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South Australia

**Plant Health (Pest Affected Plants) Amendment
Bill 2020**

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the *Plant Health Act 2009*.

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The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

- 5 This Act may be cited as the *Plant Health (Defence—Introducing Pest Affected Plants or Plant Related Products) Amendment Act 2020*.

2—Amendment provisions

In this Act, a provision under a heading referring to the amendment of a specified Act amends the Act so specified.

Part 2—Amendment of *Plant Health Act 2009*

10 3—Amendment of section 7—Prohibition on introducing pest affected plants or plant related products

Section 7— after subsection (7) insert:

- 15 (7a) A person will, in the case of a minor offence, not be taken to commit an offence against this section if, after becoming aware that the person has brought or introduced into the State—
 - (a) a pest or a plant, or plant related product, affected by a pest; or
 - (b) a plant or plant related product of a specified class set out in a notice of the Minister under subsection (2),
- 20 the person, by the quickest possible means—
 - (c) surrenders the relevant item to an inspector, or a person assisting an inspector; or
 - (d) destroys the relevant item; or
 - (e) disposes of the relevant item at a quarantine station.