paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of section 111 there shall be substituted the following:

"(a) five pounds where the offence is against section 20;

(b) ten pounds where the offence is against paragraph (a) of section 21 or section 32;

(c) twenty-five pounds where the offence is against section 30; or

(d) two hundred pounds where the offence is against section 47.";

(g) in section 112 for the words "ten pounds" there shall be substituted the words "fifty pounds";

(h) in section 113 for the words "one pound" there shall be substituted the words "five pounds";

(i) in section 115 for the words "two pounds" there shall be substituted the words "ten pounds";

(j) in section 116 —

(i) for the words "fifteen pounds" in paragraph (a) thereof there shall be substituted the words "fifty pounds";

(ii) for the words "four pounds" in paragraph (b) thereof there shall be substituted the words "twenty pounds"; and

(iii) for the words "ten pounds" wherever they occur in paragraph (c) thereof there shall be substituted in each case the words "fifty pounds"; and

(k) in section 128 for the words "two pounds" there shall be substituted the words "ten pounds".

Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 417 of the 21st July, 1980.

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Speaker

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Clerk to the House of Representatives

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