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*(Acts 6 of 1951 and 3 of 1952)*

**Commencement**

*[24 September 1951]*

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Turtles Act.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Act, the word “**turtle**” means sea or river turtle.

**Offences**

3. Any person who—
  - (a) catches or takes, or attempts to catch or take, or causes to be caught or taken any turtle between the first day of June and the thirtieth day of September, both days inclusive; or
  - (b) at any time catches or takes, or attempts to catch or take, or causes to be caught or taken, any turtle which is under 20 pounds in weight; or

- (c) slaughters any turtle or buys, sells, exposes for sale or has in his possession the whole or any portion of the meat of such turtle, between the first day of June and the thirtieth day of September, both days inclusive; or
- (d) takes, or attempts to take, or causes to be taken, any turtle eggs, between the first day of June and the thirtieth day of September both days inclusive; or
- (e) buys, sells, exposes for sale, or has in his possession any turtle eggs, between the first day of June and the thirtieth day of September both days inclusive;

shall be guilty of an offence against this Act, and, on summary conviction, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$48.

#### **Power of arrest**

4. If any police officer shall have reasonable grounds for believing that any person is committing or attempting to commit an offence against this Act he may arrest such person without a warrant.

#### **Forfeiture of turtles, etc.**

5. Any police officer may seize any turtle or part thereof or any turtle eggs found in the possession of any person between the first day of June and the thirtieth day of September in any year and upon the conviction of such person the articles so seized shall be forfeited.

#### **Forfeiture of nets, etc.**

6. Any net, instrument or thing which any police officer has reasonable grounds for believing is being or has been used for or in connection with the commission of any offence against this Act shall be seized by such police officer, and any magistrate may, upon the conviction of any person for an offence against this Act in connection with which such net, instrument or thing so seized was used, order such net, instrument or thing to be forfeited.

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