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No. 58, 2021

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[Assented to 29 June 2021]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

1 Short title

This Act is the *Biosecurity Amendment (Strengthening Penalties) Act 2021*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this Act	The day after this Act receives the Royal Assent.	30 June 2021

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this Act.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this Act. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this Act.

3 Schedules

Legislation that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Biosecurity Act 2015

1 Amendments of listed provisions—offences and civil penalty provisions

The provisions listed in the following table are amended as set out in the table.

Amendments relating to offences and civil penalty provisions			
Item	Provision	Omit	Substitute
1	Subsection 124(2) (penalty)	120	300
2	Subsection 125(4) (penalty)	120	300
3	Subsection 126(2) (penalty)	120	300
4	Subsection 127(3) (penalty)	120	300
5	Subsection 128(2) (penalty)	120	300
6	Subsection 129(2) (penalty)	120	300
7	Subsection 130(2) (penalty)	120	300
8	Subsection 139(3) (penalty)	120	300
9	Subsection 140(2) (penalty)	300	1,000
10	Subsection 140(3) (penalty)	120	300
11	Subsection 141(3) (penalty)	300	1,000
12	Subsection 141(4) (penalty)	120	300
13	Subsection 185(2) (penalty)	300	1,000
14	Subsection 185(3) (penalty)	120	1,000
15	Subsection 185(4) (penalty)	2,000	5,000
16	Subsection 185(5) (penalty)	600	2,000
17	Subsection 186(2) (penalty)	300	1,000
18	Subsection 186(3) (penalty)	120	1,000
19	Subsection 186(4) (penalty)	2,000	5,000
20	Subsection 186(5) (penalty)	600	2,000
21	Subsection 187(1) (penalty)	300	1,000
22	Subsection 187(2) (penalty)	120	1,000

Schedule 1 Amendments

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Item	Provision	Omit	Substitute
23	Subsection 187(3) (penalty)	300	1,000
24	Subsection 187(4) (penalty)	120	1,000
25	Subsection 428(2) (penalty)	300	1,000
26	Subsection 428(3) (penalty)	120	1,000
27	Subsection 429(5) (penalty)	300	1,000
28	Subsection 429(6) (penalty)	120	1,000

2 Application of amendments

The amendments made by item 1 of this Schedule apply in relation to conduct engaged in on or after the commencement of this item.

*[Minister's second reading speech made in—
House of Representatives on 18 February 2021
Senate on 21 June 2021]*

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