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An Act to amend section 24 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 to vary the prescribed defences under that Act in line with the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1986. [Assented to, 15 May 1986]

*Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Prescribed Defences) Amendment 1986*

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**BE** it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the "Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Prescribed Defences) Amendment Act 1986".

**Amendment of Act No. 200, 1979**

2. The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 is amended by omitting section 24 (a) (ii)–(iv) and by inserting instead the following subparagraphs:

- (ii) a pig of less than 2 months of age or a stock animal of less than 6 months of age which belongs to a class of animals comprising cattle, sheep or goats—in the course of, and for the purpose of, castrating the animal;
  - (iii) a goat of less than 1 month of age or a stock animal of less than 12 months of age which belongs to the class of animal comprising cattle—in the course of, and for the purpose of, dehorning the animal;
  - (iv) a sheep of less than 6 months of age—in the course of, and for the purpose of, tailing the animal; or
  - (v) a sheep of less than 12 months of age—in the course of, and for the purpose of, performing the Mules operation upon the animal,
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